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New from COSSA

Advocacy Day Spotlight: Join an Informational Webinar



Is this your first [Social Science Advocacy Day](#)? Do you have questions or are you curious about what to expect from the event? Join us for one of our informational webinars!

We will be hosting two sessions to provide an overview of Advocacy Day, how to register, answer any questions, and more. Both webinars will share the same information, so you will only need to attend one.

The first session will take place on [January 25, 2024 at 10am EST](#) and the second session will be on [February 13, 2024 at 3pm EST](#).

Contact Elyse Bailey at ebailey@coffa.org with any additional questions.

Congressional News

Congress Narrowly Passes CR to Extend Funding to March

As reported by [COSSA](#), Congress previously passed two stop-gap measures to allow additional time to complete the fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations bills. On January 18, the day before the last continuing resolution (CR) deadline, the House and Senate struck a deal to extend funding to March. Like the previous CR, the new stop-gap measure includes “tiered deadlines” for the unpassed spending bills. The deadline for the first tranche of bills (the Military Construction-VA, Agriculture, Energy-Water and Transportation-HUD bills) has been extended to March 1. The remaining bills (including Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Commerce, Justice Science, which fund most science agencies) now have a deadline of March 8.

Lawmakers do not appear any closer to an agreement despite top-line spending levels agreed upon earlier this month at \$1.66 trillion ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). If Congress is unable to strike a funding deal for FY 2024, it is likely they will finish the year with a yearlong CR. If a yearlong CR is enacted, nondefense discretionary spending would see cuts of roughly 5 percent as a result of the previously passed [Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023](#) (H.R. 3746) ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). To complicate things further, [as previously reported](#), the Biden Administration is expected to release its budget request for FY 2025 in February or March. With the 2024 elections around the corner, the appropriations process is anticipated to continue to be contentious for both FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Stay tuned to [COSSA's continued coverage](#) of the appropriations process.

Executive Branch News

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: 2024 NIJ Research Conference: Advancing Justice Through Science

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is inviting submissions for lightning talks and research posters for their [2024 Research Conference: Advancing Justice Through Science](#). The conference will take place September 16-18 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NIJ is welcoming proposals for 10-minute lightning talks on emerging issues and pioneering methods in research on safety and justice. Submissions for the poster session must focus on current issues and/or innovative methods that have an impact on the criminal or juvenile justice system in the United States and may involve social, behavioral, or forensic sciences; technology; and/or engineering.

Eligibility for both opportunities is open to both active NIJ grantees and non-grantees. Some space for the poster session will be reserved for students.

Submissions for both opportunities are due by March 1. Learn more about application details and the conference [here](#).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Nominations Open for Distinguished Lecturer at the 17th Matilda White Riley Honors

The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is accepting [nominations](#) for an outstanding social-behavioral scientist as candidates for Distinguished Lecturer at the 17th Matilda White Riley Honors.

The Matilda White Riley Honors are an annual event recognizing transformative work in the fields of social and behavioral science along with early-career researchers. Nominees should have a research career that has “advanced behavioral and social scientific knowledge in areas within NIH’s mission and that expands upon Dr. White Riley’s work.” Nominees need not have NIH funding. More information is available on the [OBSSR](#)

[website](#).

Nominee information should be saved as a PDF file and sent to [Erica Spotts](#) by February

9. Nominee information should include:

- Nominees' full contact information
- A one-page statement demonstrating how the nominee's research results and practice correspond with Dr. White Riley's vision
- Nominees' CV and/or NIH bio sketch

NSF Announces New ReDDDoT Program

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has launched the Responsible Design, Development, and Deployment of Technologies ([ReDDDoT](#)) program, calling for multidisciplinary, multi-sector teams to explore responsible technological innovation. This program aims to embed ethical, legal, and societal considerations into the lifecycle of technology development, with an emphasis on the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* goal of fostering partnerships across academia, industry, and non-profits ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)).

With a budget of \$16 million, subject to the availability of funds, the NSF anticipates making 28 to 36 awards through this program.

If interested in participating, learn more [here](#).

CALL FOR COMMENTS: NIH Requests Comments on Strategic Plan for Data Science

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) on their draft [Strategic Plan for Data Science](#). [As previously reported by COSSA](#), the NIH Strategic Plan for Data Science was initially released in 2018. The plan is intended to address advances in data collection, including the increase in quantity and diversity within data, and support data science as a tool for understanding health sciences. In the draft, NIH outlines five goals, including aims to improve NIH policy for data collection, maximize data for research, expand opportunities in data collection services, including artificial intelligence (AI), support a federal biomedical research data infrastructure, and strengthen the data science community.

