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## Featured News

### Renee Wegrzyn to be Named Inaugural Director of ARPA-H

On September 12, the Biden Administration released [an announcement](#) of the intent to appoint Renee Wegrzyn, Ph.D. as the inaugural director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). The announcement for permanent leadership at the nascent agency has been anticipated since ARPA-H's creation earlier this spring. Anthropologist Adam Russell has been leading the agency in the interim as Acting Deputy Director since May 2022 (see [previous COSSA coverage](#)).

Dr. Wegrzyn comes to ARPA-H with a wealth of experience in biotechnology, including synthetic biology, gene editing, and biosecurity. She previously served in the private sector as vice president of business development at Ginkgo Bioworks and Head of Innovation at Concentric by Ginkgo. Prior to her work at Ginkgo, Wegrzyn was a program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) in the Biological Technologies Office and has also worked with the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA). She served on scientific advisory boards from both the private and public sectors including for the National Academies of Science Board on Army Research and Development, the Air Force Research Labs, and the Nuclear Threat Initiative. She received her bachelor's and doctorate degrees in applied biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

## Congressional News

### Congress Working to Enact Stopgap Funding

With the start of fiscal year (FY) 2023 fast approaching on October 1, lawmakers are working to negotiate the terms of a continuing resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown at the end of the month. As [previously reported](#), House and Senate appropriators have released the details of their respective proposals for FY 2023 funding; however, negotiations on a final FY 2023 funding package will not be completed before the start of the new fiscal year in less than three weeks. House and Senate leaders are proposing a CR that would fund the government through December 16. If enacted, the House and Senate will table their work on the annual spending bills until after the midterm elections in November. However, the outlook for completing the FY 2023 appropriations process remains unclear as the bills' futures depend heavily on the outcome of the elections and whether the balance of power shifts in the House and Senate next year. Stay tuned to [COSSA's coverage](#) of the FY 2023 appropriations process.

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## Executive Branch News

### White House Releases Update on Research Security Measures, Calls for Public Feedback

On August 31, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) released [a memo](#) providing updates on the Federal government's progress in implementing National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM)-33, the hallmark research security policy that has been in development since early 2021 ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). According to the memo, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Subcommittee on Research Security within OSTP has been coordinating across the Federal science agencies to develop standardized research security rules (for example, guidelines for researchers to disclose potential conflicts of interest) and is now ready for public comment on the draft research security measures.

The White House memo provides updates on the steps taken to get to this point, including the many engagement sessions with various stakeholders from across the U.S. research community to incorporate their feedback. In addition, the memo states that the NSTC Subcommittee on Research Security will be releasing a public report in the Fall to include recommendations and findings from these engagement sessions and that more sessions will be scheduled in the future. The memo also provides updates on other research security items including the development of standardized disclosure requirements across the Federal research enterprise, the use of virtual identification to verify research applications, and guidelines for institutional research security programs as required by the newly passed *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* ([see COSSA's analysis](#)).

Stakeholder feedback on the research security provisions is now being accepted and coordinated between the White House and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Comments will be accepted through October 31, 2022 through the [Federal Register](#). More information is available on the [White House website](#).

### Criminologist Alexis R. Piquero Sworn in as New Justice Statistics Director

On August 15, Alexis R. Piquero, Ph.D., was [sworn in](#) as Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) within the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Dr. Piquero, who takes the helm of the statistical agency primarily responsible for data related to crime and the justice system, was appointed by President Biden back in June. Piquero is a decorated criminologist, researcher, and author with over 25 years of experience and

has been appointed to positions at organizations such as the National Academy of Sciences and OJP's Science Advisory Board. Prior to his leadership at BJS, Piquero served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He holds a bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Maryland, College Park. More information about Dr. Piquero is available on the [BJS website](#).

## OMB Launches New Public Listening Sessions on Federal Race and Ethnicity Standards Revision

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced that it is working to improve race and ethnicity standards across the Federal government by revising their [Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity](#). Specifically, OMB is seeking to understand whether current reporting standards should be changed to address detailed race and ethnic groups, whether formatting changes should be considered, and ways that the guidance for the collection and reporting of race and ethnicity data can be improved. OMB will be scheduling [private listening sessions](#) to hear from members of the public beginning on September 15, 2022. To schedule a session, email [Statistical\\_Directives@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov).

## Minerva Research Initiative Announces FY 2022 University Grant Opportunities

The Minerva Research Initiative, the signature social science research program within the Department of Defense (DOD), has [announced](#) university research grant opportunities for fiscal year (FY) 2022 and listed several target research topics for the program. Minerva aims to apply social science research to critical national security questions and inform broader DOD decision-making based on this research. DOD has stated they are particularly interested in applications that would support the goals of the soon-to-be-public [2022 National Defense Strategy](#). The following topics are listed as key areas of interest for applications to address:

- Socio-economic Vulnerability to Climate Change
- Deterrence in the Future Operating Environment
- Russian Speakers in Online Spaces
- Power and Influence in the Era of Strategic Competition
- The Arctic as a Polar Crossroads
- Management and Information in the Defense Environment

White paper submissions are due October 14. More information is available [here](#).

