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NIH Working Group Presents Report on Opportunities in Basic Behavioral and Social Science Research

During the May 20-21 [meeting](#) of the Council of Councils at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a Working Group on Basic Behavioral and Social Science Research (bBSSR) presented a [report](#) analyzing past support for basic research on behavioral and social phenomena related to health and areas ripe for additional study. The working group report, co-chaired by the Director of NIH's Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) Dr. Bill Riley, looks at the historical trends of basic research at NIH and identifies potential trans-NIH opportunities to fill gaps in the agency's efforts. The presentation touched on several trends in NIH basic behavioral and social science research, including the proportions of basic to applied research and neuroscientific and non-neuroscientific research at NIH over time. Several research topics were identified as needing more basic research including behavioral, cognitive, and social neuroscience; sleep and sex; epigenetics; infectious diseases; social interactions and health; maintaining behavior change; health processes; and the science of science. Although some concerns were raised by Council members about the absence of research on abuse and neglect, the findings of the report were generally well received. The report is available in full on the [NIH website](#).

New from COSSA

2020 COSSA Annual Report Released

COSSA's [2020 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](#).

**FROM THE ARCHIVES: Waterman Award to Lawrence H. Summers
(April 10, 1987)**

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.

A young Harvard economist is the first social or behavioral scientist to win the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Alan T. Waterman Award. That award, established in 1975 to honor the first director of the Foundation, is given annually to an American citizen or permanent resident who is 35 years of age or younger or has received the Ph.D. degree within the past five years. The recipient receives a medal and up to \$500,000 in grants for three years of scientific research at an institution of his or her choice. The presentation of the award to Summers will be made on May 20 at a formal dinner held at the Department of State in Washington.

Summers is widely regarded as one of the outstanding economists of his generation. He has taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Harvard University, where he received the Ph.D. in 1982 and became a full professor of economics in 1983. He has served on the staff of the Council of Economic Advisers, has been a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a member of the Brookings Panel on Economic Activity, is currently serving on the NSF economics advisory panel, and edits the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. In 1986, he received the Presidential Young Investigator award, administered by NSF, which provides five years of research support[...]

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**“Why Social Science?” Focuses on Combatting Hate and Discrimination
Against Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders**



This latest *Why Social Science?* guest post comes from Kevin Carriere, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Washington & Jefferson College, who writes about how insights from the social sciences can be used to help overcome biases and stereotypes against Asian Americans. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Congressional News

House Sends Slate of Science Bills to the Senate

On May 17, the House of Representatives approved a group of bills introduced in the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee that aim to make the U.S. science enterprise more equitable, safe, and fair. Four bills, the [Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act](#) (H.R. 144), the [STEM Opportunities Act](#) (H.R. 204), the [MSI STEM Achievement Act](#) (H.R. 2027), and the [Combatting Sexual Harassment in Science Act](#) (H.R. 2695) were introduced by Science Committee Chair Eddie Bernice Johnson and were endorsed by COSSA. The *Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act* would authorize the National Science Foundation (NSF) to establish a two-year pilot program to award grants to highly qualified early-career investigators to carry out an independent research program. The *STEM Opportunities Act* would provide for guidance, data collection, and grants for groups historically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at higher education institutions and at federal science agencies. The *MSI STEM Achievement Act* would require the NSF to award grants for building the capacity of minority-serving institutions (MSIs) to increase the number and success of their students in the STEM workforce. The *Combatting Sexual Harassment in Science Act* (see COSSA's [previous coverage](#)) would expand research on the causes and consequences of sexual harassment in the STEM workforce as well as direct data to influence policy to reduce the negative impacts of sexual harassment. The House also passed the [Rural STEM Education Act](#) (H.R. 210), introduced by House Science Committee Ranking Member Frank Lucas (R-OK), which would direct NSF to support research regarding STEM education in rural schools. These and other STEM-related bills may be rolled in with other, sweeping NSF authorizing legislation in the future, such as the NSF for the Future Act (see [previous coverage](#)).

Executive Branch News

Social Scientist Nicholas Carnes Named Co-Winner of NSF's Waterman Award

On May 11, the National Science Foundation (NSF) [named](#) two co-winners of the 2021 Alan T. Waterman Award, the agency's highest honor for early-career scientists. One of the co-winners, Dr. Nicholas Carnes, is a social scientist from Duke University who was recognized for research on the social determinants affecting people's pursuit of public or community service. The Waterman Award was [presented](#) to the winners at the National Science Board (NSB) meeting on May 18-19.

"Getting involved in public service is a really time-consuming and really complicated process. The challenge for scientists is understanding all the links in the chain," Carnes stated in recorded remarks during the NSB meeting. The award also comes with a grant of \$1 million for the awardee's research over the next five years. More information about the Waterman Award is available on the [NSF website](#).

