



CONSORTIUM *of* SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

35 Years of Social Science Advocacy and Action

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ABOUT COSSA

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for and widespread use of social and behavioral science research, as well as federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA ("COH-sah") serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social and behavioral science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

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From the Executive Director

Greetings!

In 2016, COSSA's 35th year, it was as clear as ever why social and behavioral science research needs a strong voice in Washington. As has become commonplace for the social science advocacy community, the year was filled with both ups and downs. However, following what has been a particularly tumultuous few years, I am pleased with where our community has landed. Despite the various bills, amendments, discouraging public remarks, and other efforts aiming to undermine social science research, our community has continued to come away relatively unscathed.

We achieved a particularly significant policy victory with the passage of the *American Innovation and Competitiveness Act* (S. 3084) late in the year. This legislation contains research policy provisions on topics such as the merit review process at the National Science Foundation (NSF), STEM education, and administrative burden, among others. But the real success lies in what the bill *does not* contain. Earlier efforts to enact NSF-related legislation took direct aim at social and behavioral science funding, with major reductions proposed. Thanks to three full years of lobbying and engaging with partners throughout the science advocacy community, the final bill signed into law by President Obama does no harm to our disciplines, averting what could have been a major crisis for our community (more in *Year in Review*).

As for the state of actual funding for social and behavioral science research, at the time of this writing Congress has yet to enact final funding legislation for fiscal year (FY) 2017, which began on October 1, 2016. All federal agencies and programs are currently operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) until at least April, giving the incoming Trump Administration an opportunity to have input into the final outcome. COSSA and its partners worked hard over the last year to ensure that funding legislation did not target social science generally or individual disciplines specifically. While I do not expect the final result for FY 2017 to include funding increases of any real significance, I am cautiously optimistic that social science will not be targeted for undue treatment. As in both of these examples, sometimes the most significant victory is in what is not there.

Of course, 2016 was not without its challenges. We witnessed an uptick in the release of so-called “wastebooks” in the Senate, which contend to identify “wasteful” federal spending, including individual research grants often in the social and behavioral sciences. Thankfully, those efforts did not materialize into any real threats to funding. Further, COSSA has taken on the critics head on, as you will read throughout this report.

Now, it goes without saying that the path forward into 2017 is unclear at best. Given the new political reality and heightened partisanship in Washington (and throughout the country), uncertainty abounds about what the next few years will mean for social science research funding and policy. But there is one thing I can promise – that COSSA will do everything it can to promote, protect, and defend our sciences. I hope you will join us.

In closing, I invite you to read this report and learn not only about the specific activities COSSA worked on in 2016, but also the many resources we have produced to help our community best articulate the value of our science to policy makers and the public. We have even more planned for 2017!

Thank you as always for the support and I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.



WENDY A. NAUS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Wendy A. Naus

The COSSA Team

Wendy A. Naus • Executive Director

Wendy Naus became the fourth Executive Director of COSSA in 2014 following a decade of lobbying for the federal research and policy interests of scientific societies and U.S. universities. Over her career, she has worked to shape legislation, programs, and regulations important to the research community and has advocated for increased research funding across federal agencies. In her role at COSSA, Wendy serves as the lead advocate for federal funding and policy that positively impact social and behavioral science research across the federal government, representing the breadth of the social science research enterprise. She is also responsible for the day to day operations of COSSA and member engagement. A native of Buffalo, New York, Wendy holds a B.A. in political science and urban studies from Canisius College, graduating magna cum laude from the All-College Honors Program.

Angela L. Sharpe • Deputy Director

Angela Sharpe is the Deputy Director of COSSA. She is responsible for lobbying Members of Congress and their staff on health, behavior, and education research and representing COSSA to executive branch agencies, particularly the National Institutes of Health and Department of Education. She also co-chairs a number of coalitions on behalf of COSSA. Angela joined the COSSA staff in 1995. Previously, she served as a legislative assistant to former Rep. Carrie P. Meek (D-FL) and to the late Rep. R. Lawrence Coughlin (R-PA). Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Angela worked for the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. She earned her Master in Government from The Johns Hopkins University and holds a B.S. in industrial relations and a B.S. in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Julia Milton • Assistant Director for Public Affairs/Government Relations Associate

Julia Milton splits her time between lobbying on a variety of issues of importance to the COSSA community and heading up COSSA's communications and public affairs efforts. She serves as editor of the *COSSA Washington Update*, COSSA's signature biweekly newsletter. Prior to joining COSSA in 2012, Julia worked at The George Washington University as a research assistant. Julia is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wesleyan University with a dual B.A. in government and English.

