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## Featured News

### OSTP Prepares Upcoming Research Security Guidance

On August 10, Dr. Eric Lander, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) [announced](#) the Biden Administration's intent to develop guidance for federal agencies to implement research security provisions over the following 90 days. The guidance would provide clear rules for federal agencies to comply with the [National Security Presidential Memorandum \(NSPM-33\)](#), issued in the final days of the Trump Administration. Among other provisions, NSPM-33 recommends standard research security measures across federal research agencies and clarifies disclosure requirements of foreign support for federally-funded scientists (see [previous COSSA coverage](#) for more details). In addition, on August 11, leadership from OSTP and the National Science Foundation (NSF) met with a [private forum](#) of leaders from around the academic and research community to discuss feedback on the implementation guidance.

Lander's announcement states the NSPM-33 guidance will address three major areas within research security:

1. disclosure policies for foreign funding and potential conflicts of interest,
2. oversight and enforcement policies for research security violations, and
3. support for research security programs at federally funded research organizations.

The announcement also asserts that while these policies are intended to counteract espionage efforts such as those undertaken by the Chinese government, efforts will be

made to avoid fueling anti-Asian discrimination and xenophobia. OSTP will be accepting community and stakeholder feedback on the NSPM-33 guidance at [researchsecurity@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:researchsecurity@ostp.eop.gov) through the 90 days following the announcement.

## New from COSSA

### September Headlines to Feature Deep Dive with IES Director

COSSA members can sign up for the monthly Headlines webchat to catch up on the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month and answer your questions. Stick around for our deep dive discussion on the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), with **IES Director Mark Schneider**. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat [here](#).



### FROM THE ARCHIVES: House, Senate Agree to Kill Technology Office (July 31, 1995)

*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 House-Senate conference committee on the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill has agreed to kill the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA). The House had voted to move OT A's functions to the Congressional Research Service and provided \$15 million of Library of Congress appropriations for that purpose. OT A's budget in FY 1995 was \$22 million. An attempt by Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-SC) to save the Office during Senate consideration of the appropriations bill on July 20 failed when his amendment was tabled by a vote of 54-45.

Created in 1972 to provide technical advice to the Congress, OT A produced numerous reports on various scientific and technical matters during its 23-year history. Despite some bipartisan support in both Houses, the conference committee agreed with Sen. Harry Reid's (D-NV) assessment that OTA was "a luxury" we can no longer afford.

[Read more from this issue.](#)

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## Executive Branch News

### OSTP and NSF Request Input on National Resource for Artificial Intelligence Research

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) have issued a request for information (RFI) developing an implementation roadmap for a shared artificial intelligence (AI) research infrastructure. The RFI was issued through the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource Task Force, which was directed by Congress to establish a "shared research infrastructure that would provide Artificial Intelligence (AI) researchers and students across scientific

disciplines with access to computational resources, high-quality data, educational tools, and user support.” More information about the RFI is available in the [Federal Register notice](#). Comments are due by October 1, 2021.

## Census Nominee Receives Committee Approval as Delayed 2020 Data Released

On August 4, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs [voted](#) (10-4) to advance the nomination of Dr. Robert Santos to lead the Census Bureau (see [previous coverage](#)). Santos now moves to consideration by the full Senate, but the timing of a vote to confirm him remains unclear. Ron Jarmin remains Acting Director of the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau [released](#) redistricting data from the 2020 Census on August 14, the second major data release from the decennial census. Compared with the previously released apportionment data, the redistricting data paints a much more detailed geographic and demographic picture of the U.S. population. The release of the data had been delayed due to the disruptions caused by the pandemic, a source of concerns for states who rely on it to draw voting district boundaries. The data files are also the first to be protected using differential privacy, a technique that protects individual records from reidentification by adding a carefully calibrated level of “noise” to the data. More information about the data is available on the [Census Bureau’s website](#).

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## Science Community News

### National Academies Seeking Director for the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) [announced](#) a position opening for the Board Director of the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences (BBCSS). The Director is responsible for leading the cross-disciplinary body supporting programs, sponsorships, employee development within the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). More information is available on the [NASEM website](#).

