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COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

FEATURED NEWS

COSSA Compiles Social Science Resources Related to COVID-19

COSSA is compiling a [list of resources](#) for social scientists and stakeholders related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The list includes guidance from federal science agencies, collections of publicly available peer-reviewed research related to the crisis, resources from COSSA member associations, and more. It will be updated frequently; if you would like to share resources for inclusion, please [contact us](#).

There are a number of new databases for researchers wishing to amplify their work that may have relevance to the current crisis, including the [COVID-19 Open Research Dataset](#), supported by the [Allen Institute for AI](#), and a [grassroots effort on GitHub](#) to compile new social science research related to COVID-19. COSSA also encourages any social scientists sharing their work on these platforms to [send it to COSSA](#) to help us explain to policymakers the impacts of our sciences on crises like this.

COSSA's Analysis of Enacted COVID-19 Supplemental Funding Legislation, FY 2020

Over the past month, Congress has passed three large stimulus bills in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, the three bills comprise the largest economic stimulus package in American history and touch nearly all aspects of American life, including scientific research, support for key economic sectors and small businesses, direct financial support to Americans, and boosts to social safety net programs. All three bills enacted in response to the crisis, so far, have been supplemental appropriations bills, meaning they provide funds to federal agencies and programs *in addition to* what has already been appropriated for the current fiscal year (FY 2020), which began on October 1, 2019. It remains to be seen how this infusion of funds will impact, if at all, appropriations for next fiscal year (FY 2021), beginning on October 1, 2020. Follow COSSA's FY 2021 coverage [here](#).

The House of Representatives and Senate are in recess until further notice. Still, Congress is expected to consider additional stimulus legislation in the months ahead. [Read on](#) for COSSA's summary of the three bills that have been enacted so far.

April's Headlines Webchat to Feature Deep Dive on Communicating During the Coronavirus Crisis



COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the monthly Headlines webchat on Thursday, March 12. The COSSA team will break down the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month, including how the coronavirus pandemic has affected infrastructure and operations at science agencies, organizations, and universities. As always, COSSA staff will be standing by to

answer your questions. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat [here](#).

Census Bureau Temporarily Suspends 2020 Field Operations, In-Person Survey Interviews

The Census Bureau has announced further adjustments to its planned 2020 decennial census operations in response to the coronavirus epidemic (see [previous coverage](#)). On March 18, Census Director Steven Dillingham [announced](#) a two-week suspension of 2020 field operations. In addition, the Bureau's two major facilities in Jeffersonville, IN, the National Processing Center and Paper Data Capture Center East, have [dramatically reduced on-site staff](#) to the minimum necessary to continue operations. These measures were [further extended by an additional two weeks](#), through April 15, and could be extended even longer in accordance with public health guidelines. In addition, the Census Bureau has temporarily [suspended in-person interviews](#) for its ongoing surveys, including the American Community Survey. Where possible, field workers will call participants and seek to collect information by phone. This marks the first major interruption for some of these surveys in over 50 years of data collection.

At the same time, the Census Bureau is strongly encouraging all American households to respond to the 2020 Census online—both for convenience and to minimize in-person contact. The questionnaire can be filled out [here](#)—even households who have not received or lost their Census ID code can respond by clicking "if you do not have a Census ID, click here." The Census Bureau has also published a [response rate map](#), updated daily, that allows users to see the self-response rate in their state, city, or census tract.

NSF Creates Resource Webpage for Information on COVID-19

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has established a resource [webpage](#) compiling relevant information about NSF activities addressing the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. Some of the resources available on the webpage include a [FAQ](#) about NSF awards, a [document](#) describing NSF's implementation of an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directive, a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) inviting research proposals through the Rapid Response Research (RAPID) program, and a [list of NSF deadlines](#) that have changed due to COVID-19. This resource page is frequently updated to include the most relevant and accurate information.

In addition, on March 30, leadership from the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) circulated a [letter to the social and behavioral science community](#) providing additional details on NSF's COVID-19 resources and encouraging proposals from SBE fields.

Notable COVID-19 Resources

- SSRC/Mediawell: [Research on COVID-19 Mis- and Disinformation](#)
- Council on Governmental Relations: [Institutional and Agency Responses to COVID-19](#)
- NAFSA: Association of International Educators: [Coronavirus Critical Resources](#)
- SAGE Publishing: [Free medical, social, behavioral science articles](#)
- National Council of Nonprofits: [Nonprofits and Coronavirus](#)
- AAAS SciLine: [COVID-19 Resources for Reporters](#)

COSSA IN ACTION

Read COSSA's 2019 Annual Report

COSSA's [2019 Annual Report](#) is now available. Check it out to learn more about COSSA's activities and successes over the past year. Find out how your organization can become a member of COSSA on our [website](#).