Camille Hosman • Government Relations Associate

Camille Hosman joined COSSA in 2016. She represents the COSSA constituency before Congress and among a variety of federal agencies. Additionally, she supports COSSA's communications and outreach efforts. Camille previously worked with the state and federal government relations offices for the University of Missouri System and helped promote policy in support of science and higher education. A Missouri native, Camille holds her B.A. in political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

INTERNS WANTED!

COSSA is always looking for interns to join the team throughout the year, especially students from COSSA member institutions. We had the privilege of hosting four undergraduate interns in 2016:

Spencer Bailey,
University of Utah

Lindsay Bouchard,
College of William and Mary

Matthew Dobbs,
University of California, Davis

Zykkia Webb, Texas A&M University

To inquire, email cosssa@cosssa.org.

COSSA Gives Back

On August 15, the COSSA team participated in its annual community service outing. Staff volunteered at **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington, DC** (rmhcdc.org). The team purchased groceries then spent the afternoon preparing a home-cooked meal for the families staying at the house. Parents staying at Ronald McDonald House often spend their days at the bedsides of their children who are receiving specialized treatment at DC-area hospitals. By having a warm meal waiting for them at the House, they can direct more of their energy to the needs of their children. The annual service outing is COSSA's way of giving back to the local DC community.



Year in Review

COSSA and Partners Achieve Bipartisan NSF Legislation

After a contentious few years that have included the introduction of bills in the U.S. House of Representatives targeting social science research accounts at the National Science Foundation, and more generally jeopardizing NSF's gold standard merit review process, legislation was passed in late 2016 essentially neutralizing earlier threats. In contrast to previous bills, the compromise legislation—the *American Innovation and Competitiveness Act* (S. 3084)—maintains NSF's ability to support research across all scientific disciplines, including social and behavioral science. The most controversial provisions of the earlier House bills were ultimately negotiated away. The result was a research policy bill covering topics such as merit review, STEM education, and administrative burden, among others.

For full details, visit www.cossa.org/tag/competes.

COSSA Brings “Wasteful” Research to the Hill

The COSSA-led Coalition to Promote Research held a reception and poster session on Capitol Hill on April 13 featuring about a dozen researchers (within and outside of the social sciences) whose federally-funded projects have been the subject of increased scrutiny or direct attack from policy makers. The event drew a large number of Congressional staff as well as Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ), who has been a vocal critic of federal support for some social science disciplines. Learn more about the event at www.cossa.org/coalitions/cpr-2.



Researcher Kimberley Phillips, Trinity University, with Senator Jeff Flake.
Credit: Charles Votow

COSSA Honors Congresswoman Johnson with Distinguished Service Award

On March 15, as part of COSSA's Annual Meeting and *Celebration of Social and Behavioral Science* reception, COSSA presented the 2016 Distinguished Service Award to Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX). Congresswoman Johnson was



COSSA Executive Director Wendy Naus with Congresswoman Johnson Credit: TMD Enterprises



2016 Golden Goose Award Honors Add Health

Recipients of the 2016 Golden Goose Award were honored at a ceremony in Washington, DC on September 22. The Golden Goose Award recognizes researchers whose federally funded work may have seemed odd or obscure when it was first funded but has resulted in significant benefits to society. COSSA is a supporter of the award. The 2016 honorees included Peter Bearman, Barbara Entwisle, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Ronald Rindfuss, and Richard Udry, the social and behavioral scientists responsible for the **National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health)**. Learn more about the award, including how to nominate projects, at <http://www.goldengooseaward.org>.

recognized for her “unwavering support for social and behavioral science research and steadfast leadership on behalf of the U.S. scientific enterprise.” In accepting the award, Congresswoman Johnson reaffirmed her commitment to all disciplines of science and resolved to continue to ensure that social science receives the support it deserves.

