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## Featured News

### National Academies Calls for Nominations for Study on Improving Economic and Social Mobility

The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's (NASEM) Committee on Population (CPOP) and Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) are leading a consensus study to identify gaps in knowledge on the influences on economic and social mobility in the U.S. Recognizing the prevalence of inequalities in income, wealth, health, and life across the U.S., the study will seek to understand how such inequalities are influenced by policy interventions and how they vary across different population groups. NASEM invites [nominations](#) for individuals to serve on the committee. Expertise is sought in the following areas: economics, sociology, demography, statistics/methodology, psychology, political science, public policy, evaluation, and population geography. [Nominations](#) will close on December 16.

## New from COSSA

**Big Changes Coming in 118<sup>th</sup> Congress; Watch COSSA's Post-Election Webinar**

While some races still need to be called, notably, the Senate race in Georgia, there are some things we can be certain about now that we are past the November midterm elections. For example, come January 3 and the swearing-in of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress:

- Republicans will take control of the House of Representatives for the first time since 2018.
- Even with the change in party in the House and the still unknown outcome in the Senate, razor thin party margins will continue, resulting in bipartisanship, gridlock, and sometimes both.
- Several champions for science will not be returning next year, requiring that all advocates engage with new elected officials about the value of our work.
- House and Senate committees overseeing funding and policy related to science will see new leadership and members.

COSSA discussed some of these changes and possible committee and leadership shakeups during the [November 17 post-election Headlines webinar](#). A recording is available [here](#).

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## Congressional News

### Congress Returns for Packed Lame Duck Session

Congress returned to Washington after the November midterm elections to a long list of year end to-dos. Two pieces of must-pass legislation still pending include the fiscal year (FY) 2023 appropriations bills and the FY 2023 *National Defense Authorization Act* ([NDAA](#)). As is common, either bill could become the vehicle for other legislative priorities (such as aid to Ukraine) that Congress is hoping to enact before the end of the calendar year. However, the path to the finish line has not yet been made clear. Current funding for the federal government expires on [December 16](#). While we expect lawmakers to complete work on FY 2023 appropriations this year through passage of an omnibus spending package, another short-term continuing resolution may be needed to give Congress a few more days to put it together. It is unclear at this time what else, if anything, may be attached to a final FY 2023 funding package. Follow COSSA's appropriations coverage [here](#).

Lawmakers are also hoping to pass bills in these last few weeks related to marriage equality and election reform. The [Respect for Marriage Act](#) (H.R. 8404) could see passage in the Senate in the coming days after which it will return to the House for a final vote. In addition, the [Presidential Election Reform Act](#) (H.R. 8873) is also being considered in the Senate and could see a vote before the end of the year. This bill, which comes in direct response to the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol, is intended to clarify the role of the Vice President with respect to certifying state results in presidential elections, among other provisions.

With only a dozen or so working days left in the year, Congress is expected to log several late nights. Stick with COSSA's coverage for the latest developments.

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## Executive Branch News

### Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic Analysis Request Comments on Data Collection Security

The U.S. Census Bureau and US Bureau of Economic Analysis have released a [request for comments](#) related to the collection of data from the public “to fulfill their data security requirements when providing access to restricted use microdata related to evidence building.” As part of the agencies' ongoing implementation of the [Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018](#) (or Evidence Act), the White House of Office

Management and Budget (OMB) established a Standard Application Process (SAP) for researchers to use when requesting access to confidential government data assets. The request for comment related data security requirements seek to understand if the proposed collection of information is necessary, the accuracy of the estimate of the burden and ways to reduce it, and ways to enhance the quality and use of the information. Comments are due by January 9, 2023.

## Application Period Opens for Federal Evaluation Fellowships

The Office of Evaluation Sciences (OES) within the General Services Administration (GSA) has [announced](#) they are accepting applications for their 2023 Annual Fellowships. OES is a team comprised of social science researchers that helps federal agencies evaluate and use evidence in their practice. OES Fellows join the office for a minimum of one year in Washington, DC or remotely. Applications are being accepted for [Fellowships](#) and [Federal Details](#) and will be accepted through January 11, 2023. More information is available on the [OES website](#).

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## Science Community News

### National Academies Releases New Report on Reducing Racial Inequality in Crime and Justice

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) recently released a new report, [Reducing Racial Inequality in Crime and Justice: Science, Practice, and Policy](#). The report addresses disparities faced by people of color in the criminal justice system that result from systemic racism and the policies and practices that reinforce it. It highlights evidence-based policy interventions, focusing on reforming the criminal justice system and developing strategies to strengthen community reforms. Recommendations for reforming the criminal justice system include eliminating cash bail, reducing drug incarceration and felony sentences, discarding the death penalty, and more, while community reforms include health and early development strategies, improving economic opportunities, and increasing public investments. The report reinforces the need for evidence-based intervention and acknowledges the need for continued research and policy advancements to address these issues.