NIH Launches New Bridge2AI Program

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Common Fund has established a new program, Bridge to Artificial Intelligence (Bridge2AI), which aims to generate flagship data sets and best practices for the collection and preparation of Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML)-ready data to address biomedical and behavioral research grand challenges. The program plans to support several interdisciplinary Data Generation Projects ([OTA-21-008](#)) and one complementary cross-cutting Integration, Dissemination and Evaluation (BRIDGE) Center ([NOT-RM-21-021](#)). The new program was the subject of a [recent post](#) on the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Director's blog. NIH will also host a [series of webinars and virtual events](#) in June to share more information about the program with prospective applications.

COSSA Member Spotlight

Kathleen Cagney, University of Chicago Sociologist, to Head Michigan's ISR

Kathleen A. Cagney, professor of sociology and director of the University of Chicago's Population Research Center, has been [named](#) the next director of the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research (ISR). Cagney will also hold research professorships in ISR's Survey Research Center and Population Studies Center. Her research examines social inequality and its relationship to health with a focus on neighborhood, race, and aging and the life course. Cagney will succeed David Lam, who has directed the Institute since 2015, and will return to the faculty. She will assume her new position on September 1.

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- 5/19/2021: [Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Letter on Investment in Medical Research Infrastructure](#)
- 5/18/2021: [FY 2022 Testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies](#)
- 5/12/2021: [Coalition for International Education Letter to House Appropriators on FY 2022 Funding for HEA-Title VI and Fulbright-Hays](#)
- [COSSA 2020 Annual Report](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- AAAS/Subaru: [SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books](#) (Closes: July 19, 2021)
- AAAS/Kavli Foundation: [Science Journalism Awards](#) (Closes: July 15, 2021)
- AAAS: [2022 Award for Science Diplomacy](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)
- AAAS: [2022 Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)
- AAAS: [2022 Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)
- AAAS: [2022 Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)
- AAAS: [2022 John P. McGovern Award Lecture in the Behavioral Sciences](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)
- AAAS: [2022 Mentor Awards](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)
- AAAS: [Newcomb Cleveland Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)

- AAAS: [2022 Philip Hauge Abelson Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2021)
- **NEW:** Commerce/BEA: [Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: June 12, 2021)

New & Expiring Funding Opportunities

- DOD/Minerva: [FY 2021 Minerva Research Initiative Grants Notice](#) (Closes: September 29, 2021)
- NSF: [Program on Fairness in Artificial Intelligence in Collaboration with Amazon \(FAI\)](#) (Closes: August 3, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/UNITE: [Understanding and Addressing the Impact of Structural Racism and Discrimination on Minority Health and Health Disparities \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: July 20, 2021)
- Trans-Atlantic Platform/NSF: [Recovery, Renewal and Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World \(RRR\)](#) (LOIs Due: June 14, 2021; Closes: July 12, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/OBSSR: [Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Eliminate Oral Health Disparities \(UG3/UH3 Clinical Trials Optional\)](#) (Closes: June 8, 2021)
- NIH/NCI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Telehealth in Cancer Care](#) (Closes: June 5, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIMH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): COVID-19 Related School Disruptions Impact on Mental Health, Cognitive, Social, and Emotional Development of Children](#) (Closes: June 5, 2021)

[More funding opportunities.](#)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- ED: [Proposed Priorities and Definitions - Education Innovation and Research - COVID-19 and Equity](#) (Closes: June 2, 2021)
- NIH/NIAID: [Request for information \(RFI\) on enhancing the science for the Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes \(ECHO\) program](#) (Closes: May 25, 2021)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- NIH/NCI: [Health Communication Fellowship in Behavioral Research](#)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIGMS: [Technical Writer-Editor, Communications and Public Liaison Branch](#) (Closes: May 28, 2021)

Upcoming Events

- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Workshop: Teaching and the Teacher Workforce amid the Struggles of COVID-19 and for Racial Justice](#), June 1-2, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting](#), June 2-4, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** NASEM Webinar: [Advancing the Well-Being of LGBTQI+ Populations](#), June 7, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | June](#), June 10, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | July](#), July 8, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NIH Common Fund Bridge2AI Program Town Hall](#), June 9, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NIH Common Fund Bridge2AI Data Generation Project Module Microlabs](#), June 14, 16, and 18, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NIH Common Fund Bridge2AI Grand Challenge Team Building Expo](#), June 23, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Summit: Addressing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Anti-Racism in 21st Century STEMM Organizations](#), June 29-30, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [Research!America Reaching the Peak: A Science and Technology Career Summit](#), June 30, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), July 29 - August 1, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [American Sociological Association Annual Meeting](#), August 6-10, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), August 8-12, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | August](#), August 12, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [American Psychological Association Annual Convention](#), August 12-14, 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@coffa.org.

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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 successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

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