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Featured News

NSF selects Kaye Husbands Fealing to lead the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate

On February 29, the National Science Foundation (NSF) **announced** that Kaye Husbands Fealing has been selected to lead the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE). Her appointment will begin on April 22.

Husbands Fealing is dean of the Georgia Institute of Technology Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts and former chair of the Georgia Tech School of Public Policy. She specializes in the science of science and innovation policy, the public value of research expenditures and the underrepresentation of women and minorities in STEM fields and the workforce. Husbands Fealing developed and was the inaugural program director for NSF’s Science of Science and Innovation Policy program and co-chaired the Science of Science Policy Interagency Task Group. At NSF, she also served as an Economics program director.

In the release announcing Husbands Fealing’s appointment, NSF Director Sethuraman Panchanathan stated, “Dr. Husbands Fealing’s expertise and experience as a leader both in academia and government are rich perspectives that we need as we advance this agency into the future...Kaye has an excellent track record of fostering scientific discovery and the mission of NSF, and she brings the kind of enterprise focus that we need to promote the progress of science and advance the nation’s health, prosperity, and welfare.”

Husbands Fealing holds a doctorate in economics from Harvard University, and a

New from COSSA

Advocacy Day Spotlight: Early Bird Registration EXTENDED!



Early bird registration for COSSA's tenth annual [Social Science Advocacy Day](#) has been extended through **THIS WEEK ONLY!** There will not be another early bird price extension, so don't wait! Register [here](#) before the price increases this weekend.

Social Science Advocacy Day will be taking place April 8-9, 2024 in Washington, DC and is open to anyone affiliated with a [COSSA member organization](#) or university. Not a member? Learn how [here](#).

If your organization is interested in becoming a sponsor of Social Science Advocacy Day, learn more [here](#).

Visit the [COSSA website](#) for the latest information on Social Science Advocacy Day and to view the [recording](#) of the recent informational webinar.

Headlines Webinars continue March 27



COSSA's 2024 [Headlines Webinar](#) series will continue to feature discussions with leaders of federal science agencies, providing opportunities for the social and behavioral science community to learn about agency research programs, funding opportunities, and priorities.

Upcoming Webinars:

- **March 27** will be the next webinar, featuring a discussion about the research and education programs and priorities of the STEM Education Directorate at the National Science Foundation. RSVP and learn more [here](#).
- **April 23** will feature a discussion about the research programs and priorities of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health. Save the date! RSVP and additional details to come.

Did you miss February's webinar? You can [watch the recording now](#) to catch up on our discussion about the research and data activities within the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Headlines is a webinar series available to COSSA [member organizations](#).

Camille Gamboa from Sage Answers "Why Social Science?"

The recent [Why Social Science?](#) post comes from Camille Gamboa from Sage who interviews Euan Adie, Overton's managing director, to learn more about the large impact that social science makes

on policy and his work creating tools to connect the scholarly and policy worlds.

[Read on](#) for more.



Congressional News

The Latest on the Government Shutdown and Funding Efforts

On February 29, the House and Senate successfully passed a [stopgap bill](#). This legislative action ensures that the government will continue to operate without interruption at least until the next deadlines. The Senate's approval came with a 77 to 13 vote, showcasing bipartisan support for the measure. The bill was signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 1.

The stopgap bill is a temporary solution, extending funding until March 8 for a significant portion of government spending, based on a prior agreement aimed at providing a substantial portion of government funding. The remaining federal government funds are set to expire on March 22, highlighting the urgency for a more permanent funding solution.

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees released the first package of final fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations bills. The summary of the package is available [here](#) and the final bill text is available [here](#). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 will be considered in the House this week.

The latter six bills are considered more controversial, casting doubt on Congress's ability to meet the March 22 deadline.

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

Bipartisan Task Force on AI Launched

On February 20, a bipartisan [Task Force on Artificial Intelligence](#) (AI) was launched by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-LA) and Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), signaling a step towards addressing the legislative challenges posed by the rapid advancement of AI technologies. Chaired by Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA) and co-chaired by Representative Ted Lieu (D-CA), the Task Force comprises 24 members from both parties, charged with producing a comprehensive report that includes guiding principles, recommendations, and policy proposals on AI. This initiative aims to bridge the legislative gap in AI regulation, ensuring the U.S. harnesses the benefits of AI while mitigating its risks.