Congressional Briefings Highlight Topics of Health, Poverty, and Crime

COSSA partnered with member associations in 2016 on briefings to Congressional staff a number of topics. On April 11, COSSA partnered with the **American Economic Association** (AEA), a COSSA Governing Member, on a briefing titled, “Progress Reversed: The Importance of Health, Mortality and Poverty for Public Policy.” The event featured Princeton Professor Angus Deaton, 2015 Nobel Laureate in Economics, who discussed the impact of globalization on health and poverty in the U.S. and other countries. The briefing also featured Robert Moffitt of Johns Hopkins University and Katherine Smith of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics.

On July 7, COSSA partnered with the Crime and Justice Research Alliance (CJRA)—a joint effort between the **American Society of Criminology** and the **Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences**, both COSSA members—on a Congressional briefing titled, “Ask a Criminologist: Why Are Homicide Rates Rising?” The discussion featured Richard Rosenfeld, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri, St. Louis; Nancy La Vigne, CJRA Chair and Director of the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute; and Tom Jackman, reporter with The Washington Post.

Preparing for the Next Presidential Administration and 115th Congress

COSSA spent significant time and effort this year preparing for the incoming Trump Administration and the new 115th Congress. In December 2016, COSSA transmitted a new report to the Trump Transition Team outlining ten recommendations for actions the President-elect should take to advance America's standing as the global innovation leader, particularly in the social and behavioral sciences. The report, **Social and Behavioral Science Research: Essential to Keeping America Competitive, Prosperous and Safe**, discusses the value of social science research and the essential role the federal government plays. Its recommendations will inform COSSA's advocacy and outreach efforts over the next few years.

The report makes ten recommendations across three general areas:

I. Reinforce America's Position as a Global Innovation Leader: Invest in Scientific Research

Recommendation 1: Work with Congress to provide real growth in science and technology research funding, including for basic research across all STEM disciplines.

Recommendation 2: Work with Congress to cancel harmful sequestration cuts to nondefense discretionary spending.

II. Use Social and Behavioral Science to Inform Policy Decisions at the Highest Levels

Recommendation 3: Immediately appoint a Presidential Science Advisor who understands the role of science—including social and behavioral science—in addressing our nation's most pressing challenges.

Recommendation 4: Prioritize the appointment of other senior scientific staff and scientific advisory bodies.

Recommendation 5: Maintain the White House Social and Behavioral Sciences Team.

Recommendation 6: Consider experts in the social and behavioral sciences for key cabinet, senior executive service, and other positions.

