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Social Psychologists Among 2018 Golden Goose Award Recipients

The seventh annual Golden Goose Award Ceremony was held on September 13 in Washington, DC to honor seemingly obscure federally funded research that resulted in "tremendous human and economic benefit." Many members of Congress joined the honorees in recognizing the importance of federal-funded scientific research including Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN), Rep. Bill

Foster (D-IL), Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR). The honorees included the social and behavioral scientists that [pioneered the study of implicit bias](#) and the Implicit Association Test. More information about the award, videos of the honorees, and complete coverage of the event can be found [here](#).

COSSA IN ACTION

CJRA's Peter Wood Answers "Why Social Science?"



This latest Why Social Science? guest post comes from Peter Wood, Professor of Sociology and Criminology at Eastern Michigan University and chair of the Crime and Justice Research Alliance (CJRA), who writes about how the Alliance is helping to bring research on crime and criminal justice issues to policymakers and the media. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Letters & Statements

- 9/7/2018: Friend of AHRQ Letter on FY 2019 Funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, [House/Senate](#)
- 9/6/2018: [Letter on Relocating the National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#)

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Congress Makes Progress on Appropriations as Fiscal Year Comes to a Close

Fiscal year (FY) 2019 is coming quickly to an end on September 30, and while Congress has [made more progress](#) on appropriations than in recent years, much of the government is likely to be funded under a continuing resolution (CR) after October 1. At the time of this writing, 6 bills have been passed by the full House of Representatives and 9 bills have been passed by the Senate. The 9 Senate-passed bills are now in the process of having differences resolved in conference committees with the House. Notably, neither chamber has passed the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations bill, which is responsible for funding the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Census Bureau, among other programs.

Congress is likely to pass three multi-bill packages in the coming weeks, containing some combination of the 9 bills in conference, but likely not in time for the beginning of fiscal year 2019. One of the bill packages, a combination of the Republican-must-pass Defense spending bill and the Democratic-wish-list Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies spending bill includes a CR for the remaining unfunded portions of the government to fund them past the midterm elections. On September 13, the conference committee approved this package of bills, which included a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) over their FY 2018 appropriation. Read complete COSSA coverage of FY 2019 appropriations [here](#).

Senate Committee Seeks Answers from USDA on ERS/NIFA Plans

On September 7, the bipartisan leadership of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,

and Forestry sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue with a list of questions about the Department's plans to move the Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) out of the Washington, DC area and to realign ERS with the Office of the Chief Economist (see COSSA's previous coverage). In the letter, Committee Chair Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Ranking Member Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) cite stakeholders' concerns that the moves will lead to a "sharp loss of knowledgeable staff" and "erode critical partnerships with other federal agencies who are engaged in interdisciplinary research." The letter asks for more detail from USDA on the motivation and rationale for the decision, the Department's plans to execute the moves, and the legal authority underlying USDA's ability to realign ERS. While no bipartisan action has been taken in the House, Democrats have expressed concerns about the proposal, including [Minority Whip Steny Hoyer](#) (D-MD), [Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton](#) (D-DC), and the [Democrats on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee](#). A number of concerned stakeholder groups will hold a [webinar](#) with former USDA officials on Thursday, September 20.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Nomination Opportunities

- Census: [Census Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: September 25, 2018)

Funding Opportunities

- NIH: [Predoctoral Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(BSSR\) Institutional Research Training Program \[T32\]](#) (Opens: October 16, 2018)
- NEA: [Research: Art Works](#) (Closes: October 9, 2018)
- NIH: [Obesity Policy Evaluation Research \(R01\)](#) (Closes: October 5, 2018)
- NIFA: [AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program](#) (Closes: September 30, 2018)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NIH: [Request for Information To Solicit Feedback on the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies \(BRAIN\) Initiative](#) (Closes: November 15, 2018)
- NIH: [Request for Information \(RFI\): Registration and Results Reporting Standards for Prospective Basic Science Studies Involving Human Participants](#) (Closes: November 12, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Request for Public Comment on Draft Protocol Template for Behavioral and Social Sciences Clinical Trials](#) (Closes: October 11, 2018)

Open Positions

- **NEW:** NSF: [Division Director, Social and Economic Sciences, SBE](#) (Closes: October 31, 2018)
- NSF: [Deputy Division Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, SBE](#) (Closes: October 17, 2018)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Securing the Vote: Protecting American Democracy](#)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Social Science Research Council Issues Final "To Secure Knowledge" Report

The [Social Science Research Council](#) (a COSSA member) convened the [To Secure Knowledge](#) task force in 2017 to consider optimal conditions for social science in this moment, including the infrastructure of social research, standards of inquiry, and the role of rigorous understanding in public affairs. The task force released its [final report](#) at a [livestreamed event](#) on September 17. The report includes recommendations and describes how present and future scholarship can be secured through partnerships between the academy, government, philanthropy, and the private sector.

The report's key recommendations include:

- New funding partnerships should be created to facilitate coordination between government, the private sector, the academy, and philanthropy.
- Cross-sector data experiments, such as the Social Data Initiative, should be encouraged.
- New approaches to secure data and make it safely available to researchers should be developed, while standardizing and improving best practices for data use.

More information about the Social Science Research Council, the To Secure Knowledge task force, and the full report can be found on the [SSRC website](#).

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** SSRC: [To Secure Knowledge: Social Science Partnerships for the Common Good](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- **NEW:** AERA: [AERA Congressional Fellowship](#) (Closes: December 15, 2018)
- **NEW:** CASBS: [CASBS Fellowship](#) (Closes: November 2, 2018)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [USDA Research Relocation and Reorganization: Perspectives from Former USDA Chief Scientists and Administrators](#) (webinar), September 20, 2018
- [The Lab @ DC: EITC Expansion, Earnings Growth, and Inequality: Evidence from Washington, DC](#), September 26, 2018, Washington, DC
- [The Lab @ DC: Expanding Participation in Municipal Elections: Evaluating the Impact of Seattle's Democracy Voucher Program](#), October 3, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting](#), October 10-13, 2018, Orlando, FL
- [The Lab @ DC: The Extra Mile: Time to School and Student Outcomes in Washington, DC](#), October 18, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Panel Study of Income Dynamics 50th Anniversary Reception](#), October 18, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Evaluation 2018](#) (American Evaluation Association), October 29-November 3, 2018, Cleveland, OH
- [History of Science Society Annual Meeting](#), November 1-4, 2018, Seattle, WA
- [North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting](#), November 7-10, 2018, San Antonio, TX
- [National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference](#), November 7-10, 2018, San Diego, CA
- [Social Science History Association Annual Meeting](#), November 8-11, 2018, Phoenix, AZ
- [National Communication Association Annual Convention](#), November 8-11, 2018, Salt Lake

- City, UT
- [Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference](#), November 8-10, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting](#), November 8-11, 2018, Orlando, FL
- [American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 14-17, 2018, Atlanta, GA
- [Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting](#), November 14-17, 2018, Chicago, IL
- [American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting](#), November 14-18, 2018, San Jose, CA
- [Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention](#), November 15-18, 2018, Washington, DC
- [African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 29-December 1, 2018, Atlanta, GA

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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