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## 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

monthly [COSSA Headlines](#) webinar on Thursday, May 12, in which COSSA staff will break down the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month. The May webinar will feature a deep dive discussion with the American Psychological Association's Mitch Prinstein and Mia Bynum on diversity, equity, and inclusion in science. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webinar [here](#).



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## 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](#).

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## 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)

- NIH: [Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers \(MOSAIC\) Institutionally-Focused Research Education Award to Promote Diversity](#) (Closes: November 16, 2023)
- **NEW:** NSF/TIP: [Convergence Accelerator Phases 1 and 2](#) (LOI Due: May 31, 2022) (Closes: July 20, 2022)
- **NEW:** NSF/TIP: [NSF Regional Innovation Engines \(NSF Engines\) Program](#) (Concept Outline due: June 30, 2022)
- NIH: [Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory - Pragmatic and Implementation Trials of Embedded Interventions](#) (Closes: June 18, 2022)
- NIH/NCI: [Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: June 16, 2022)
- NIH/NCI: [Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health \(R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (Closes: June 16, 2022)
- NIH/NCI: [Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: June 5, 2022)
- NIH: [BRAIN Initiative: Targeted BRAIN Circuits Projects- TargetedBCP \(R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (Closes: June 1, 2022)
- NIH: [BRAIN Initiative: Targeted BRAIN Circuits Planning Projects – TargetedBCPP \(R34 Clinical Trials Not Allowed\)](#) (Closes: June 1, 2022)
- NSF: [Incorporating Human Behavior in Epidemiological Models \(IHBEM\)](#) (Closes: May 15, 2022)
- SSRC: [The Mercury Project: Call for Proposals](#) (rolling deadline)

## 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
- [NASEM Webinar: The Future of Work](#), May 31, 2022
- [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

- [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), August 6-11, 2022, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Headlines | August, August 11, 2022](#)

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](mailto:bgoodrich@cossa.org).

## COSSA Members

### Governing Associations

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  
 American Statistical Association  
 Law and Society Association  
 Linguistic Society of America  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 Population Association of America  
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
 Society for Research in Child Development

### Membership Organizations

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
 African Studies Association  
 American Association of Geographers  
 American Council of Learned Societies  
 American Evaluation Association  
 American Historical Association  
 Association for Behavioral and Cognitive 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  
 Economic History Association  
 History of Science Society  
 Midwest Sociological Society  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Communication Association  
 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

### Colleges and Universities

Boston University  
 Brown University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Duke University  
 George Mason University  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard University  
 Indiana University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Michigan State University  
 North Carolina State University  
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 Ohio State University, The  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Princeton University  
 Stanford University  
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 University of California, Berkeley  
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 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Illinois  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Texas, Austin  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 Virginia Tech  
 West Virginia University  
 Yale University

### Centers and Institutes

American Academy of Political and Social Science  
 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences  
 Cornell Center for Social Sciences

Southern Political Science Association  
Southwestern Social Science Association

## Affiliates

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Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan  
Institute for Social Science Research,  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
NORC at the University of Chicago  
RTI International  
Social Science Research Council

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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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