Anthropologist Bill Maurer Answers "Why Social Science?"

The latest Why Social Science? post comes from Dr. Bill Maurer, an anthropologist and Dean of Social Sciences at the University of California, Irvine, who writes about how anthropology contributes to our understanding of the impacts of financial systems and technologies on people

around the world, especially in times of global pandemic. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

WHY SOCIAL SCIENCE?

Letters & Statements

- 3/30/2020: Letter in Support of Funding for Gun Violence Prevention Research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [House/Senate](#)
- 3/16/2020: Friends of AHRQ Letter on FY 2021 Funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, [House/Senate](#)

Share Your Story with COSSA!

COSSA is always looking for tangible examples from the social and behavioral sciences to help make the case that federal investment in these sciences is not only a wise use of taxpayer dollars, but that this research yields results that make the nation and world healthier, safer, and more prosperous. If you have a social science story-- a research success, an example of how social science is being used effectively in your community, an educational experience or teacher who shaped the trajectory of your social science career, or any other experience or activity that showcases the many positive impacts the social and behavioral sciences make to all aspects of life-- share it with COSSA by filling out the [form on our website](#).



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House Science Committee Leaders Introduce Artificial Intelligence Legislation

On March 12, Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) and Ranking Member Frank Lucas (R-OK) of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee [introduced the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020](#) (H.R. 6216). The legislation intends to accelerate and coordinate federal investments and facilitate new public-private partnerships in research, standards, and education in artificial intelligence, to ensure the United States leads the world in the development and use of responsible artificial intelligence systems. The legislation includes many opportunities for agencies to support research on the social and behavioral dimensions of artificial intelligence and emphasizes the importance of understanding the social, ethical, and

economic implications of artificial intelligence. The legislation has a bipartisan group of original cosponsors, including Representatives Jerry McNerney (D-CA), Pete Olson (R-TX), Dan Lipinski (D-IL), and Randy Weber (R-TX). The full text of the legislation and a one-page description can be found on the [Science Committee's website](#).

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

NIH Seeks Revision Applications to Support Firearms Injury Research

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has released a [Notice of Special Interest](#) soliciting competitive revision applications to programs that could potentially include firearms injury and mortality prevention research. This notice comes in the wake of NIH receiving \$12.5 million dollars for research studying firearms injury and mortality prevention in the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Appropriations bill (see [COSSA's analysis](#)). Like all federal agencies, NIH is [legislatively restricted](#) from using its funding for certain activities such as advocating for gun control policies, but is able to fund research topics aiming to understand the underlying risk factors and variables. Topics cited by the NIH notice as within the permitted scope of research include:

- Improving the ability to identify at-risk individuals for firearm injury and mortality;
- Developing healthcare procedures to accurately screen for risk of firearm injury and mortality;
- Understanding factors that are associated with firearm injury and mortality risk and resilience;
- Developing evidence-based interventions to address risk; and
- Assessing the public health and criminal justice systems' approaches towards the reduction of firearm injury and mortality.

Revision applications will be accepted through May 15, 2020. More information is available on the [NIH website](#).

France Córdova Ends Tenure as NSF Director; Timeline for Confirming New Director Unclear

National Science Foundation (NSF) Director France Córdova finished her six-year term as the head of the agency on March 31, 2020. Córdova, an astrophysicist and former Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of California at Santa Barbara, served as NSF Director since 2014. A farewell message from Córdova to NSF staff is available on the [NSF website](#).

In January 2020, the White House announced the nomination of Sethuraman Panchanathan to succeed Córdova as NSF Director (see [COSSA's previous coverage](#)). However, no hearing has yet been scheduled for Panchanathan's consideration for the Senate-confirmed position due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Due to these complications in the schedule, the timeline for the Senate to consider Panchanathan for NSF Director remains unclear. COSSA will provide more details as they become available.