The formation of the Task Force addresses a range of concerns, from AI's impact on elections and labor to issues of algorithmic bias, healthcare, data protection, and the geopolitical competition with China. Members are also focused on existential risks posed by future AI systems. By bringing together a diverse group of lawmakers with expertise in AI and related fields, the Task Force seeks to facilitate a coordinated legislative approach that transcends partisan divides and committee jurisdictions, aiming to shape the future of AI regulation in the United States.

Stay tuned for COSSA's [continued coverage](#) on AI.

Executive Branch News

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: DOJ Announces Grant Funding Opportunities

The Department of Justice (DOJ) [announced](#) its fiscal year (FY) 2024 [Program Plan](#) outlining anticipated grant funding available for advancing public safety. Groups eligible for applying include community-based organizations; state, local, Tribal, and territorial government agencies; research institutions; and nonprofit entities. There are over 200 grant programs awarded across three grantmaking components: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Within OJP, there are six program offices that offer funding opportunities: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS); National Institute of Justice (NIJ); Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP); Office for Victims of Crime (OVC); and Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART). The purpose behind these grants is to support effective progress and improvement of the justice system.

The DOJ has an [online guide](#) on submitting applications, and prior grants approved by OJP can be found [online](#). For additional support, visit [SAM.gov](#). Final funding amounts are subject to change according to the availability of appropriations.

Individual grant deadlines can be found [here](#).

Mental Health Director Dr. Joshua Gordon Departs from NIMH

On February 29, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Dr. Monica Bertagnolli announced the departure of Director Dr. Joshua Gordon from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). [As previously reported by COSSA](#), Director Gordon joined NIMH in August 2016 after previously serving as an associate professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University and as a research psychiatrist at New York State Psychiatric Institute (NYSPI). Dr. Gordon will return to Columbia as the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and Psychiatrist-in-Chief of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital campus at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. He will also return to NYSPI to serve as director.

As NIH searches for the next Director of NIMH, Deputy Director [Shelli Avenevoli](#) will serve as Acting Director. Deputy Director Avenevoli joined NIMH in 2001 and received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Temple University. Avenevoli also completed a NIMH-funded postdoctoral fellowship in psychiatric epidemiology at Yale University School of Medicine prior to joining the agency.

The full announcement can be found [here](#).

COSSA Member Spotlight

JOB OPPORTUNITY: APSA Seeks Executive Director

The [American Political Science Association](#) (APSA) has initiated a search for an Executive Director. The Executive Director is expected to lead and represent the Association through developing strategic plans and goals, communicating with members, managing the staff and budget, and overseeing Association activities.

A full list of responsibilities can be found in the job description [here](#). The candidate is projected to begin the position around August 2024. APSA is a COSSA governing member organization.

Resources & Opportunities

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [2024 Eric and Wendy Schmidt Awards for Excellence in Science Communications](#) (Closes: March 31, 2024)
- NSF: [The National Medal of Science](#) (Closes: May 3, 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)
- NSF: [General Social Survey Competition](#) (Closes: June 3, 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)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** DOJ Request for Comment: [Firearm Inquiry Statistics \(FIST\) Program](#) (Closes: March 18, 2024)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NIH: [Report of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health: Fiscal Years 2021–2022](#)
- NSF: [National Science Board's Public Trust in Science](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Developing an Agenda for Population Aging and Social Research in Low- and Middle-Income Countries \(LMICs\)](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** [Apply for a Student Travel Scholarship](#) to attend the NIJ Research Conference (April 22, 2024)
- [NIJ FY 2024 Graduate Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: April 10, 2024 and April 17, 2024)
- APA: [Leadership and Education Advancement Program \(LEAP\) for Diverse Scholars](#) (Closes: March 17, 2024)
- Pathways to Science: [Paid Summer Research Programs](#) (Ongoing)
- **NEW:** [American Political Science Association \(APSA\) Executive Director](#) (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)

Upcoming Events

- [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
- [2024 AERA Annual Meeting](#), April 11-14, 2024, Philadelphia, PA
- [2024 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' \(BSOS\) Showcase on Inequality Research](#) at the University of Maryland, May 2, 2024, College Park, MD
- [SRCD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies](#), May 15-17, 2024, Panama City, Panama
- [The State of the Science Address](#), June 26, 2024, Washington, DC

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@cosssa.org.

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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
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