III. Safeguard the Federal Statistical & Data Enterprise as a Source of Evidence for Policymaking

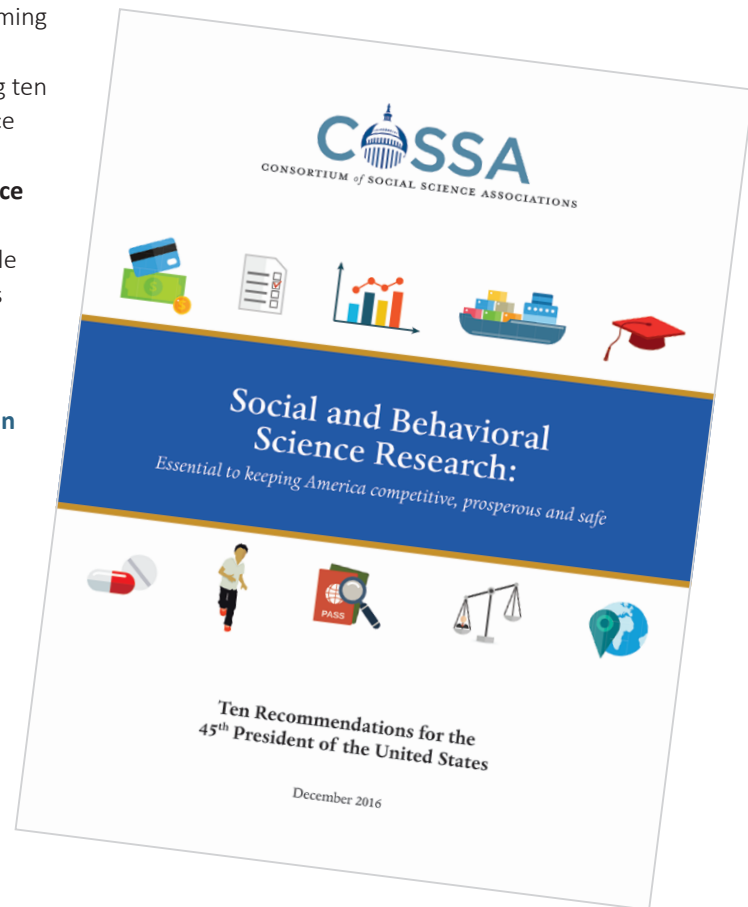
Recommendation 7: Protect the integrity, stature and independence of the federal statistical system to ensure federal data remain objective and relevant.

Recommendation 8: Support ongoing efforts to promote innovation in federal data collection and sharing, while ensuring privacy.

Recommendation 9: Make the necessary investments to keep the 2020 Census on schedule and under budget.

Recommendation 10: Fully fund the American Community Survey and maintain its status as a mandatory federal survey.

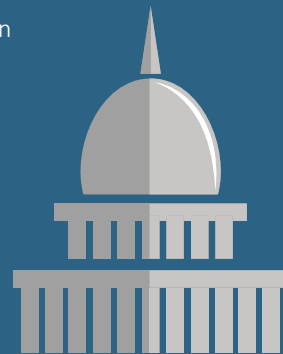
The full report can be viewed at www.cossa.org/press-publications/2017-transition-recommendations.



Science Agenda for the First 100 Days

The report also contains four actions the Trump Administration should take in its first 100 days in office:

- 1 Work with Congress to **enact final FY 2017 Appropriations legislation** reflecting the bipartisan agreements that have been reached on funding for federal scientific research agencies.
- 2 Work with Congress to **eliminate the harmful spending caps and sequester** imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011.
- 3 Craft an **FY 2018 Budget Request** that is pro-science and that includes globally competitive investments in basic research across all fields.
- 4 Immediately appoint a **Science Advisor to the President** and nominate strong candidates to fill senior Executive Branch positions that have responsibility over research and development.



2016 COSSA Annual Meeting & Social and Behavioral Science Advocacy Day March 15-16, 2016

More than 100 social and behavioral science researchers and advocates from across the country came to Washington on March 15-16 for the 2016 COSSA Annual Meeting and Social and Behavioral Science Advocacy Day.

Meeting sessions covered topics such as Congressional attacks on federally-funded research, the use of social science by the media, industry use of social science, and ways to communicate the value of social and behavioral science research. In addition, participants heard updates on activities at federal agencies from officials representing the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Justice, Environmental Protection Agency, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. A full recap of the meeting can be found on the COSSA website at www.cossa.org/event/2016-annual-meeting.

Peer Review, National Interest & Late Night Television

The 2016 meeting included a featured panel of researchers whose work has been the subject of Congressional and media scrutiny. Two researchers spoke from personal experience of having their research unflatteringly caricatured, followed by remarks from a federal agency official and a Congressional staffer.

Lisa Neff, associate professor in the Human and Family Sciences Department at the University of Texas at Austin, engages in research on marriage and family relationships and how those relationships develop and change over time. Her project, “Understanding Age-Related Changes in Relationship Maintenance Strategies,” funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), was included in a 2015 report by Senator James Lankford (R-OK) and lampooned on late night talk shows as a “federal match.com for seniors.” Neff explained that the question at the heart of her research is why sustaining and maintaining a marriage is so hard despite couples’ deep abiding love and commitment for one another. Given that American society is aging, and adults are more likely to be unmarried than ever before, Neff explained that the results of her research could have the potential to impact health care costs.



