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Featured News

Last Chance to Register for Social Science Advocacy Day!

There are only THREE WEEKS LEFT until COSSA's Social Science Advocacy Day on April 24-25, 2023! There is still room for additional advocates, but time is running out. Don't miss your last chance to join us in Washington, DC and make your voice heard in support of social and behavioral science. Click here to register now.

New from COSSA

COSSA Speaks with University of Michigan Student Press on Top Ranking for Social Science Funding

Recently, Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) Executive Director Wendy Naus spoke with Nadia Taeckens of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor's independent student paper, *The Michigan Daily,* for an article on COSSA's 2023 College & University Rankings for Federal Social & Behavioral Science R&D. For the second year in a row, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor topped COSSA's rankings, beating out universities such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (see previous coverage). In the article, Naus states, "(COSSA has) been using federally collected data to develop the rankings since 2016, because we were really interested (to see) if there was a positive message that could be told to policymakers about how much money is

going to their state and local universities for this research, and it turns out the numbers were really positive."

The full article is available on *The Michigan Daily* website.

Congressional News

Congress on Spring Break, Returns April 18

Lawmakers have left Washington for a two-week spring recess. Upon their return later this month, work will continue on several thorny topics, including negotiations to raise the debt ceiling and setting top-line funding limits for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations bills. Appropriations subcommittees could begin crafting spending legislation over the next couple months, and those measures may include significant cuts to discretionary spending, including for research. As previously reported, House Republicans are seeking to cut non-defense discretionary spending back to FY 2022 levels; however, such cuts will not be supported by the Democrat-controlled Senate, setting the stage for major funding standoffs later this year. Stay tuned to COSSA's coverage of FY 2024 funding.

Executive Branch News

Nominations Open for 2023 James S. Jackson Memorial Award

The National Institute of Mental Health at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking nominations for the 2023 James S. Jackson Memorial Award. This award, named in memoriam for previous University of Michigan Professor of Psychology and former COSSA president James S. Jackson, honors an outstanding researcher with demonstrated exceptional individual achievement and leadership in mental health disparities research. Award recipients will also have shown excellence in mentorship, influence, and defined support of trainees.

Nominations will be accepted through May 10, 2023. Read more information about the award's criteria, application, and selection process here.

Science Community News

SEAN Report Addresses COVID-19 Related Challenges for Individuals with Precarious Employment

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's (NASEM) Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) has released it's latest rapid expert consultation, Addressing COVID-19 Related Challenges Facing Individuals Engaged in Precarious Employment. SEAN provides social, behavioral, and economic science researchers with resources to produce rapid-fire reports and recommendations to influence policy decisions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic (see previous COSSA coverage).

In this latest report, SEAN considers the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on employees in jobs that are considered to have low security, such as jobs with low wages and low benefits. The report found that employees in these positions had less access to benefits such as sick and family leave, wage loss prevention security, and government assistance. SEAN recommends the following strategies to protect employees in low security positions:

1. Expand access to unemployment insurance and paid sick leave for individuals that may not have previously qualified.
2. Improve state occupational health and safety regulations to ensure employees are

not exploited in the workplace.
    3. Engage community partners and work-centered organizations to increase education and training opportunities for employees to recognize exploitation.
    4. Support health and well-being through expanding healthcare and mental healthcare services.
    5. Improve data collection and data sharing through investing in data systems.

SEAN intends these recommendations to outline a safety net for employees in these low security jobs. SEAN will continue to produce reports to support evidence-based policy making relating to COVID-19. Follow COSSA's continued coverage on the SEAN initiative.

CNSTAT Releases Second Data Infrastructure Report in Series Intended to Modernize Data Collection

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) has released its second in an ongoing series of data infrastructure reports intended to modernize and enhance data collection (previous COSSA coverage). This latest report, *Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Enhancing Survey Programs by Using Multiple Data Sources*, builds off the first by discussing how using multiple data sources beyond sample surveys could improve the data collection for statistics and social and economic research, as well as data equity.

