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New from COSSA

2024 Social Science Advocates Answer “Why Social Science?”



This month's [Why Social Science?](#) post comes from three participants from this year's Social Science Advocacy Day who reflected upon their advocacy experiences and the importance of advocating for the social sciences.

[Read on](#) for more.

Congressional News

Congress to Review Key Agency Budget Requests Amid More Supplemental Funding Discussions

Over the past few weeks, Congress has been holding budget oversight hearings on various agencies, working through the fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget process. On May 16, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee is scheduled to review the National Science Foundation's (NSF) priorities in the hearing, [Oversight and Examination of the National Science Foundation's Priorities for 2025 and Beyond](#). COSSA will continue to update on the budget hearings of key agencies as they are held.

[Following emergency supplemental funding passed in late April](#), Congress is still in discussions regarding foreign aid supplemental packages, with attention split between these packages and the FY 2025 appropriations process. While there has not yet been movement on the twelve appropriations bills in either the House or the Senate, it's anticipated that these bills will be drafted following the budget hearings in their respective committees. However, with the upcoming election season, all House Representatives and a third of U.S. Senators will be turning towards their own campaigns, signaling a potential disruption to the 2025 budget process.

Stay tuned to [COSSA's continued coverage](#) of the FY 2025 budget process.

Executive Branch News

PCAST Releases Report on Supercharging Research: Harnessing AI to Meet Global Challenges

The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) [announced](#) a new report on [Supercharging Research: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) to Meet Global Challenges](#). The report was developed in response to President Biden's Executive Order on the [Safe, Secure, Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence](#) ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)) and explores the positive and negative impacts of AI technologies. PCAST emphasizes the importance of AI being used as a tool, not a replacement, for workers. PCAST included the following recommendations for the Biden Administration in the report:

- Expand access to AI resources through programs such as the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource (NAIRR) pilot housed within the National Science Foundation (NSF) ([see previous COSSA coverage](#));
- Expand federal data sets for research while implementing safeguards to protect user data;
- Support collaboration in research on AI between industries;
- Develop "principles of responsible, transparent, and trustworthy" for AI research;
- Encourage innovative uses of AI to expand the positive impact of the technology.

The full report can be viewed [here](#) in addition to PCAST's [letter](#) to the President and the Executive Summary of the report.

REGISTER NOW: NIMH Workshop: Discrimination as a Social Determinant of Mental Health Disparities

On June 6, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will be hosting a one-day workshop with expert investigators, NIH staff, and the public to discuss the science of discrimination and mental health disparities, and to identify research gaps and opportunities in mental health disparities research.

Register to attend [here](#).

NOMINATIONS: NSF Seeks Nominations for Advisory Committees

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has issued its annual call for recommendations for membership to its various advisory committees and technical boards. These committees advise NSF's offices and directorates on program management, research direction, and policies impacting the agency. Committees of particular interest to the COSSA community include the [Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences](#) (SBE) and the [Advisory Committee for STEM Education](#) (EDU). Guidelines for recommendations and committee contact information can be found [here](#).

Science Community News

DBASSE Announces Hauser 2024 Spring Webinar Series

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) has announced their Hauser 2024 Spring Webinar Series titled, "[Navigating the Era of Artificial Intelligence: Achieving Human-AI Harmony](#)".

The two-part webinar series will explore DBASSE's expertise in artificial intelligence and highlight the value of social and behavioral science perspectives. This first webinar will expand on insights from the 2022 report, [Human-AI Teaming: State-of-the-Art and Research Needs](#), to focus on how the presence of artificial intelligence systems affects the ways people work in teams. The session will explore the efficiencies and inefficiencies created by integrated AI systems and will highlight applications where considering AI as a teammate may improve project outcomes. Special attention will be paid to the role of policymakers and agencies in promoting and integrating AI systems in a way that adds value to team environments.

Part one of the webinar series will take place on May 23. Register [here](#).

Registration for the second webinar, "Navigating the Era of Artificial Intelligence: The Crucial Role of Social Sciences", will be coming soon.

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- **NEW:** 05/01/2024: [Coalition for International Education Letter to the House on FY 2025 Funding for HEA-Title VI and Fulbright-Hays](#)
- **NEW:** 05/01/2024: [Friends of BLS Letter on FY 2025 Funding for the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- **NEW:** 05/01/2024: [Community Letter to Congress on FY 2025 funding for the Bureau for Economic Analysis](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** Research!America: [2025 Advocacy Awards Nominations](#) (Closes: May 31, 2024)
- NSF: [Advisory Panel Call for New Members](#) (Ongoing)

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)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Funding Opportunities for Science and Engineering Research with Impact on Women's Health](#) (Ongoing)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NIAID: [Request for Comments on New Strategic Plan](#) (Closes: May 27, 2024)

- NIJ: [Request for Information on the Uses of AI in the Criminal Justice System](#)
(Closes: May 28, 2024)
- NIMH: [Request for Information on Mental Health Determinants and Disparities](#)
(Closes: May 30, 2024)
- NIMH: [Request for Information on Advancing Mental Health Services Research](#)
(Closes: September 1, 2024)
- NCSES: [Requests Responses to Data Tools Survey](#)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- OSTP Committee on STEM Education: [2023 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Federal STEM Education Strategic Plan](#)
- AAAS: [U.S. R&D and Innovation in a Global Context: The 2024 Data Update](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- AIP: [Science Policy Intern](#)
- NSF: [Science Advisor for Public Access](#) (Ongoing)
- Pathways to Science: [Paid Summer Research Programs](#) (Ongoing)
- [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

- [SRCD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies](#), May 15-17, 2024, Panama City, Panama
- [AAPOR 79th Annual Conference](#), May 15-17, 2024, Atlanta, GA
- [COSSA's May Headlines Webinar](#), May 22, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** DBASSE: [Navigating the Era of Artificial Intelligence: Achieving Human-AI Harmony](#), May 23, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** NIMH Workshop: [Discrimination as a Social Determinant of Mental Health Disparities](#), June 6, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** OBSSR: [The Future of Scientific Conferencing](#), June 6-11, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** NIMH Workshop: [Promoting Mental Health for Sexual and Gender Minority Youth: Evidence-Based Developmental Perspectives](#), June 10-11, 2024, Virtual
- [The State of the Science Address](#), June 26, 2024, Washington, DC
- AEA: [Summer Evaluation Institute](#), June 26-28, 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@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

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