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## FEATURED NEWS

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### NSF Seeks Nominations for the 2019 Alan T. Waterman Award

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting nominations for the [Alan T. Waterman](#)

[Award](#), the highest honor awarded by the NSF to early-career researchers. The annual award recognizes an outstanding young researcher, 40 years of age or younger or no more than 10 years beyond receipt of their Ph.D., in any field of science or engineering supported by the National Science Foundation. In addition to a medal, the awardee receives a grant of \$1,000,000 over a five-year period for scientific research or advanced study in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, social or other sciences at the institution of the recipient's choice. [Psychologist Kristina R. Olson](#) received the 2018 Waterman award and was the first social scientist to receive the award since 2005. More information can be found on the NSF [website](#). Nominations may be submitted until October 22, 2018.

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## COSSA IN ACTION

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### SSRC's Alondra Nelson Answers "Why Social Science?"



This latest Why Social Science? guest post comes from Alondra Nelson, President of the Social Science Research Council, who highlights SSRC's recently published report, *To Secure Knowledge: Social Science Partnerships for the Common Good*. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

### Letters & Statements

- 9/25/2018: [Letter on FY 2019 Funding for the Bureau of Economic Analysis](#)
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## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

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### Trump Signs Labor-HHS Bill/CR, Pushing Remaining FY19 Spending to Dec 7

On September 28, President Trump signed into law a fiscal year (FY) 2019 funding package containing two of twelve appropriations bills, the Defense Appropriations bill and the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill. The bill had been passed earlier in the week by the House of Representatives. Of particular interest to the social science community, the Labor-HHS bill contains next year's final appropriation for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Education (ED), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), among other federal departments and agencies. The passage of the Labor-HHS bill marks the first time in more than 20 years that this bill, which tends to be one of the most divisive among Republicans and Democrats, will be signed into law on time.

The package also includes a continuing resolution (CR) that will keep the rest of the government operating until December 7 (the new fiscal year begins next week on October 1). Congress will return after the November midterm elections and attempt to complete its work on next year's spending bills. Notably, still pending is the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations bill, which is responsible for funding the National Science Foundation and the Census Bureau, among other programs; neither the House or Senate have taken up the bill outside of committee.

[Read on](#) for COSSA's analysis of the final FY 2019 funding levels for the National Institutes of

## FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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### NSF Announces New Sexual Harassment Policy

On September 21, the National Science Foundation (NSF) [published a new term and condition](#) for awards, to be enacted October 21, 2018, requiring awardee organizations to report findings of sexual harassment. The new term and condition will require awardee organizations to notify NSF of:

- "Any findings or determinations that an NSF-funded principal investigator (PI) or co-principal investigator(co-PI) committed harassment, including sexual harassment or sexual assault.
- The placement of the PI or co-PI on administrative leave, or of the imposition of any administrative action relating to a harassment or sexual assault finding or investigation."

After notification, NSF will consult with the organization and determine what action is necessary under NSF's authority, including substituting or removing PIs or co-PIs, reducing award funding, and where neither of those options is available or adequate-suspending or terminating awards. NSF has developed an online submission system for the required notifications that will be available on NSF's [sexual harassment page](#), which will send information directly to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. More information can be found on NSF's [website](#).

### NIH Studying Impacts of Recent Hurricanes on Health Risks and Resilience

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced eight awards that will support researchers examining the health impacts of hurricanes Maria and Irma on Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2017. The grants, which are funded through the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), will focus on the impacts of psychosocial stressors related to the recent hurricanes, "such as grief, separation from home and loved ones, loss of income, and limited access to medical care." More information and a full list of the grantees are available on the [NIH website](#).

### NCHS Releases *Health, United States*

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has released the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of one of its flagship publications, [Health, United States](#), the "report card" on the nation's health. *Health, United States, 2017* compiles federal data on a wide range of topics related to morbidity, mortality, health care utilization and access, health risk factors, prevention, health insurance, and personal health care expenditures. The 2017 edition includes a special feature on mortality; life expectancy at birth has decreased for two years in a row, for the first time since 1993. The complete report is available on the [NCHS website](#).

### Nomination Opportunities

- NEW: NSF: [Alan T. Waterman Award](#) (Closes: October 22, 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)

## 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: NSF: [NSF 2026 Idea Machine](#) (Closes: October 26, 2018)
- NEW: NSF: [Request for Information on Update to the 2016 National Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Strategic Plan](#) (Closes: October 26, 2018)
- NEW: NCEES: [National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\) 2019 and 2020 Update](#) (Closes: October 19, 2018)
- NIH: [Request for Public Comment on Draft Protocol Template for Behavioral and Social Sciences Clinical Trials](#) (Closes: October 11, 2018)

## Recent Reports

- NEW: NCHS: [Health, United States, 2017](#)
- NEW: [America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2018](#)

## Open Positions

- 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)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

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### COPAFS Launches Executive Director Search

The [Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics](#) (COPAFS) has launched a search for a new Executive Director following the retirement of John Thompson this summer. COPAFS advocates for the development and dissemination of high-quality federal statistics. More details on COPAFS and on the search are available on the [COPAFS website](#).

## Notices & Requests for Comment

- NEW: NASEM: [Committee on Assessing the Minerva Research Initiative and the Contribution of Social Science to Addressing Security Concerns: Call for Public Comments](#)

## Open Positions

- NEW: COPAFS: [Executive Director](#) (Closes: October 15, 2018)

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## COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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### Fellowships & Professional Development

- AERA: [AERA Congressional Fellowship](#) (Closes: December 15, 2018)

- CASBS: [CASBS Fellowship](#) (Closes: November 2, 2018)

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- [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
- [AERA Brown Lecture in Education Research: Disrupting Punitive Practices and Policies: Rac\(e\)ing Back to Teaching, Teacher Preparation, and Brown](#), October 25, 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](mailto:jmilton@coffa.org).

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### Governing Associations

American Anthropological Association  
 American Association for Public Opinion Research  
 American Economic Association  
 American Educational Research Association  
 American Political Science Association  
 American Psychological Association  
 American Society of Criminology  
 American Sociological Association  
 American Statistical Association  
 Association of American Law Schools  
 Law and Society Association

### Colleges and Universities

Arizona State University  
 Boston University  
 Brown University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Duke University  
 Fielding Graduate University  
 George Mason University  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard University  
 Indiana University

Linguistic Society of America  
Midwest Political Science Association  
National Communication Association  
Population Association of America  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
Society for Research in Child Development

## Membership Organizations

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
African Studies Association  
American Association of Geographers  
American Council of Learned Societies  
American Evaluation Association  
American Historical Association  
American Psychosomatic Society  
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations  
Association of Research Libraries  
Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences  
Council on Social Work Education  
Economic History Association  
History of Science Society  
Midwest Sociological Society  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Council on Family Relations  
North American Regional Science Council  
Rural Sociological Society  
Social Science History Association  
Society for Prevention Research  
Society for Research on Adolescence  
Society for Social Work and Research  
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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Northwestern University  
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Pennsylvania State University  
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University of Iowa  
University of Maryland  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Pennsylvania  
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University of Washington  
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Virginia Tech  
West Virginia University  
Yale University

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American Academy of Political and Social Science  
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences  
Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research  
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