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Transition 2021

Biden Administration Announces Science Team; Alondra Nelson Tapped for New “Science and Society” Role

On January 15, President-Elect Biden announced key members of his administration’s science and technology team. Dr. Eric Lander, a life scientist and founding director of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, will be nominated to direct the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and to serve as the President’s Science Advisor. This role will also be elevated to Cabinet level for the first time.

Dr. Alondra Nelson, a prominent social scientist and President of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), a COSSA member, will be appointed to a new senior OSTP role: Deputy Director for Science and Society. Although details about the scope of this role are not yet available, it is expected that the new position will be broader and more senior than the role of Assistant Director for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, a position last filled during the Obama Administration.

Other notable members of the science team include Drs. Frances H. Arnold and Maria Zuber, external co-chairs of the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST); Kei Koizumi, OSTP Chief of Staff; and Narda Jones, OSTP Legislative Affairs Director. In addition, the transition team announced that Dr. Francis Collins will stay on as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). More details are available on the [transition team website](#).

Dillingham Leaves Census Bureau After Whistleblower Complaints About Noncitizen Data Release

Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham [announced](#) his departure, effective January 20, eleven months before the end of his term. The announcement comes after [whistleblower complaints](#) came to light that Dillingham and senior political appointees were pressuring Census Bureau employees to rush the publication of a potentially “statistically indefensible” data report on noncitizens. Dillingham’s public announcement of his resignation included a response to questions posed by the Department of Commerce Inspector General’s Office regarding the noncitizens report. Dillingham’s announcement also notes that he has respect for President-elect Biden and had prepared, after requests from the Biden transition team, to stay on after the Presidential transition, but “I must do now what I think is best.” Census Bureau Deputy Director Ron Jarmin will again serve as acting director of the Bureau, a position he held for over a year prior to Dillingham’s nomination.

New from COSSA

Save the Date for Social Science Advocacy Day 2021



COSSA's 2021 Social Science Advocacy Day, the only annual, coordinated advocacy day in support of all of the social and behavioral sciences, will take place on April 27, 2021. Social Science Advocacy Day brings together social scientists and other science advocates from across the country to engage with policymakers. Last year, Advocacy Day went virtual, and COSSA will build on that experience in 2021 to give participants the ability to safely engage with their elected officials from home.

Participants will be teamed up with social scientists from their home state to participate in a day of virtual meetings with House and Senate offices to share with them why federal support for social and behavioral science research is so important. COSSA will provide multiple live and on-demand training opportunities and logistical support (including scheduling meetings with Congressional offices and providing an on-call expert to answer your day-of policy questions), as well as polished, up-to-date materials to help. Each team will also have the option of partnering with an experienced government relations professional to guide them through their meetings with Members of Congress and staff. Registration will open soon. Watch for more details in the COSSA Washington Update and on the [Advocacy Day webpage](#).

Vaccination Communication Report Authors Highlight Strategies to Reduce Hesitancy

During the January 14 COSSA Headlines webinar, Drs. Christine Hunter and Wen-Ying Sylvia Chou, two of the co-authors of the recent National Institutes of Health report on [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication](#), shared an overview of the report. They also provided a summary of the report's recommendations that communities can utilize to ensure that messaging about the entire COVID-19 vaccination process relies on evidence-backed strategies. These are available as a [one-page tip sheet](#). A recording of the webinar and the slides are posted to the [COSSA website](#).



FROM THE ARCHIVES: Decision on Census Adjustment Looms (January 29, 2001)

In celebration of COSSA's 40th anniversary, we are diving into the decades of [Washington Update archives](#) to share articles from years past that resonate with today's news.

The attention to the choice of the new Census Director concerns the decision of which numbers the Bureau will release. The national-level data, which determines each state's representation in Congress (apportionment), were made public at the end of December. However, the block-level data are scheduled to be available in March; these will include the raw "head count" figures. The controversy surrounds whether the Bureau will also release statistically-adjusted figures; this is currently unclear.

Statistical adjustment, or sampling, is used to correct for the two types of coverage error that usually results from the traditional Census methodology: failure to count individuals and mistakenly including individuals or counting them twice. The degree of error is determined through the Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation (ACE), which is conducted independently of other Census activities and is open to scientific peer review. Most statisticians regard the adjusted figures as more accurate[...]

Bush's spokesman, when asked about Bush's intentions, has, of late, consistently responded that he supports an "actual head count," which appears to be a softer way of conveying opposition to sampling. According to Roll Call, Bush aides said one of his first acts as president "would be to block the Bureau's release of census findings that are reached through sampling." [...]

Adding further ammunition to their cause, the Census Monitoring Board members who were appointed by President Clinton recently released a number of studies that reveal the expected consequences of failing to correct an undercount. One recent study, for example, shows that more than 20 percent of infants were missed in the 1990 Census, and warns that similar results are possible in Census 2000. Without statistical adjustment, the report cautions, health and education programs that serve the nation's children could be underfunded. The Census

Monitoring Board is a bipartisan board that monitors the Census Bureau's conduct of the 2000 Census[...]

With political representation and federal funds at stake, the battle is likely to escalate soon. Although the deadline for release of the final census figures is April 1, the data could be released as early as March; action on the decision to adjust could come sooner.

[Read more from this issue.](#)

Executive Branch News

NSF Solicitation on “Future of Work” Encourages Social Science Proposals

The National Science Foundation has released a solicitation related to its [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier](#) (FW-HTF) [Big Idea](#). The solicitation invites proposals for multidisciplinary research investigating the evolving technological, human and societal aspects of work. Researchers from the social, behavioral and economic sciences are asked to collaborate with researchers in computer science, engineering and learning sciences to investigate the potential impacts of technological innovations and disruptions. More information is available in the [full solicitation](#). Proposals are due on March 23, 2021.