## Resources & Opportunities

### Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** DOC/Census: [Request for Nominations of Members to Serve on the Census Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: September 30, 2021)
- DOC/Census: [Call for Nominations: National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations](#) (Closes: September 30, 2021)
- NSF: [2022 Alan T. Waterman Award](#) (Closes: September 20, 2021)

### Funding Opportunities

- NSF: [Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: October 19, 2021)
- NSF: [Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning \(RETTL\)](#) (Closes: October 18, 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)

- DOD/Minerva: [FY 2021 Minerva Research Initiative Grants Notice](#) (Closes: September 29, 2021)
- NSF: [Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages \(DLI-DEL\)](#) (Closes: September 15, 2021)
- ED/IES: [Education Research \(FY 2022\)](#) (Closes: September 9, 2021)
- ED/IES: [Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences](#) (Closes: September 9, 2021)
- ED/IES: [Research Grants Focused on Systematic Replication](#) (Closes: September 9, 2021)
- ED/IES: [Research to Accelerate Pandemic Recovery in Special Education-2](#) (Closes: September 9, 2021)
- NSF: [Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Frontiers \(SaTC Frontiers\)](#) (LOI Due: September 7, 2021) (Closes: November 17, 2021)

## Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** OSTP: [Implementation of National Security Presidential Memorandum-33](#) (Closes: October 8, 2021)
- **NEW:** OSTP: [Request for Information on an Implementation Plan for a National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource](#) (Closes: October 10, 2021)
- Congress: [Social Determinants of Health Caucus - Request for Information](#) (Closes: September 21, 2021)

## Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** NSF: [American Rescue Plan and COVID-19 Response Update](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Short-term Strategies for Addressing the Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women's Workforce Participation](#)

## Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Board Director - Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM/UW-Madison: [National Academies Civic Science Fellowship](#) (Closes: September 13, 2021)
- NSF: [Assistant Director for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences \(SBE\)](#) (Closes: September 13, 2021)

## Upcoming Events

- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines & Deep Dive on the Institute of Education Sciences](#), September 9, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Webinar: Understanding and Addressing Disparities in Midlife Mortality](#), September 21, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NIH Workshop: Food Insecurity, Neighborhood Food Environment, and Nutrition Health Disparities: State of the Science](#), September 21-23, 2021
- [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#), September 29 - October 3, 2021, Seattle, WA
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Webinar: Transforming the Financing of Early Care and Education](#), October 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | October](#), October 14, 2021
- [Economic History Association Annual Meeting](#), October 29-31, 2021, Tucson, AZ
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Webinar: Promoting the Educational Success of Children and Youth Learning English](#), November 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference](#), November 2-5, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [APA Technology, Mind & Society Conference](#), November 3-5, 2021

- [Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting](#), November 4-7, 2021, Orlando, FL
- **VIRTUAL:** [Evaluation 2021 \(American Evaluation Association\)](#), November 8-12, 2021
- [Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences Annual Meeting](#), November 10-13, 2021, Portland OR
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | November](#), November 11, 2021
- [Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Research Conference](#), November 11-13, 2021, Austin, TX
- [Social Science History Association Annual Conference, November 11-14, 2021](#), Philadelphia, PA
- **VIRTUAL:** [African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 16-20, 2021
- [American Society for Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 17-20, Chicago, IL
- **HYBRID:** [American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting](#), November 17-21, Baltimore, MD
- [National Communication Association Annual Convention](#), November 18-21, 2021, Seattle, WA
- [Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention](#), November 18-21, 2021, New Orleans, LA
- [History of Science Society Annual Meeting](#), November 18, 2021, New Orleans, LA

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@cossa.org](mailto:jmilton@cossa.org).

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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  
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 Linguistic Society of America  
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 Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
 Society for Research in Child Development

### Membership Organizations

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 American Council of Learned Societies  
 American Evaluation Association  
 American Historical Association  
 Association for Behavioral and Cognitive

### Colleges and Universities

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 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Chicago

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  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Council on Family Relations  
Rural Sociological Society  
Social Science History Association  
Society for Personality Assessment  
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  
Southwestern Social Science Association

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#### **About COSSA**

*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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