Stephanie Tong, assistant professor in Communication at Wayne State University, studies the intersection of interpersonal and computer-mediated communication. Her project, “The Impact of Online Technologies on Interpersonal Communication and Perceptions,” also supported by NSF, was singled out in a similar 2015 report by Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ). Tong’s research focuses on the ways technology impacts interpersonal relationships, communication, and peer-mediated communication. She noted that algorithms are constantly making recommendations to us on Google, Amazon, and Netflix, but there is little research on how these algorithms impact individuals, decision-making, and our communication with each other.



Check out the full summary on the Annual Meeting website.

Social Science Advocates Take to Capitol Hill

On March 16, about 60 advocates participated in the second annual *Social and Behavioral Science Advocacy Day*, meeting with House and Senate offices to discuss the value of social science research and the critical role the federal government plays in supporting it, as well as the local impacts of this research to the state and district. Advocates received hands-on training prior to their meetings and were equipped with the necessary messages and materials to make strong arguments for social science research funding.



The COSSA Annual Meeting is now the COSSA Science Policy Conference!

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More at:

www.cossa.org/event/2017-science-policy-conference

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The COSSA Community

Membership

COSSA enjoys a robust and diverse membership—a community with a shared commitment to ensuring a secure future for federally-supported social and behavioral science research.

Membership in COSSA is institutional and comprised of professional associations, scientific societies, and institutions across two main membership categories: **Governing Members** and **Affiliate Members**. Affiliate Members are further categorized into Membership Organizations, Research Centers and Institutes, and Colleges and Universities. A “fair share” principle is utilized for setting annual membership dues. Visit www.cossa.org/members/join-cossa for more information.

COSSA member organizations receive a number of resources and benefits that are exclusive to membership. Anyone working at a member organization may sign up to receive COSSA’s members-only resources (more in *COSSA Outreach & Resources*).

COSSA’s complete 2016 membership list can be found on the back cover of this report and is available online at www.cossa.org/members.

COSSA welcomed three new and returning members in 2016:



Coalitions and Partners

COSSA works in coalitions and with the broader scientific and higher education communities on issues of common concern. COSSA leads and is centrally involved in numerous coalitions that advocate on topics important to the social and behavioral science research community.

Campaign for Social and Behavioral Science

The Campaign for Social and Behavioral Science is an informal, joint effort between COSSA, the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS), and the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) with financial support provided by *SAGE Publishing*. The collaborative effort is meant to complement the advocacy and outreach efforts of the three organizations and the broader community in support of social and behavioral science research. The collaboration began in 2013.

Friends of NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

The formation of the Friends of NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (Friends of NIH-BSSR) dates back to 1993 when the coalition was created to offer support to the then-new Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Friends group is co-led by COSSA and the American Psychological Association, a COSSA Governing Member. The coalition engages with NIH officials and Members of Congress and their staff to advocate for robust funding for OBSSR. All COSSA member organizations are invited to participate in the regular meetings of the coalition as long as they can attend in person. Through the years, the coalition has also allowed the participation of non-COSSA members whose organizations support social and behavioral science research and/or OBSSR.

Coalition to Promote Research

The Coalition to Promote Research (CPR) is comprised of 74 national organizations committed to promoting public health, innovation, and fundamental knowledge through scientific research. CPR's members represent hundreds of thousands of scientists, physicians, health care providers, and patients who support federal investments in basic and applied biomedical and behavioral research. The coalition works to mobilize the scientific community in response to Congressional attacks on scientific research. CPR held a highly successful event on Capitol Hill in April featuring about a dozen researchers (within and outside of the social sciences) whose federally-funded projects have been the subject of increased scrutiny or direct attack from policy makers (see *Year in Review* for details). COSSA co-leads CPR with the American Psychological Association, a COSSA Governing Member.