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## COSSA Member Spotlight

### COSSA Welcomes Division for Research of the Council for Exceptional Children as New Member

COSSA is excited to welcome [the Division for Research of the Council for Exceptional Children](#) as its newest member! The CEC Division for Research (CEC-DR) is “dedicated to the advancement of research related to the education of individuals with disabilities and/or who are gifted,” and focuses on



engaging and linking practitioners to research in special education. COSSA's full membership list can be found [here](#). Information on how to join is on the [COSSA website](#).

## Resources & Opportunities

### COSSA Letters & Statements

- 11/15/2022: [Friends of IES Letter to OMB Urging Increased Funding for IES in the President's FY 2024 Budget Request](#)

- 11/15/2022: [Friends of IES Letter to Congress on Finalizing FY 2023 Appropriations for IES](#)
- 11/15/2022: [Friends of NCHS Welcome Letter to Incoming NCHS Director Dr. Mary Wakefield](#)
- 11/8/2022: [Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Letter to Congress on Finalizing FY 2023 Appropriations for the National Institutes of Health](#)

## Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Call for Nominations: Research Agenda for Improving Economic and Social Mobility in the United States](#) (Closes: December 16, 2022)
- [Golden Goose Award](#) (Closes: December 16, 2022)
- [SAGE-CASBS Award](#) (Closes: December 9, 2022)

## Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIH: [Administrative Supplements to Recognize Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility \(DEIA\) Mentorship](#) (Closes: February 18, 2023)
- NSF/SBE: [Biological Anthropology Program Senior Research Awards](#) (Opens: January 16, 2023) (Closes: January 26, 2023)
- NIH/Common Fund: [Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society \(ComPASS\) Program: Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative \(OT2\)](#) (Closes: January 23, 2023)
- 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)

## Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** ED/IES: [Comment Request: NCES Data Security Requirements for Accessing Restricted Use Data](#) (Closes: January 24, 2023)
- **NEW:** Census/BEA: [Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request](#) (Closes: January 9, 2023)
- OSTP: [Request for Information: Clinical Research Infrastructure and Emergency Clinical Trials](#) (Closes: December 27, 2022)
- **NEW:** NIH/OD: [Comment Request Application and Impact of Clinical Research Training on Healthcare Professionals in Academia and Clinical Research](#) (Closes: December 17, 2022)
- MPSA: [Call for Proposals: Annual Conference Subfields, Undergraduate Sections and Working Groups](#) (Closes: December 2, 2022)

## Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Reducing Racial Inequality in Crime and Justice](#)

## Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** GSA/OES: [Annual Fellowship](#) (Closes: January 11, 2023)
- SRCD: [2023-2024 State Policy Post-doctoral Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: January 23, 2023)
- SRCD: [2023-2024 Federal Policy Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: January 4, 2023)
- NSF/TIP: [Apply for Openings at the TIP Directorate](#)

## Upcoming Events

- [NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Festival](#), December 8-9, 2022
- [Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting](#), January 3-7, 2023, San Diego, CA
- [Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting](#), January 5-8, 2023, Denver, CO
- [American Historical Association Annual Meeting](#), January 5-8, 2023, Philadelphia,

- PA
- [Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting](#), January 6-8, 2023, New Orleans, LA
- [Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference](#), January 11-15, 2023, Phoenix, AZ
- [Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), January 12-14, 2023, St. Pete Beach, FL
- [Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention](#), February 23-25, 2023, Atlanta, GA

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  
 Division for Research of the Council for Exceptional Children  
 Economic History Association  
 History of Science Society  
 Midwest Sociological Society  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Communication Association

### Colleges and Universities

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 Brown University  
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 Cornell University  
 Duke University  
 George Mason University  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard University  
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 Johns Hopkins University  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
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 North Carolina State University  
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 Princeton University  
 San Diego State University  
 Stanford University  
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 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota  
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 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
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 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Texas, Austin  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 Virginia Tech  
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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  
Southern Political Science Association  
Southwestern Social Science Association

### **Affiliates**

SAGE Publishing  
Wiley

### **Centers and Institutes**

American Academy of Political and Social  
Science  
Center for Advanced Study in the  
Behavioral Sciences  
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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*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  
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and disciplinary associations, scientific  
societies, research centers and institutes,  
and U.S. colleges and universities.*

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