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FEATURED NEWS

Advocates Working to Promote Social Science Amid COVID-19 Crisis

Today, about 40 social and behavioral scientists and other stakeholders are participating in COSSA's 6th Annual Social Science Advocacy Day, meeting virtually with Members of Congress and their staff about the many ways social and behavioral science is helping to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow our advocates' efforts on Twitter by following [@COSSADC](#) and using the hashtag [#whysocialscience](#).

Others can get in on the action by responding to COSSA's newest [action alert](#). Visit COSSA's Take Action page to tell Congress that the social sciences stand ready and willing to help the United States recover from this crisis.

In addition, COSSA has produced two new resources to help you explain the unique contributions the social and behavioral sciences make to fighting COVID-19. Visit COSSA's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page to find a [fact sheet](#) on the many ways social science research has already contributed to the crisis, as well as a [resource guide for policymakers](#), which is a collection of trusted sources for real-time information and data on what the latest social science is saying about various aspect of the pandemic.

Senate Returns Next Week with Uncertain Agenda; House Staying Home

While the Senate is planning to return to in-person work in Washington, DC on May 4, the House abruptly changed course and, upon recommendation from the House physician, will not be reconvening next week. No timeline has been set for the House's return.

While working mostly remotely, the House and Senate passed its fourth supplemental appropriations bill on April 24 related to the crisis. The [Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act](#) (H.R. 266) provides additional funding for small business loans, additional support for health care providers, and funding for additional COVID-19 testing. There is much speculation surrounding the contents of potential future relief measures. The science and engineering community continues to press for support for research institutions, federal agencies, and infrastructure, which have all suffered over the last several months. Follow COSSA's [COVID-19 coverage](#) for the latest on our efforts to promote the interests of the social and behavioral science research community.

Census Launches COVID-19 Household Survey

The Census Bureau has [applied for and received](#) emergency authorization from the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a new household survey to collect information about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on American families. The [COVID-19 Household Pulse Survey](#) will ask individuals about their employment status, spending patterns, food security, housing, physical and mental health, access to health care, and educational disruption during the coronavirus pandemic. The survey was developed with input from agencies across the federal statistical system, including the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS), the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Data collection began on April 23 and will continue for 90 days. The Census Bureau plans to begin releasing data weekly (after an initial two-week processing period) in order to provide the most value to policymakers as they develop and implement response and recovery strategies. More information on the survey is available on the [Census Bureau website](#).

Notable COVID-19 Resources

- [Fighting COVID-19 with Social Science: Resources for Congressional Offices](#)
- [Fighting COVID-19 with Social Science: Examples from the Research](#)
- American Psychological Association: [COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)
- Association for Public Policy Management and Analysis: [COVID-19 Member Resources, Data and Research Collaboration Hub](#)
- Population Association of America: [Population Scientists' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- Social Science Resource Council: [COVID-19 and the Social Sciences](#)

- Department of Defense Basic Research: [Frequently Asked Questions for DOD Research Proposers and Awardees Impacted](#)
- Congressional Research Service: [Effects of COVID-19 on the Federal Research and Development Enterprise](#), April 10, 2020
- Congressional Research Service: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Minerva-funded Researchers on COVID-19](#)
- NIFA: [Rapid Response to Novel Coronavirus \(SARS-Cov-2\): Impacts Across Food and Agricultural Systems](#)
- Census Bureau: [COVID-19 Demographic and Economic Resources](#)
- Societal Experts Action Network: [COVID-19 Survey Archive](#)
- University of Southern California Center for Economic and Social Research: [Understanding Coronavirus in America tracking survey](#)
- Northwestern University: [COVID-19 Social Change Survey](#)
- University of Washington, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation: [COVID-19 Projections](#)
- [We desperately need sound data to understand COVID impacts](#), Nick Hart & Charlie Rothwell, The Hill, April 28, 2020
- [Social Science Research in a COVID-19 World](#), Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research, April 8, 2020
- [Congress Needs More Scientific Expertise to Fight COVID-19](#), Ali Nouri, Scientific American, April 6, 2020

COSSA IN ACTION

Demographer Allison Plyer Answers "Why Social Science?"



The latest Why Social Science? post comes from Dr. Allison Plyer, Chief Demographer of The Data Center, an independent research institution based in New Orleans, who writes about how the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on minority communities is exacerbated by institutional racism. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Letters & Statements

- 4/22/2020: [A Call to Higher Education Administrators Regarding Student Educational Progress During COVID-19](#)
- 4/20/2020: [Letter on stigmatization of Asians](#)
- 4/16/2020: [Letter on FY 2021 Appropriations for the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)
- 4/13/2020: [CNSF letter to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee on Science Priorities within COVID-19 Legislation](#)

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](#).



FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

White House Announces Appointments for PCAST and NSB

On April 20, the White House [announced](#) the appointment of several individuals for key positions in the Administration including two seats on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) and four seats on the National Science Board (NSB), the advisory body to the National Science Foundation (NSF). This wave of nominations for PCAST follows an [announcement](#) from White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Director and PCAST Chair Kelvin Droegemeier that several future PCAST nominees would come from academia rather than industry (read [previous COSSA](#) coverage for more details). The two nominees for PCAST are:

- Abraham "Avi" Loeb, Professor and Chair of the Department of Astronomy at Harvard University
- Daniela Rus, Director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The four nominees for the NSB are:

- Aaron Dominguez, Provost and Professor of Physics at the Catholic University of America
- Dario Gil, Chief of Research at IBM
- Sudarsanam Babu, Professor and Chair of Advanced Manufacturing at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Roger Beachy, President of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center

Roger Beachy currently serves on the NSB and has been reappointed for a second term while the three other appointees would be new members of the advisory body. Since there are eight members with expiring terms on the NSB this year, four more appointments have yet to be announced.

Data Strategy Releases Update on Implementation

The Federal Data Strategy has released an [update](#) for the first quarter of 2020 on the implementation of its [2020 Action Plan](#) (see [previous coverage](#)). The update includes a list of the early milestones the strategy has met so far, such as the establishment of a Federal Chief Data Officers Council and Federal Data Policy Committee, as well as those that are in progress. More information is available on the [Data Strategy website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

Know your target audience. Who are your most important customers, clients or prospects, and why? Know what is important to them and address their needs in your newsletter each month. Include a photo to make your newsletter even more appealing. Insert a "read on" link at the bottom of your article to drive traffic to your website. Links are tracked, allowing you to see which articles create the most interest for your readers.

Funding Opportunities

- DOD: [Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Anticipated Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2020](#)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Program on Fairness in Artificial Intelligence in Collaboration with Amazon](#) (Closes: July 13, 2020)
- NIH/NIMHD: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Competitive and Administrative Supplements for the Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) (Closes: May 1, 2021)
- NIH/NIA: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): NIA Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: May 1, 2021)
- NIH/NIMH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Mental Health Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) (Closes: April 16, 2021)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the Behavioral and Social Sciences](#) (Closes: April 1, 2021)
- NIH/NIDA: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) (Closes: March 31, 2021)
- NIH/NIGMS: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) and the Causative Virus SARS-CoV-2](#) (Closes: February 6, 2021)
- NIH/NCCIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on Stress Management in Relation to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 7, 2021)
- NIH/NHLBI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 6, 2020)
- NSF/SBE: [NSF Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages \(DLI-DEL\)](#) (Closes: September 15, 2020)
- ED/IES: [Statistical and Research Methodology in Education and Using Longitudinal Data To Support State Education Policymaking Grant Programs](#) (Closes: July 30, 2020)
- NIH/NCI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): National Cancer Institute Announcement Regarding Availability of Urgent Competitive Revision and Administrative Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: June 26, 2020)
- **NEW:** USDA/AFRI: [Rapid Response to Novel Coronavirus \(SARS-CoV-2\) Impacts Across Food and Agricultural Systems](#) (Closes: June 4, 2020)
- BJS: [National Pretrial Reporting Program \(NPRP\) 2020](#) (Closes: June 2, 2020)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements to Support Strategies to Reduce Stigma in Pain Management and Opioid Use Disorder \(OUD\) and Treatment](#) (Closes: May 30, 2020)
- NIH: [Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research \(R61 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: May 15, 2020)
- 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)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- HHS: [Office of Human Research Protections Guidance on COVID-19](#)
- 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:** Census: [Comment Request; Supplemental Questions Related to the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Businesses](#) (Closes: June 29, 2020)
- 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)
- OSTP: [Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research](#) (Closes: May 6, 2020)
- DOJ/BJA: [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)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

Nomination Opportunities

- AAAS: [Kavli Science Journalism Awards](#) (Closes: August 1, 2020)
- AAAS: [AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books](#) (Closes: July 20, 2020)
- AAAS: [Award for Science Diplomacy](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Mentor Awards](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Newcomb Cleveland Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Philip Hauge Abelson Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [John P. McGovern Award Lecture in the Behavioral Sciences](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)

Funding Opportunities

- NCGVR: [Funding Opportunity to Study the Impact of Gun Policy on Legal Gun Users](#) (Closes: May 8, 2020)

Recent Reports

- NASEM: [Selected Health Conditions and Likelihood of Improvement with Treatment](#)
- NASEM: [A Principled Approach to Language Assessment: Considerations for the U.S. Foreign Service Institute](#)
- NASEM: [Building Capacity for Teaching Engineering in K-12 Education](#)
- NASEM: [Changing Expectations for the K-12 Teacher Workforce: Policies, Preservice Education, Professional Development, and the Workplace](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA 2020 Social Science Advocacy Day, April 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

- **CANCELLED:** [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

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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