Featured News

Biden Administration Names Nancy La Vigne, Criminologist & COSSA Board Member, to Lead National Institute of Justice

On May 4, it was announced that President Biden has appointed Dr. Nancy La Vigne to be the next Director of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). La Vigne, a distinguished criminal justice researcher, brings a wealth of experience in criminal justice policy, research, and non-profit leadership. Formerly a senior fellow at the Council on Criminal Justice, La Vigne holds a Ph.D. in criminal justice from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, a master’s degree in public affairs from the University of Texas-Austin, and a bachelor’s degree in government and economics from Smith College. She has over a decade of experience in various roles at the Urban Institute, a DC-based social research organization, including as vice president of justice policy and as director of Urban’s Justice Policy Center. She also served a previous stint at NIJ as the founding director of the Crime Mapping Research Center and as special assistant to the Office of Justice Programs’ (OJP) Assistant Attorney General. Prior to her appointment as NIJ director, La Vigne held a seat on COSSA’s Board of Directors as a representative for the American Society for Criminology (ASC). The announcement is available on the OJP website.

New from COSSA

May Headlines to Feature Deep Dive on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Science

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the
**Executive Branch News**

**Biden Administration Names DOD’s Karin Orvis as Chief Statistician**

On April 29, it was announced that President Biden would name Karin Orvis as the permanent Chief Statistician of the United States at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), a position that has been vacant for more than two years. Orvis comes to OMB with experience from the Department of Defense (DOD), having previously served as the director of DOD’s Defense Suicide Prevention Office, as acting principal director of military community and family policy, and as director of DOD’s Transition to Veterans Program Office.

The role of Chief Statistician has not had a permanent director since Nancy Potok retired from the role at the end of 2019. The Chief Statistician is responsible for coordinating policy across the network of agencies within the federal statistical system and is a leader in data policy and evidence-based policymaking. As Chief Statistician, Orvis will also serve on the White House Equitable Data Working Group that released a series of recommendations to promote equity in federal data a few weeks prior (see previous COSSA coverage). More information about the appointment is available here.

**Biden Reappoints Two NSB Members, More Appointments yet to be Announced**

On May 4, President Biden announced his intention to reappoint two members to the National Science Board (NSB) for the 2022-2028 term. Vice President for Research at the University of the District of Columbia and NSB Vice-Chair Dr. Victor McReary and Executive Emeritus of Sandia National Laboratories Dr. Julia Phillips are both sitting members of NSB and will now serve a second six-year term starting on May 10. Six other NSB members will have their terms expire on May 10 and President Biden has not indicated whom he intends to fill the vacancies. Of the departing members, three have served two terms and are not eligible for reappointment, opening positions for new membership on the board. COSSA will continue to watch for updates on NSB appointments in the future. The appointment announcement is available on the White House website.

**NSF Launches Regional Innovation Engines Program at New Directorate**

The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) has announced the establishment of a new program and funding opportunity called the NSF Regional Innovation Engines, or NSF Engines. This new program – touting its three core functions as use-inspired research, translation of innovation results to society, and workforce development – aims to develop technology and innovation hubs throughout regions of the United States to bolster economic growth and address societal challenges. The NSF Engines program will provide up to $160 million for up to 10 years to establish each Engine and embed them within the ecosystem of local organizations, businesses, educational institutions, and coalitions. This program is the first of its kind being launched by the TIP Directorate, which currently houses popular, established NSF programs such as the SBIR/STTR program, the Convergence Accelerator, the NSF Innovation Corps (I-Corps), and Partnerships for Innovation. Concept Outlines for the first round of proposal submissions are due on June 30, 2022. More information on the program and submission instructions are available on the NSF website.
Office of Justice Programs Releases New Podcast

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) within the Department of Justice has developed a new official podcast called *Justice Today*, which covers topics related to the criminal justice system and research, including preventing crime, assisting victims of crime, and disseminating criminal justice research and data. Some of the episodes that have been produced so far include:

- April 22, 2022 – An Introduction to *Justice Today*
- April 25, 2022 – Desistance: It’s a Process, Not an Event
- April 27, 2022 – Making Second Chances Work; Reentry from Incarceration
- April 28, 2022 – Chris Poulos: Making the Most of Second Chances

You can listen to the podcast episodes [here](#).

Science Community News

National Academies to Hold Seminar on the Future of Work

On May 31, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) will hold a [public seminar](#) on the Future of Work during the meeting of the Board on Human-Systems Integration. This seminar, which will feature speakers from scientific societies and federal agencies, will focus on various systems-based issues related to the future of work such as building resilience to threats in the future workplace, understanding how human behavior influences algorithmic bias in workplace decision-making, and understanding how to develop diversity, equity, and inclusion in the future workplace. Registration for the event is available [here](#).

Resources & Opportunities

**COSSA Letters & Statements**

- **4/28/22**: Census Project Letter in Support for FY 2023 funding for the Census Bureau
- **4/28/22**: Sign-on Letter in Support for FY 2023 funding for Gun Violence Prevention Research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health
- **4/27/22**: Sign-on Letter in Support for FY 2023 funding for the Data Modernization Initiative at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Nomination Opportunities**

- **NEW**: AHRQ: [Nominations for Members: National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality](#) (Closes: August 1, 2022)
- NSF: [National Medal of Science](#) (Closes: May 20, 2022)

**Funding Opportunities**

- NIH: Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Wellbeing, Illness, and Recovery ([R01 BESH Required](#)) ([R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed](#)) ([R01 Clinical Trial Required](#)) (Opens: May 21, 2022) (Closes: June 22, 2024)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Validation of Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Tools for Improved Assessment in Epidemiological, Clinical, and Intervention Research](#) (Closes: March 9, 2024)
Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NEW: ED/IES: Request for Information on the Existence and Use of Large Datasets to Address Education Research Questions (Closes: May 31, 2022)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NEW: OJP: Justice Today podcast

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- OJP/NIJ: Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Closes: May 17, 2022)

Upcoming Events

- COSSA Headlines | May, May 12, 2022
- NASEM Webinar: Co-Producing Knowledge with Communities: Equity in Federal Research Programs, May 12, 2022
- American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, May 12-15, 2022, Chicago, IL
- NASEM Workshop: Structural Racism and Rigorous Models of Social Inequity, May 16-17, 2022, Washington, DC
- Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, May 31-June 3, 2022, Seattle, WA
- NIH Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Sciences Honors, June 3, 2022
- COSSA Headlines | June, June 9, 2022
- NSF Virtual Grants Conference, June 6-10, 2022, Alexandria, VA
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, July 13-16, 2022, Lisbon, Portugal
- COSSA Headlines | July, July 14, 2022
- American Psychological Association Annual Convention, August 4-7, 2022, Minneapolis, MN
- Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, August 4-7, 2022, Denver, CO
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 5-9, 2022, Los Angeles, CA
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 bgoodrich@cossa.org.

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- Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
- Cornell Center for Social Sciences
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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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