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ISCE NEWS FLASH
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Multiple Resources/Opportunities for COVID-19 Related Research

Check out several new COVID-19 related funding opportunities below along with re-posted information on seed funding offered by OVPRI and bridge funding from ISCE. OVPRI is also maintaining a comprehensive list of COVID-19 research opportunities here.

When you publish COVID-19 articles or are featured in news stories, send us the link so we can include them in ISCE's new COVID-19 repository, designed to highlight Virginia Tech contributions to understanding the social impact of COVID-19.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford at yanceyc3@vt.edu by Friday each week.

Funding Opportunities

COVID-19 Rapid Response Seed Funding Available

In collaboration with Virginia Tech institutes and colleges, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation has established a COVID-19 Rapid Response Seed Fund to support Virginia Tech researchers. **Faculty, staff, and students are strongly encouraged to utilize their expertise to identify problems related to the COVID-19 pandemic and seek partnerships** with interdisciplinary researchers, industry, and federal agencies to create novel solutions needed now and in the future. Up to $50,000 per project is available. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 6, 2020 (rolling submissions will be considered thereafter as funds are available)

ISCE Bridge Support for NSF RAPID and other External Proposals

ISCE is making available **limited bridge funding of up to $5,000 if there is a need to start data collection prior to receiving notification of the award for a COVID-19 related project**. To apply, use the ISCE Unsolicited Request Form and include a copy of the email from NSF, or other organization from which you are seeking funds, indicating forthcoming interest/support. In addition, all ISCE staff is available remotely to assist you with proposal reviews and submissions. Contact Yancey Crawford with questions.

Deadline: Ongoing as funds are available

COVID-19 Research Grants on Education and Inequity

The Spencer Foundation is interested in **supporting studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of educational inequality caused by the COVID-19 crisis as well as studies that explore ways to remake and imagine anew forms of equitable education.** The program does not specify research topics, disciplines, designs, methods, or locations. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with budgets up to $50,000 for projects ranging from one to three years. Review of applications will take place on May 4th, again on May 18th, and again on June 8th. Click here for details.

Deadlines: May 4; May 18; June 8, 2020

Research on Economic Impact of Digital Technologies

Facebook is issuing a **call for academic research to address the economic impact of digital technologies, including new tools that enable commercial opportunities.** Facebook is especially interested in projects that address the economic consequences and implications of digital technologies for small businesses. Proposed research may extend beyond Facebook apps and technologies. Researchers may request between $50K to $100K to support projects that will be completed in approximately one year from award receipt. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 20, 2020

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Invites Letters of Intent

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood supports development projects and

promising research with potential to significantly enhance the physical and mental health, safety, nutrition, play, social integration, and/or quality of life of children, from infancy through seven years of age. **The foundation is inviting Letters of Intent in Early Childhood Welfare, Early Childhood Education and Play and Parenting Education**. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 31, 2020

CIVIC Innovation Challenge
NSF has launched the Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) which is a research and action competition in the *Smart and Connected Communities* domain. The challenge will **support ready-to-implement, research-based pilot projects in and with communities, with an expected $9M in federal funds.** CIVIC comprises two tracks: 1) Communities and Mobility: Offering Better Mobility Options to Solve the Spatial Mismatch Between Housing Affordability and Jobs; and 2) Resilience to Natural Disasters: Equipping Communities for Greater Preparedness and Resilience to Natural Disasters. Click here for details.

Deadline: July 1, 2020 (Stage 1)

Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research
Research encouraged by this NIH funding opportunity is consistent with a broad public health approach to firearm injury and mortality prevention including **identifying those at risk for firearm injury and mortality (both victims and perpetrators), development and evaluation of theoretically-grounded programs to prevent firearm injury and mortality, and implementation research** to explore the barriers and facilitators to support broader adoption of effective programs. Click here for details.

Deadline: May 15, 2020

Funding for Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Healthcare Systems
This new funding announcement invites robust **investigative and collaborative research focused on understanding the long-term effects of disasters on health disparity populations and the health care systems that serve them**, including the influence of risk factors or vulnerabilities of both the systems and the communities preceding the event(s). Click here for details.