NIH Launches New COVID-19 Research Website

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has launched a new [website](#) for COVID-19 research information, according to a January 19 [blog post](#) by NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer. According to Lauer, the website includes key information about the agency's vaccine and diagnostics programs for COVID-19 as well as searchable information on funded research categorized by state, institution, Congressional district, and other notable fields. The website also includes the latest public-facing information on COVID-19 vaccines and testing, information about participating in clinical trials, and other Federal agency resources on COVID-19. The website is available [here](#).

COSSA Member Spotlight

APA Announces Mitchell Prinstein as Next Chief Science Officer

The American Psychological Association (APA), a COSSA governing member, has [announced](#) the selection of Mitchell Prinstein as its new Chief Science Officer. Prinstein, who is slated to transition into the role starting March 1, is the John Van Seters distinguished professor of psychology and neuroscience and assistant dean of Honors Carolina at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, another COSSA member. More information is available in the full press release on the [APA website](#).

American Statistical Association Launches New Monthly Podcast

On January 6, 2021, the American Statistical Association (ASA) [announced](#) the debut episode of a new monthly podcast, *Practical Significance*. The podcast, hosted by Ron Wasserstein, ASA's Executive Director, and Donna LaLonde, ASA's Director of Strategic Initiatives and Outreach, will highlight compelling stories from data science and statistics from within ASA's membership and promote careers in these disciplines.

The debut episode features Rob Santos, ASA's President, discussing his previous work at the Urban Institute, and outlining his goals for his tenure leading the association. The podcast can be listened to on the [ASA website](#). The podcast has also been submitted to podcasting platforms such as Spotify and Apple Music pending an approval process.

Resources & Opportunities

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Committee to Advise the U.S. Global Change Research Program \(USGRCP\)](#) (Closes: February 12, 2021)
- HHS/OHRP: [Nominations for Membership on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections](#) (Closes: February 12, 2021)
- NIH/OBSSR: [Matilda White Riley 2021 Honors](#) (Closes: January 29, 2021)

New & Expiring Funding Opportunities

- 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)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research \(FW-HTF\)](#) (Closes: March 23, 2021)
- NIH: [Mid-Career Enhancement Awards to Integrate Basic Behavioral, Biomedical, and/or Social Scientific Processes \(K18 No Independent Clinical Trials\)](#) (Opens: February 16, 2021) (Closes: March 17, 2021)
- NIH: [Mid-Career Enhancement Awards to Integrate Basic Behavioral, Biomedical, and/or Social Scientific Processes \(K18 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required\)](#) (Opens: February 16, 2021) (Closes: March 17, 2021)
- **NEW:** HHS/HRSA: [P4 Challenge: Innovations in Pediatric Primary Care to Improve Child Health](#) (Closes: March 15, 2021)
- BJS: [State Justice Statistics Program of Statistical Analysis Centers, 2021](#) (Closes: March 11, 2021)
- DOJ/BJS: [FY 2021 Continuation of the Federal Justice Statistics Program](#) (Closes: March 2, 2021)
- **NEW:** DOJ/BJS: [FY 2021 Census of Law Enforcement Training Academies](#) (Closes: March 1, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NEA: Music and Health: Understanding and Developing Music Medicine ([R21 Clinical Trial Optional](#)) ([R01 Clinical Trial Optional](#)) (Closes: February 16, 2021)
- NSF: [Broadening Participation in STEM Entrepreneurship and Innovation \(BPINNOVATE\)](#) (Closes: February 9, 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/NIMHD: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities](#) (Closes: February 5, 2021)
- NCGVR: [Funding Opportunity for One-Year Gun Research Proposals](#) (Closes: February 5, 2021)
- NSF/SBE: [Human Networks and Data Science \(HNDS\)](#) (Closes: February 4, 2021)
- NSF: [Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-2 \(Mid-scale RI-2\)](#) (Closes: February 3, 2021)

[More funding opportunities.](#)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Interdisciplinary Frontiers of Understanding the Brain](#) (Closes: March 31, 2021)
- DOC: [Request for Comments for the Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building](#) (Closes: February 9, 2021)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- ED: [Summer Internship Opportunities](#) (Closes: March 31, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/OBSSR: [Summer Institute of Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials](#) (Closes: February 15, 2021)
- **NEW:** [Child Intervention, Prevention, and Services \(CHIPS\) Research Training Institute](#) (Closes: February 14, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NINR: [Program Officer/ Health Scientist Administrator](#) (usajobs.gov) (Closes: January 27, 2021)

Upcoming Events



- **VIRTUAL:** [Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference](#), January 19-22, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NIH Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research](#), January 21, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Workshop: Reducing Racial Inequalities in the Criminal Justice System](#), January 25-28, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Workshop: Envisioning a Transformed Clinical Trials Enterprise for 2030](#), January 26, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [Applied Demography Conference](#), February 2-4, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention](#), February 9-13, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | February](#), February 11, 2021, 2:00pm
- **VIRTUAL:** [NIH Science of Behavior Change \(SOBC\) Capstone Conference](#), February 22-23, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations Annual Meeting](#), February 25-26, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | March](#), March 11, 2021, 2:00pm
- **VIRTUAL:** [Society for Personality Assessment Annual Convention](#), March 17-20, 2021

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@coossa.org.

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Midwest Sociological Society
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Rural Sociological Society
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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

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