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## ISCE NEWS FLASH

March 10, 2020



### VT Giving Day Coming Up Next Week!

Show your commitment to the social, behavioral and policy sciences at Virginia Tech and support ISCE on **Giving Day**.

The [link](#) goes live on March 18-19. THANK YOU!

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford at [yanceyc3@vt.edu](mailto:yanceyc3@vt.edu) by Friday each week.

## Funding Opportunities

## Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation

A Fund Established with The New York Community Trust  
for Dissertation and Faculty Research in the Human Services

### Call for Mental Health Research

The Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation is **inviting applications for projects up to \$20,000 for its Faculty/Post-Doctoral Research Grant Program**. Areas of interest include studies to develop, refine, evaluate, or disseminate innovative interventions designed to prevent or ameliorate major social, psychological, behavioral, or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or studies that have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about such problems. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: April 1, 2020**

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### National Coastal Resilience Fund 2020 RFP

This National Fish and Wildlife Foundation **program will support projects that create, expand, and restore natural systems that both increase protection for communities from coastal storms, sea- and lake-level changes, inundation, and coastal erosion while also improving valuable habitats for fish and wildlife species**. Pre-proposals should address one or all of the following priorities: community capacity building and planning; project site assessment and preliminary design; project final design and permitting; and project restoration and monitoring. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: April 8, 2020**

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### Research on the Impact of Gun Policy on Legal Gun Users

The National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research has issued a **call**



for proposals for a white paper to describe a rigorous method for evaluating the benefits or harms gun policies impose on gun owners and users. Up to \$30,000 will be available to support one proposal. [Click here](#) for details.

**Deadline: April 10, 2020**

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**Policies for Action: Research on Housing Policies that Promote Equity**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has issued a call for proposals to investigate the effectiveness of state, county and city public policies aimed at increasing housing affordability and stability, addressing racial segregation and isolation, and increasing access to opportunity rich neighborhoods. [Click here](#) for details and [here to register](#) for the **optional applicant webinar on Monday, March 30th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Deadline: April 29, 2020**

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**NSF Issues Dear Colleague Letters on COVID-19; also on Robotics**

- **COVID-19:** The National Science Foundation is accepting proposals to **conduct non-medical, non-clinical-care research that can be used immediately to explore how to model and understand the spread of COVID-19**, to inform and educate about the science of virus transmission and prevention, and to encourage the development of processes and actions to address this global challenge.

NSF encourages the research community to respond to this challenge through existing funding opportunities. In addition, they invite researchers to use the Rapid Response Research (RAPID) funding mechanism, which allows NSF to receive and review proposals having a severe urgency with regard to availability of or access to data, facilities or specialized equipment as well as quick-response research on natural or anthropogenic disasters and similar unanticipated events. [Click here](#) for details.

- **Foundational Research in Robotics:** The National Science Foundation announces the creation of the Foundational Research in Robotics (Robotics) program as a program jointly managed by the Directorates for Engineering (ENG) and Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE). **The goal of the Robotics program is to erase artificial disciplinary boundaries and provide a single home for foundational research in robotics.** Starting August 1, 2020, the Robotics program will accept unsolicited proposals at any time. [Click here](#) for details.

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## Previously Posted Opportunities

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- **Braitmayer Foundation** - [K-12 Education Practices](#)  
Deadline: March 15, 2020 (Letters of Intent)
- **American Psychological Foundation** - Two Opportunities
  - [Early Career Grants to Investigate Serious Emotional Disturbance](#)  
Deadline: March 15, 2020
  - [Visionary Grants Program](#)  
Deadline: April 1, 2020

- **Society for Prevention Research** - [New Competitive Early Career Training Program](#)  
Deadline: March 16, 2020
- **Alzheimer's Association** - [International Research Grant Program](#)  
Deadline: March 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Letters of Intent)
- **Health Effects Institute** - [Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award](#)  
Deadline: March 24, 2020 (Preliminary applications)
- **Facebook Research** - [Statistics for Improving Insights, Models, and Decisions](#)  
Deadline: March 25, 2020
- **National Endowment for the Arts** - [Research Grants in the Arts and NEA Research Labs](#)  
Deadline: March 30, 2020
- **American Cancer Society** - [Role of Health Policy and Insurance in Cancer Services](#)  
Deadline: April 1, 2020
- **ICAT** - [2021 Accelerate Festival](#)  
Deadline: April 17, 2020

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## Conferences, Seminars and Events

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### **Public Lecture: When Home is Unattainable, What Replaces It?**

The VT Institute for Policy and Governance, Collaborative Change Community and Center for Rhetoric in Society are sponsoring a public lecture by Alia Malek, a journalist, civil rights lawyer and author, followed by a panel, on **Tuesday, March 24th starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Fralin Hall Auditorium.** [Click](#)



[here](#) for details.

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### Choices & Challenges - March 27th

Choices and Challenges is an ongoing public engagement series exploring ethical and social issues created by advances in science and technology. **This year's free event, focused on disabilities, will take place on Friday, March 27th at the Inn at Virginia Tech from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) for details.

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### Upcoming Events for Center for Communication Science

Be sure to check out the many events featuring the **Center for Communicating Science during the months of March and April**, including [Science Storytelling Hour](#), a [Climate Justice Engagement Workshop](#), Science on Tap and other events. [Click here](#) for a complete list and for details.

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### SAVE THE DATE! CTRHB 2nd Annual Research Symposium

The Center for Transformative Research on Health Behaviors will be hosting its **2nd Annual Research Symposium on April 30th** from 12:30-4:00 p.m. at Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, 2 Riverside Circle, Room 3012. Stay tuned for more details soon.

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# Announcements and Faculty News

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## **Matt Hulver named executive director of the Fralin Life Sciences Institute**

In his new role, **Hulver** will shape the new vision and programs of the Fralin Life Sciences Institute by leveraging existing strength and developing a strategic plan to enhance resources for Virginia Tech's life sciences community.

[Read more...](#)

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## **Belmonte testifies before U.S. Congress on separation of powers**

**Laura Belmonte**, a noted political historian and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was one of four panelists testifying before the U.S. House Committee on Rules during a hearing on what it called the encroachment of the executive branch on the powers of the legislative branch. [Read more...](#)



## **ComSciCon returns to Tech**

On Feb. 27 and 28, graduate students and communicators came together to strengthen their science communication abilities at the second annual ComSciCon–Virginia Tech sponsored by the **Center for Communicating Science**. [Read](#)

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