COSSA participates in several other coalitions and collaborative efforts, including:

- Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research*
- CDC Coalition
- Census Project
- Close the Innovation Deficit
- Coalition for Health Funding
- Coalition for National Science Funding
- Coalition for International Education
- Friends of Agricultural Statistics and Analysis
- Friends of AHRQ
- Friends of BLS
- Friends of IES
- Friends of NCHS
- Friends of NIAAA
- Friends of NICHD*
- Friends of NIA
- Friends of NIDA*
- Friends of NIMHD
- NDD United

COSSA is fortunate to work with numerous partners, including:

- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Association of American Universities (AAU)
- Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)
- Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (CFARE)
- Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS)
- National Humanities Alliance (NHA)
- National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives (NPSC)
- Research!America
- SAGE Publishing



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* COSSA serves on the steering committee.

COSSA Outreach & Resources

Through its various activities and resources, COSSA works to engage its members, the broader scientific and higher education communities, and the general public in the promotion of social and behavioral science research. A number of the resources are reserved for members only.

New Resources

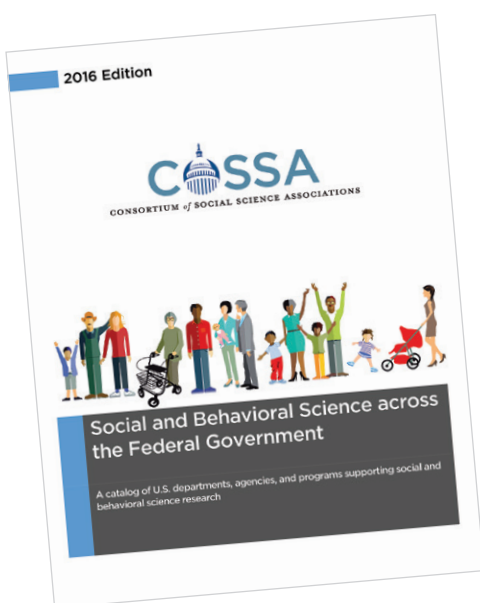
Setting the Record Straight on “Wasteful Research”

In July 2016, COSSA released its first issue of *Setting the Record Straight on “Wasteful Research.”* This new product features interviews with social science researchers who have been the subject of political attack or heightened scrutiny. The interviews provide researchers with a platform for explaining the value of their work and its relevance to the American taxpayer. A total of four interviews were produced in 2016 with more planned in 2017. The interviews are available on the COSSA website at www.cossa.org/resources and on www.whysocialscience.com.



Catalog of Federal Social and Behavioral Science Research (MEMBER BENEFIT)

COSSA unveiled a new members-only resource in 2016, *Social and Behavioral Science across the Federal Government: A catalog of U.S. departments, agencies, and programs supporting social and behavioral science research.* The catalog provides information on dozens of federal agencies that fund and otherwise support social and behavioral science research. It serves as a helpful resource to association members and university faculty looking to better understand the breadth of social science support across the federal government. The catalog is available to COSSA members. More on COSSA membership at www.cossa.org/members/join-cossa.



COMING IN 2017! Why Social Science?

COSSA is launching a new initiative in early 2017 called, *Why Social Science?* A new website, www.whysocialscience.com, will house a number of new resources aimed at sharing the benefits of federally-funded social and behavioral science research with the public. Stay tuned!

WHY SOCIAL SCIENCE?

Signature COSSA Resources

Timely, In-depth Analysis & Policy Expertise

COSSA serves as a reliable resource for in-depth analysis of bills, proposed regulations, and other policy developments impacting social and behavioral science research. The team of policy experts boil down often-complicated topics into easy-to-digest briefs, articulating how the issue specifically impacts the social and behavioral science community. COSSA's Advocacy webpage (www.cossa.org/advocacy) is an excellent source for statements, funding analysis, testimony, and other resources. In addition, COSSA's experts are on hand to answer questions and provide formal presentations to audiences of all sizes on the policy landscape, outlook, and recent developments.

COSSA Washington Update

WASHINGTON UPDATE

COSSA's most recognizable public resource is its biweekly newsletter, the *COSSA Washington Update*. A staple deliverable since COSSA's earliest days, *Update* provides members and the public with in-depth, timely analysis of policy developments impacting social and behavioral science research. Check it out and subscribe online at www.cossa.org/washington-update/archive.

