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Curious about [2025 Social Science Advocacy Day](#)? Do you have questions or want to know more about what to expect from the event? Join us for an informational webinar! We will be hosting a session to provide an overview of Advocacy Day, how to register, answer any questions, and more.

Find the Zoom link below and come with your questions!

The webinar will be taking place on **January 16 at 1pm EST**. [Register here](#).

Congressional News

118th Congress Enacts Funding Patch in Late December; 119th Congress Sworn In

At the end of last year, the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Appropriations Committees finalized a continuing resolution (CR) to push the deadline for fiscal year (FY) 2025 funding to March

14, kicking responsibility to the new Congress. The CR continues funding at FY 2024 levels and includes supplemental funding for federal disaster programs and a year-long extension to the Farm Bill. While Congress successfully averted a government shutdown, the impact of the new CR will likely be seen in delays to the FY 2026 appropriations process, which traditionally begins in February.

On January 3, the 119th Congress was sworn in at the Capitol. As expected, House Representative and current House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) was reelected as Speaker, although his first vote was short of the majority required. While Speaker Johnson ultimately prevailed, the division within the Republican party is likely to continue throughout the session, making it difficult for legislation to pass despite the Republican trifecta. As previously indicated, completing FY 2025 funding will be an immediate priority for the new Congress, alongside confirming the presidential nominations of the incoming Trump Administration.

Stay tuned to [COSSA's coverage](#) for all the details as the new Administration and Congress takes shape over the coming weeks.

Executive Branch News

NIH Releases Public Access Plan and RFI for Research Findability and Transparency

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has released the final version of its public access policy in response to the August 2022 [memorandum](#) issued by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). The memorandum announced new requirements for federal agencies to make peer-reviewed publications resulting from federal funding freely available to the public immediately following publication ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). The new policy, finalized from the draft released in June 2024 ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)), is set to take effect on December 31, 2025, and provides clarification on the definitions of Article, Manuscript, Final Published Article, Official Date of Publication, and other terms in response to comments received from the stakeholder community. A detailed list of changes made to the public access policy, including summaries of the comments that led to the changes, can be found [here](#).

Further, the NIH issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) seeking comments on a [new plan](#) to promote research findability and transparency, in response to the section “Mechanisms to Increase Findability and Transparency of Research” within the 2022 memorandum. The plan includes a commitment to “deliver on the promise of the Nation’s investment in research” through requiring NIH researchers to publicly identify research methods, basic information, (i.e. the location and timing of the research conducted), and how the research was funded. The plan also promotes the use of metadata, indicating intent to standardize the process across the NIH to allow researchers, clinicians, students, and other members of the community to more easily access research. The NIH is expected to adopt this plan with a new policy by December 31, 2026.

Comments are requested by February 21 and should be submitted [here](#).

Trump Announces Appointments to Science Team

On December 22, President-elect Trump [announced](#) on Truth Social his picks for top White House science positions. Michael Kratsios, an alum of the first Trump Administration, will be nominated as Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Kratsios previously served as Trump’s Chief Technology Officer and later as Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering in DOD. Kratsios will also serve as Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, known commonly as the President’s Science Advisor. The OSTP position requires Senate confirmation, but the Science Advisor does not. Kratsios holds a BA in politics from Princeton University. If confirmed, he would replace [Arati Prabhakar](#) as OSTP Director.

Trump also named Lynne Parker as Executive Director of the President's Council of Advisors for Science and Technology (PCAST), and Counselor to the OSTP Director. As [previously reported](#), PCAST will be chaired by tech venture capitalist David Sacks. Parker, a computer scientist, previously served as Deputy Chief Technology Officer and Founding Director of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Office in the first Trump Administration.

Science Community News

Request for Nominations: NASEM Requests Nominations for Experts for Study of Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Homeland Security Statistics—DUE JANUARY 8

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) is seeking experts for a new consensus study on the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Homeland Security Statistics. These experts will work with the Office for Homeland Security Statistics (OHSS), housed within the Department of Homeland Security, to ensure statistics within the agency align with federal standards, enhancing “the relevance, credibility, objectivity, and public trust of their statistics to support evidence-based decision making”.

Experts are requested in the following areas:

- DHS programmatic and policy context
- Users and stakeholders of DHS statistics
- U.S. federal statistical system
- Statistical laws and regulatory frameworks
- Data governance
- Data access and confidentiality
- Data integration and linkage
- Statistical methodologies

Nominations can be submitted [here](#) by January 8.

Social Science Advocacy Day 2025 News

COSSA's annual [Social Science Advocacy Day](#) will be taking place March 24-25, 2025 in Washington, DC! This signature, members-only event brings together social and behavioral science researchers, faculty, students, association professionals, and other advocates from across the country to meet with their elected officials in Congress to discuss the value of our sciences and the importance of federal funding.

Early bird registration is officially OPEN! [Register now](#) and take advantage of our early bird rates (these won't last long).

Visit the [COSSA website](#) for the latest information on Social Science Advocacy Day and share with your colleagues.

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- 11/22/2024: [Friends of IES Letter Urging Congress on FY 2025 Funding for the Institute of Education Sciences](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Experts for Study of Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Homeland Security Statistics](#) (Closes: January 8, 2025)
- **NEW:** NASEM Call for Experts: [On Being A Scientist: An Updated and Online Guide to the Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research](#) (Closes: January 24, 2025)
- SSRC: [Rachel Tanur Memorial Prize](#) (Closes: February 4, 2025)

Funding Opportunities

- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** NTIA: Request for Comment: [Ethical Guidelines for Research Using Pervasive Data](#) (Closes: January 15, 2025)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Plan to Increase Findability and Transparency of Research Results Through the Use of Metadata and Persistent Identifiers](#) (Closes: February 21, 2025)
- NIH: [NIH Public Access Compliance Monitoring Survey](#) (Ongoing)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- OSTP: [Federal Strategic Plan for Advancing STEM Education and Cultivating STEM Talent](#)
- **NEW:** Congressional Report: [Bipartisan House Task Force on Artificial Intelligence](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- NIH: [Science of Science Scholars Program](#) (Closes: January 31, 2025)
- NIH: [All of Us Research Program Chief Engagement Officer](#) (Closes: January 31, 2025)
- OBSSR: [2025 NIH Summer Institute on Behavioral Clinical Trials](#) (Closes: January 31, 2025)
- AERA: [Executive Director](#) (Open until Filled)
- [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)
- APSA: [Pracademic Fellowship](#) (Open until Filled)

Upcoming Events

- **NEW:** George Washington University: [A Better Tomorrow: Science and Technology's Essential Purpose](#), January 14, 2025, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Social Science Advocacy Day 2025: Informational Webinar #2](#), January 16, 2025, Virtual
- **NEW:** U.S. Census Bureau: [2025 Indigenous Data Sovereignty Symposium](#), February 12, 2025, Suitland, MD
- **NEW:** [AAAS Annual Meeting](#), February 13-15, 2025, Boston, MA

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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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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