The RFI requests comments on the strategies and implementation tactics of the outlined goals as well as relevant topics that should be explored in the strategic plan. Comments are requested by March 15 and can be submitted [here](#) or emailed to strategic-plan-rfi@od.nih.gov.

COSSA Member Spotlight

AAPSS Hosts Webinar: Civic Education in a Time of Democratic Crisis

On January 16, the American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS) hosted a [webinar](#) on "Civic Education in a Time of Democratic Crisis." Esteemed panelists convened to address the pressing need for a revitalized approach to civic education.

Amidst deep political division, the webinar underscored the critical need to revisit and enhance the teaching of government, philosophy, and civics within our educational institutions. The panelists collectively called for a nationwide public dialogue aimed at redefining the content and methodology of student engagement in civic education. They stressed the importance of incorporating diverse historical perspectives and fostering an environment conducive to civil discourse, which they identified as foundational for promoting national unity and a positive cultural identity.

A significant portion of the discussion was dedicated to tackling what the panelists described as a “democratic crisis”. This crisis is characterized by a sense of disenfranchisement and the polarizing nature of civic participation, highlighting an urgent need for communities to play a more active role in shaping education.

For more insights, AAPSS elaborates further in their latest [journal publication](#) open to the public. AAPSS is a COSSA member organization. To view the webinar, visit [here](#).

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- 1/7/2024: [Community Letter Urging Congress to Use the Bipartisan Senate Funding Framework for FY 2024](#)
- 1/5/2024: [Friends of BLS Letter Urging Senate Confirmation of BLS Commissioner](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- Census Bureau: [Nominations for Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: February 2, 2024)
- [2024 AAPOR Award](#) (Closes: January 31, 2024)
- SRCD: [Call for Nominations: Editor-in-Chief of SRCD Journals](#) (Closes: January 22, 2024 and January 31, 2024)

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](#)) (Closes: June 22, 2024)
- NIH: HHS Career Enhancement Award to Advance Research on Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention ([K18 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed](#)) ([K18 Independent Clinical Trial Required](#)) (Closes: March 16, 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)
- RWJF Systems for Action: [2024 Call for Proposals: Systems & Services Research to Address Systemic Racism](#) (Closes: February 7, 2024)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- SPSSI: [Call for Submissions: Frontiers of Justice 2024 Conference](#) (Closes: February 5, 2024)
- [Request for Information: Labor Certification for Permanent Employment of Foreign Workers in the United States](#); Modernizing Schedule A To Include Consideration of Additional Occupations in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Non-STEM Occupations (Closes: February 20, 2024)
- **NEW:** NIJ: [Call for Lightning Talk and Poster Submissions: 2024 Research Conference](#) (Closes: March 1, 2024)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NASEM: [Countering Misinformation and Sharing Science Effectively](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Essential Health Care Services Addressing Intimate Partner Violence](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- APA: [Leadership and Education Advancement Program \(LEAP\) for Diverse Scholars](#) (Closes: March 17, 2024)
- NSF: [Deputy Division Director for the Division of Equity for Excellence in STEM](#) (Closes: February 6, 2024)
- **NEW:** APS: [Civic Science Fellow](#) (Closes: February 2, 2024)
- **NEW:** NCI: [Chief of the Health Behaviors Research Branch \(HBRB\) within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences \(DCCPS\)](#) (Closes: January 31, 2024)
- Pathways to Science: [Paid Summer Research Programs](#) (Ongoing)
- [Program Director for the Social Psychology Program](#) within the SBE Directorate (Open until Filled)
- [Program Director for the Human Networks and Data Science \(HNDS\) Program](#) in the BCS Division within the SBE Directorate (Open until Filled)
- **NEW:** Princeton University: [Director of Government Affairs](#) (Open until Filled)

Upcoming Events

- [COSSA's Social Science Advocacy Day Informational Webinar #1](#), January 25, 2024, Virtual
- NIMH: [National Advisory Mental Health Council Open Policy Session](#), January 29, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** NASEM Workshop: [Advancing Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEMM Organizations: Current Context and Challenges](#), January 29-30, 2024, Virtual or Washington, DC
- [PAA Applied Demography Conference 2024](#), February 6-8, 2024, Virtual
- [COSSA's Social Science Advocacy Day Informational Webinar #2](#), February 13, 2024, Virtual
- [81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference](#), April 4-7, 2024, Chicago, IL
- [COSSA's 2024 Social Science Advocacy Day](#), April 8-9, 2024, Washington, DC
- **NEW:** [2024 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' \(BSOS\) Showcase on Inequality Research](#) at the University of Maryland, May 2, 2024, College Park, MD
- [SRCDD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies](#), May 15-17, 2024, Panama City, Panama

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 ebailey@cossa.org.

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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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