COSSA Annual Meeting

The COSSA Annual Meeting brings together members of the social and behavioral science community for a day of discussion on federal issues impacting social and behavioral science research. It provides an opportunity for COSSA members and other stakeholders to engage directly with leaders of federal science agencies, Congressional staff, and colleagues from other associations and institutions. Registration discounts are offered to COSSA members. The annual meeting will become the **COSSA Science Policy Conference** in 2017. More at www.cossa.org/event/2017-science-policy-conference.

Social Science Advocacy Day (MEMBER BENEFIT)

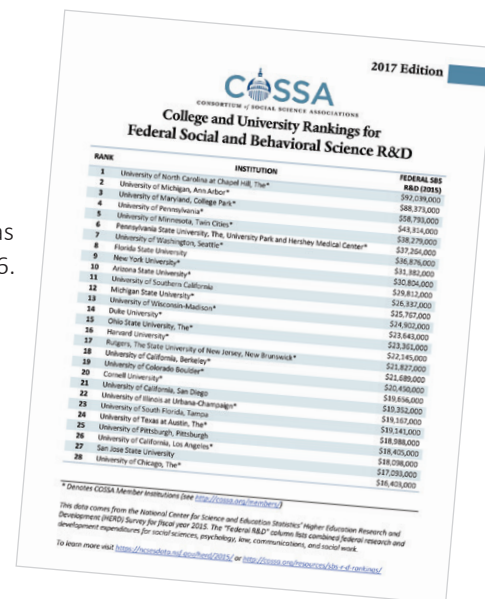
Each spring, COSSA members from across the country are invited to come to Washington for Social Science Advocacy Day. Members who volunteer to participate are scheduled for meetings with their Congressional delegations to discuss the value of social science research and the importance of federal support. Members are provided all necessary materials, including handouts and talking points, and also receive hands-on advocacy training. This is the only coordinated cross-disciplinary advocacy day in support of social and behavioral science research.



Annual University Social Science Rankings

COSSA's 2017 *College and University Rankings for Federal Social and Behavioral Science R&D* was released in December 2016.

The ranking highlights the top university recipients of federal research dollars in the social and behavioral sciences. Based on federally collected data, the COSSA rankings use an inclusive selection of fields to calculate the total federal R&D funding received by universities in the social and behavioral sciences. The 2017 rankings reflect expenditures in fiscal year 2015, the most current available data. View the rankings at www.cossa.org/resources/sbs-r-d-rankings.



RANK	INSTITUTION	FEDERAL SBS R&D (2015)
1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, The*	\$91,039,000
2	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*	\$88,373,000
3	University of Maryland, College Park*	\$88,793,000
4	University of Pennsylvania*	\$41,351,000
5	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*	\$38,279,000
6	Pennsylvania State University, The, University Park and Hershey Medical Center*	\$37,354,000
7	University of Washington, Seattle*	\$36,876,000
8	Florida State University	\$31,382,000
9	New York University*	\$30,804,000
10	Arizona State University*	\$28,811,000
11	University of Southern California	\$26,357,000
12	Michigan State University*	\$25,767,000
13	University of Wisconsin-Madison*	\$24,952,000
14	Duke University*	\$23,643,000
15	Ohio State University, The*	\$23,361,000
16	Harvard University*	\$22,146,000
17	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick*	\$21,827,000
18	University of California, Berkeley*	\$21,689,000
19	University of Colorado Boulder*	\$20,450,000
20	Cornell University*	\$19,814,000
21	University of California, San Diego	\$19,352,000
22	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*	\$19,187,000
23	University of South Florida, Tampa	\$19,141,000
24	University of Texas at Austin, The*	\$18,988,000
25	University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh	\$18,401,000
26	University of California, Los Angeles*	\$17,291,000
27	San Jose State University	\$16,401,000
28	University of Chicago, The*	