NSF Releases Report on Social Science Doctoral Recipients

The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), the principal statistical agency within the National Science Foundation (NSF), released a report on "Doctorate Recipients in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE)." The report is part of a [series of profiles](#) highlighting trends in education related to each of NSF's seven research directorates. The SBE report presents data on doctorates received in psychology, economics, sociology, political science, and other social sciences from NCSES's Survey of Earned Doctorates and Survey of Doctorate Recipients. The full report and associated data tables are available on the [NCSES website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [Request for Recommendations for Membership on Directorate and Office Advisory Committees](#)
- NOAA: [Solicitation for Members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board](#) (Closes: April 23, 2020)
- Census: [Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Census Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: April 1, 2020)

Funding Opportunities

- DOD: [Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Anticipated Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2020](#)
- NSF/SBE: [NSF Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages \(DLI-DEL\)](#) (Closes: September 15, 2020)
- **NEW:** ED/IES: [Statistical and Research Methodology in Education and Using Longitudinal Data To Support State Education Policymaking Grant Programs](#) (Closes: July 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research \(R61 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: May 15, 2020)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Competitive Revisions for Firearms Injury and Mortality Prevention Research](#) (Closes: May 15, 2020)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- NSF: [Build and Broaden: Enabling New Social, Behavioral and Economic Science Collaborations with Minority-Serving Institutions](#) (Closes: May 1, 2020)
- DOJ/BJS: [NICS Act Record Improvement Program](#) (Closes: April 23, 2020)
- NIH: [National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health \(Add Health\) - Wave 6 \(U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (LOI Due: April 18, 2020; Closes: May 18, 2020)
- DOJ/NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: April 15, 2020)
- DOJ/BJS: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS\) and National Corrections Reporting Program \(NCRP\), Reference Years \(RY\) 2020-2024](#) (Closes: April 14, 2020)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** NIH: [UPDATE: NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for United States for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- NSF: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) for National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Proposers and Awardees](#)
- NIH: [Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19](#)
- NIH: [General Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19](#)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Request for Information on Future Topics for the NSF Convergence Accelerator and Call for Future Topics Conference Proposals](#) (Closes: May 18, 2020)
- **EXTENDED:** OSTP: [Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research](#) (Closes: May 6, 2020)
- DOJ/BJS: [Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired: 2020 Law Enforcement Administrative and Management Statistics \(LEMAS\) Survey](#) (Closes: May 12, 2020)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Exploring the NSF 2026 Idea Machine](#) (EAGER Proposals: April 30, 2020)
- OMB: [Request for Comment on Considerations for Additional Measures of Poverty](#) (Closes: April 14, 2020)
- BEA: [Request for Comments on Developing State-Level Statistics for the Outdoor](#)

Recent Reports

- NSF: [Doctorate Recipients in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences \(SBE\): 2017](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- DOJ/NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: April 15, 2020)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

Funding Opportunities

- NEW: NCGVR: [Funding Opportunity to Study the Impact of Gun Policy on Legal Gun Users](#)
(Closes: April 10, 2020)

Open Positions

- NEW: NASEM: [Opportunities to Improve Opioid Use Disorder and Infectious Disease Services](#)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

COSSA Welcomes Case Western Reserve University

COSSA is pleased to welcome [Case Western Reserve University](#) as its newest member. Located in Cleveland, Ohio, Case Western [receives](#) more than \$3.2 million in federal social and behavioral science funding annually. COSSA's full membership list is available [here](#). Information on how to join can be found on the [COSSA website](#).



EVENTS CALENDAR

- **CANCELLED:** [Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting](#), April 1-4, 2020, San Francisco, CA
- **CANCELLED:** [Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), April 2-5, 2020, Omaha, NE
- **CANCELLED:** [American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting](#), April 6-10, 2020, Denver, CO
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | April Headlines](#), April 9, 2020, 2:00 pm
- **CANCELLED:** [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), April 16-19, 2020, Chicago, IL
- **VIRTUAL:** [American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting](#), April 17-21, 2020
- **CANCELLED:** [NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding & Grants Administration](#), April 20-22, 2020, Baltimore, MD
- **CANCELLED:** [Population Association of America Annual Meeting](#), April 22-25, 2020, Washington, DC
- **NEW DATE, VIRTUAL:** [COSSA 2020 Social Science Advocacy Day](#), April 27-28, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** [American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meeting](#), May 1, 2020, Baltimore, MD
- **CANCELLED:** [American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference](#), May

- 14-17, 2020, Atlanta, GA
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | May Headlines](#), May 14, 2020, 2:00 pm
- [Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting](#), May 26-29, 2020, Washington, DC
- **VIRTUAL:** [Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#) May 28-31, 2020, Denver, CO
- **POSTPONED:** [Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations Annual Meeting](#), TBA
- **POSTPONED:** [Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), TBA

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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 American Law Schools
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
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North American Regional Science Council
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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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