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## Science Community News

### National Academies to Host Seminar on The Future of Education Research at IES

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM) will be hosting a symposium, [The Future is Now: Advancing and Sustaining an Equity-Oriented Science](#), on September 20. The event will discuss innovative ways to improve equity in education through research and feature highlights from the recent NAEM report, [The Future of Education Research at IES: Advancing an Equity-Oriented Science](#) (see [previous COSSA coverage](#)). This symposium will take place at the NAEM's Keck Center in Washington, D.C. and will be available virtually.

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## COSSA Member Spotlight

### Linguistics Society of America Seeks Executive Director

The Linguistics Society of America (LSA), a governing member of COSSA, has [announced](#) they are searching for candidates for a full-time Executive Director. According to the announcement, the Executive Director will be responsible for supporting the LSA Executive Committee, strategic planning, financial administration, management of staff, membership retention and recruitment, events including LSA's Annual Meeting, and other public facing activities. More information is available on the [LSA website](#). Applications will be accepted through October 14.

## PAA to Host Symposium on Demography and Rural Well-being

The [Population Association of America](#) (PAA), a COSSA governing member, is hosting a Rural Policy Symposium to discuss potential policy solutions to promote sustainability and well-being in rural populations. The symposium will also feature panel discussions by experts from the Rural Population Research Network (RPRN), an initiative supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to translate research into policy-relevant solutions for rural communities. The symposium will be held on Friday, September 16. Online registration is available [here](#).

## Midwest Political Science Association Call for Submissions

The Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) is accepting [proposal submissions](#) for their 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. The conference will take place April 13-16, 2023 in Chicago. Submissions will close on October 7, 2022.

# Resources & Opportunities

## COSSA Letters & Statements

- 9/8/2022: [Census Project Letter to Congress on FY 2023 Funding for the Census Bureau](#)

## Nomination Opportunities

- AAPSS: [Daniel Patrick Moynihan Prize](#) (Closes: October 26, 2022)

## Funding Opportunities

- NIH: [HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants \(R01 - Clinical Trials Optional\)](#) (Opens: January 2, 2023) (Closes: February 2, 2023)
- NIH: [Galvanizing Health Equity Through Novel and Diverse Educational Resources \(GENDER\) Research Education R25 \(R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (Opens: September 27, 2022) (Closes: October 27, 2022)
- **NEW:** DOD: [Minerva Research Initiative Grant](#) (White Papers due: October 14, 2022)
- NIH: [Preventive Interventions to Address Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in Populations that Experience Health Disparities](#) (Closes: October 5, 2022)
- NIH: [Stimulating Research to Understand and Address Hunger, Hood and Nutrition Insecurity](#) (Closes: October 5, 2022)

## Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- DOC / Census: [Soliciting Input or Suggestions on 2030 Census Preliminary Research](#) (Closes: November 15, 2022)
- **NEW:** OSTP/NSF: [Request for Comment Regarding Common Disclosure Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#) (Closes: October 31, 2022)
- **NEW:** MPSA: [Annual Conference Call for Papers, Roundtables, and Complete](#)

- Panel Proposals (Closes: October 7, 2022)
- OSTP: [RFI Federal Evidence Agenda on LGBTQI+ Equity](#) (Closes: October 3, 2022)
- NEW:** OMB: [Scheduling Private Listening Sessions on Federal Race and Ethnicity Standards Revision](#)

## Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NEW:** OSTP: [An Update on Research Security: Streamlining Disclosure Standards to Enhance Clarity, Transparency, and Equity](#)

## Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- NEW:** LSA: [Executive Director](#) (Closes: October 14, 2022)
- LSA: [Membership Director](#) (Closes: September 19, 2022)
- SRCD: [Director for Policy](#) (rolling deadline)
- NASEM: [Director of the Board on Human-Systems Integration](#) (rolling deadline)

## Upcoming Events

- [PAA Rural Policy Symposium: Population Matters: Demography and Well-being in America](#), September 16, 2022
- [NASEM Webinar: The Future is Now: Advancing and Sustaining an Equity-Oriented Science](#), September 20, 2022
- [Webinar on Implementing the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy, Part 2](#), September 22, 2022
- [Intro to NSF's Directorate Intro to Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships \(TIP\) Meeting](#), September 27
- [Council of Colleges of Arts and Science Annual Meeting](#), November 2-5, 2022, Washington, DC
- [American Evaluation Association Annual Evaluation Conference](#), November 7-13, 2022, New Orleans, LA
- [American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting](#), November 9-13, 2022, Washington, DC
- [American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 16-19, 2022, Atlanta, GA
- [National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference](#), November 16-19, 2022, Minneapolis, MN
- [Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference](#), November 17-19, 2022 Washington, DC
- [African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 17-19, 2022, Philadelphia, PA
- [Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention](#), November 17-20, 2022, New York City, NY
- [National Communication Society Annual Convention](#), November 17-20, 2022, New Orleans, LA
- [History of Science Society Annual Meeting](#), November 17-20, Chicago, IL

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).

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Management  
Association of Academic Survey Research  
Organizations  
Association of American Law Schools  
Association of Research Libraries  
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Midwest Sociological Society  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Communication Association  
National Council on Family Relations  
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Southern Political Science Association  
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University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
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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  
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Social Science Research Council

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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.*

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*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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