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FEATURED NEWS

Senate Commerce Committee Hears Updates from NSF, NIST Leaders

The [Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation](#) featured Dr. France Córdova, Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), and Dr. Walter Copan, Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in a hearing on January 30 to examine the implementation of the [American Innovation and Competitiveness Act](#) (AICA). AICA was signed into law during the final days of the Obama Administration in January 2017. AICA's priorities included maximizing basic research, improving STEM education, and encouraging commercialization and technology transfer opportunities. Both NSF and NIST have taken many steps toward implementing the law including increasing oversight and accountability at both agencies and emphasizing the priorities of the act at their agencies. Dr. Córdova's [written testimony](#) included a complete analysis of the steps NSF has taken to comply with the policy directives in the AICA.

During the hearing, Senators from both parties expressed concern about the U.S. being surpassed by China and other countries in terms of funding for science and innovation and called for continued diligence on the part of Congress and federal science agencies to maintain the U.S.'s position as the world's leading innovator. Many Senators also discussed the importance of extending research opportunities and STEM education to diverse populations including community colleges, colleges and universities in [EPSCoR states](#), minority communities, and women.

COSSA IN ACTION

COSSA Kicks Off the Second Year of "Why Social Science?"



To commemorate the beginning of a new year of *Why Social Science?*, Wendy Naus, COSSA Executive Director, shared some of the many ways the social and behavioral sciences inform the work of policymakers and other government officials. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Catch Up on COSSA's Advocacy Twitter Chat with MPSA

On January 23, COSSA co-hosted a Twitter chat with the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), a COSSA governing member, that shared tips for social scientists who would like to become more involved in advocacy. You can read a recap of the chat [here](#).

Letters & Statements

- 1/24/2018: [NDD United Letter on Sequestration and FY 2018 Budget Caps](#)

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Government Funding Remains Uncertain; Another Stopgap Likely

Four months after fiscal year (FY) 2018 began, Congress seems no closer to appropriating funds for the remainder of the fiscal year or agreeing on top-line spending levels. The government is currently operating under a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) until February 8 and some

Congressional leaders are [considering a fifth CR](#) that could fund the government into March. Larger policy debates, including immigration, have created a stalemate that must be resolved before spending levels or FY 2018 appropriations can be finalized. Further complicating this dynamic is the fact that Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, announced that he will retire at the end of this Congress after leading the committee for only one year, injecting even more confusion into an already uncertain future of Congressional appropriations.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

OBSSR Soliciting Papers for 11th Annual Matilda White Riley Honors

The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking paper submissions for its Early Stage Investigator Paper Competition as part of the [11th Annual Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Science Honors](#). Early stage investigators are encouraged to submit one published article from 2017 that reflects social and behavioral science advancements helping to enhance life, lengthen life, reduce illness, and reduce disability. Honorees will present their findings on May 31, 2018 in a public event on the NIH campus. Submissions are due by February 18 and more information can be found on the [OBSSR website](#).

National Science Board Releases Policy Statement on U.S. STEM-Capable Workforce

On February 1, the National Science Board (NSB), the governing body of the National Science Foundation (NSF), released a [companion policy statement](#) to the [2018 Science and Engineering Indicators](#) entitled "Our Nation's Future Competitiveness Relies on Building a STEM-Capable U.S. Workforce." The statement highlights the Board's view that growing the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce is critical to our economy and global competitiveness. The NSB also emphasized in its statement that STEM is not just for researchers with advanced degrees, but for all Americans and all segments of our population. More details can be found on the [NSB website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** CDC: [Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health \(ICSH\)](#) (Closes: February 28, 2018)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIJ: [Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Sexual Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence](#) (Closes: April 12, 2018)
- CDC: [Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury \(R01\)](#) (Closes: March 26, 2018)
- IARPA: [Geopolitical Forecasting Challenge](#) (Launches: February 21, 2018)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** OHRP: [Listing of International Social-Behavioral Research Standards](#)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Revision: NIH Policy and Guidelines on the Inclusion of Individuals Across the Lifespan as Participants in Research Involving Human Subjects](#)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Early Stage Investigator Paper Competition](#) (Closes: February 16, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: [All of Us Research Program Seeks Input on Research Priorities](#) (Closes:)

February 23, 2018)

- OMB: [Request for Information on Linking and Combining Data](#) (Closes: March 13, 2018)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NSB: [Our Nation's Future Competitiveness Relies on Building a STEM-Capable U.S. Workforce](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- FDA Center for Tobacco Products: [Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 1, 2018)
- National Endowment for the Humanities: [Summer Programs for Teachers and Faculty](#) (Closes: March 1, 2018)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NASEM: [Request for Input on Social Science Ideas to Improve Intelligence Analysis](#) (Closes: March 2018)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Annotations to the 2018 State of the Union](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Measuring the 21st Century Science and Engineering Workforce Population](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [A Smarter National Surveillance System for Occupational Safety and Health in the 21st Century](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Public Health Consequences of E-Cigarettes](#)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ASA Launches New "Count on Stats" Initiative

The American Statistical Association (ASA), a COSSA governing member, has launched a new initiative called [Count on Stats](#) to "enhance awareness about the importance, reliability, and trustworthiness of government data" and defend the federal statistical system against political attacks. ASA's partners in the initiative include COSSA governing members the American Association for Public Opinion Research, the American Educational Research Association, and the American Sociological Association. More information about the program is available on [ASA's website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- SSRC: [2018 Albert O. Hirschman Prize](#) (Closes: February 14, 2018)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [The Lab @ DC: Fostering Innovative Policing: Police for Tomorrow](#), February 8, 2018, Washington, DC

- [Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting](#), February 13-17, 2018, New Orleans, LA
- [The Lab @ DC: The Revolving Door of the School Administrator's Office](#), February 22, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Public Session of the NASEM Committee on Reproducibility and Replicability in Science](#), February 22-23, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention](#), March 1-3, 2018, Atlanta, GA
- [American Psychosomatic Society Annual Scientific Meeting](#), March 7-10, 2018, Louisville, KY
- [Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), March 22-25, 2018, Minneapolis, MN
- [Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), April 4-7, 2018, New Orleans, LA
- [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), April 5-8, Chicago, IL
- [American Psychological Association Conference on Technology, Mind, and Society](#), April 5-7, Washington, DC
- [American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting](#), April 10-14, 2018, New Orleans, LA
- [Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting](#), April 11-14, 2018, New Orleans, LA
- [Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting](#), April 12-14, 2018, Minneapolis, MN
- [American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting](#), April 13-17, 2018, New York, NY
- [Population Association of America Annual Meeting](#), April 26-28, 2018, Denver, CO
- [American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meeting](#), April 26-28, 2018, Philadelphia, PA
- [COSSA Science Policy Conference & Social Science Advocacy Day, April 30-May 1, 2018, Washington, DC](#)

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#). COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

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Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Southern Political Science Association
Southern Sociological Society
Southwestern Social Science Association

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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 and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