The report acknowledges several data sources that could improve data collection, including probability samples, administrative records, and private-sector data. CNSTAT also recognizes the need for quality control of data collection and recommends establishing a new framework of quality standards and guidelines to ensure quality control. The report emphasizes that using data from multiple different sources will improve data equity through piecing multiple data sets together to create a well-rounded, complete data set. The report adds that there are four key ways that these recommendations will improve data collection:

1. Creating a framework for quality control of data sources is expected to target populations that have been underrepresented, either from under sampling or lack of response.
2. Using multiple data sources is expected to reveal a link between survey data and other data sources to create disaggregated statistics.
3. Through expanding resources outside of sample surveys, these recommendations are expected to produce statistics for small populations that are often missed due to survey sample sizes.
4. By using administrative data, agencies will be able to create data products and produce statistics from the data.

CNSTAT emphasizes the need to focus on data equity when modernizing data infrastructure to ensure that underrepresented populations are included in data and statistics. The final report is expected to focus on data privacy and avoiding harm when collecting data. Follow COSSA's continued coverage on CNSTAT's Data Infrastructure report series.

COSSA Member Spotlight

COSSA Welcomes Cal State San Bernardino's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences as New Member

COSSA is thrilled to welcome the California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) College of Social and Behavioral Sciences as its newest member! The CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is the university's primary school for the social sciences. CSUSB is a research university in San Bernardino, California and receives over $800,000 annually in federal social and behavioral science funding. COSSA's full membership list can be found here. Information on how to join is on the COSSA website.

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- 3/23/23: [Community Letter to Congress on FY 2024 Funding for the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [National Medal of Science](#) (Closes: May 26, 2023)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIMH: [James S. Jackson Memorial Award](#) (Closes: May 10, 2023)

Funding Opportunities

- NIH: [Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers (MOSAIC) Institutionally-Focused Research Education Award to Promote Diversity](#) (Closes: November 16, 2023)
- HUD: [Hispanic Serving Institutions (HIS) Research Center of Excellence](#) (Closes: May 18, 2023)
- NSF/TIP: [Accelerating Research Translation (ART)](#) (Closes: May 9, 2023)
- NIJ: [W.E.B. Du Bois Program of Research on Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Justice System](#) (Closes: April 24, 2023)
- ARPA-H: [ARPA-H Dash](#) (Closes: April 7, 2023)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NIH/NIMH: [Request for Information: Gaps and Opportunities in Global Mental Health Research](#) (Closes: May 5, 2023)
- NIH: [Request for Information on the NIH Plan to Enhance Public Access to the Results of NIH-Supported Research](#) (Closes: April 24, 2023)
- OMB: [Initial Proposals for Updating OMB's Race and Ethnicity Statistical Standards](#) (Closes: April 12, 2023)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Enhancing Survey Programs by Using Multiple Data Sources](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM/SEAN: [Addressing COVID-19-Related Challenges Facing Individuals Engaged in Precarious Employment](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- William T. Grant Foundation: [William T. Grant Scholars Program](#) (Closes: July 5, 2023)

Upcoming Events

- [Population Association of America Annual Meeting](#), April 12-15, 2023, New Orleans, LA
- [Midwest Political Science Association Conference](#), April 13-16, 2023, Chicago, IL
- [American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting](#), April 13-16, 2023, Chicago, IL
- **[2023 Social Science Advocacy Day](#), April 24-25, 2023, Washington, DC**
- [American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meeting](#), April 27-29, 2023, Philadelphia, PA
- [University of Maryland BSOS Research Resilience Showcase](#), May 4, 2023, College Park, MD

- [American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference](#), May 10-12, 2023, Philadelphia, PA
- [National Institute of Justice National Research Conference](#), May 23-25, 2023, Arlington, VA
- [Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting](#), May 30-June 2, 2023, Washington, DC
- [Law and Society Association Annual Conference](#), June 1-4, 2023, San Juan, PR

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.

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
National Communication 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
Midwest Sociological Society
National Association of Social Workers
National Council on Family Relations
Rural Sociological Society
Social Science History Association

Colleges and Universities

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Brown University
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Georgetown University
Harvard University
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Virginia Tech
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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

Centers and Institutes

American Academy of Political and Social
Science
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Behavioral Sciences
Institute for Social Research, University of
Michigan
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    University of Massachusetts, Amherst
NORC at the University of Chicago
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Social Science Research Council

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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,
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