* Denotes COSSA Member Institutions (see www.cossa.org/members)
This data comes from the National Center for Science and Education Statistics' Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) Survey for fiscal year 2015. The "Federal R&D" column lists combined federal research and development expenditures for social sciences, psychology, law, communications, and social work.
To learn more visit www.cossa.org/resources/sbs-r-d-rankings or www.cossa.org/resources/sbs-r-d-rankings/

State Funding Fact Sheets

COSSA's state funding fact sheets use federally collected data to show how much federal social and behavioral science research funding is awarded to each state annually. The fact sheets also list the primary federal sources of this funding (e.g. NSF, NIH, DOD), as well as the leading recipients of funding in your state. View the fact sheets online at www.cossa.org/resources/state-fact-sheets.



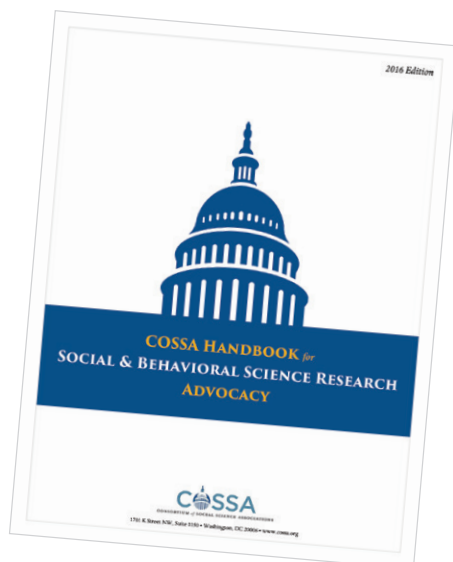
Grassroots Action Alerts (MEMBER BENEFIT)



COSSA issues alerts to members when action is needed on a federal policy issue. Our alert platform allows members to easily write to their Members of Congress. COSSA members receive background information and talking points to help them craft their communications to lawmakers. More information is available on COSSA's TAKE ACTION webpage at www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action.

Advocacy Resources

The COSSA website houses several resources for members wishing to engage in advocacy. There you will find the COSSA Advocacy Handbook, funding and policy related talking points, and policy briefs on a variety of topics. You can also find links to Congressional and federal agency websites that are relevant to social science research. Find this and more at www.cossa.org/resources.



Collaborative for Enhancing Diversity in Science

The Collaborative for Enhancing Diversity in Science (CEDS), a multi-association, interdisciplinary group, works to draw attention to the need and value of enhancing diversity in the sciences. Through partnerships, events, and communications, CEDS aims to cultivate interdisciplinary connections that provide an environment for scholars, practitioners, government, foundations, and administrators to share ideas and strategies for moving diversity forward within scientific disciplines. Since 2008, CEDS has hosted several workshops and congressional briefings focused on best practices in data collection on diversity and effective diversity programming for professional associations and scientific societies. CEDS is currently focusing on mentoring and its impact on early-career scholars of color.

COSSA Hot Topics



COSSA "Hot Topics" are periodic, featured articles prepared by COSSA staff members offering insights into timely issues important to the social and behavioral science community. They are not issued with any regularity. Instead, they are produced when staff notice a trend or series of events occurring on a topic of interest to the SBS community. In July, COSSA issued a Hot Topic on recent actions pertaining to reducing administrative/regulatory burden in the federal grant-making process. The report is available on the COSSA website at www.cossa.org/resources/hot-topics.

Governance, Finance, and Lobbying Disclosure

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The COSSA Board of Directors oversees the operations and affairs of the organization. In 2014, the Board unanimously passed an amendment to the COSSA Bylaws creating a smaller, more effective governing board. COSSA Bylaws can be viewed on the COSSA website at www.cossa.org/about/bylaws.

The COSSA Board of Directors meets quarterly in Washington, DC to discuss issues of COSSA policy and strategy. Felice J. Levine, Executive Director of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), served as Chair of the Board for the 2015-2016 term. She has been reelected to serve another two-year term beginning January 1, 2017.

Ronald Wasserstein, Executive Director of the American Statistical Association (ASA), served as COSSA Treasurer for the 2015-2016 term. He too has been reelected to serve another two-year term beginning January 1, 2017.

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