First Standard Deadline: October 5, 2020

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research** - Harm to Gun Users
  May 8, 2020

- **Facebook Research** - Research on Misinformation and Polarization
  Deadline: May 6, 2020 (Extended)

- **William T. Grant Foundation** - Reducing Inequality Grants
  Deadline: May 6, 2020 (Letters of Inquiry)

- **National Science Foundation** - Research on Cybersecurity Education in Age of AI
  Deadline: May 15, 2020; August 31, 2020

- **Russell Sage Foundation** - COVID-19 Timely Social Science Research
  May 21, 2020

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - Global Solutions to Address Issues of Health, Equity & Climate Change
  May 28, 2020 (Extended)

- **MIT Solve** - Health and Security Pandemics Challenge
  Deadline: June 18, 2020

Conferences, Seminars and Events

Presentation on Estimation of COVID-19 Impact in Virginia

Dr. Alex Telionis will offer a presentation on **Wednesday, April 29th at 12:15 p.m. on the status of COVID-19 in the state of Virginia, which was recently presented to Governor Northam to facilitate decision-making around COVID-19 policies and practices in the Commonwealth**. Dr. Telionis is a medical geographer currently serving as a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Population Health Sciences at the CVM.
Join via Zoom: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/95898695010.

Reporting, Recording and Remembering the 1918 Influenza Epidemic

This **Wednesday, April 29th, the National Library of Medicine will provide a videocast of a research symposium entitled** *Reporting, Recording and Remembering the 1918 Influenza Epidemic* **from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** VT students studying the history of data in social context will present their research on various aspects of the 1918 pandemic, including newspaper reporting at the peak of the epidemic, contemporary social distancing policies and procedures, how contemporaries determined that the epidemic was ending, and how they remembered the remarkable experience of this intense, but relatively brief, crisis in community health. Click here to join via NIH Videocasting.

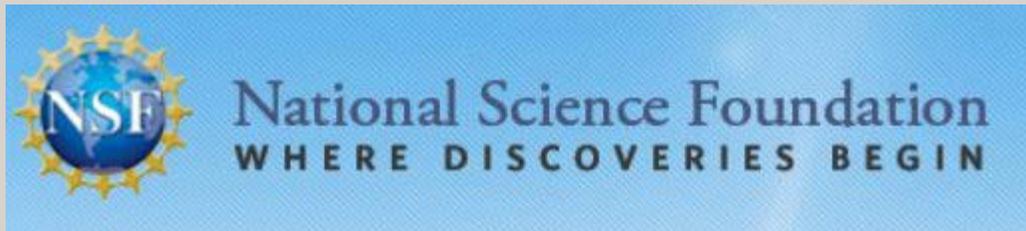

Virginia Tech Center for Humanities
Research Associate Colloquium presents

Charles Dye

Towards Decolonizing Media:
A Discussion of Creative Work

Center for Humanities Colloquium: May 1st

The Virginia Tech Center for Humanities presents a series of talks by faculty research associates who will discuss their work, with a Q & A session to follow. All are invited to attend. **The presentation this Friday, May 1 will be available via Zoom from 12pm - 1:15pm and features Charles Dye, assistant professor of Cinema Production in the School of Performing**

Arts. Dye will present "*Towards Decolonizing Media: A Discussion of Creative Work*." To register, RSVP here. Click here for the event flier.

NSF CAREER Program Webinar

The National Science Foundation has announced the date for its **annual NSF CAREER Program webinar, which will be held on Wednesday, May 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m**. The webinar will include a briefing on the CAREER program and key solicitation requirements followed by a question and answer session. Participants are encouraged to submit questions before the webinar and should register in advance. Click here for details.

Announcements and Faculty News

SCISIP Listserv Update

In July of 2019, the longstanding Science of Science and Innovation Policy (SciSIP) listserv, maintained by the National Science Foundation, was discontinued. In recognition of the importance of communication among scientists of science, **two members of the community have created a** new venue for dissemination of research**, delivery of relevant policy information, and discussion of current events.**

Public health students, faculty, and staff volunteer for local COVID-19 response efforts
New River Academic Health Department partnership mobilizes volunteers. Read more...

Stores face tough choices when workers test positive for coronavirus

Lisa Lee, a bioethics expert and associate vice president for research and innovation at Virginia Tech, said the disclosure scale should be tipped in favor of a company's entire workforce. Read more...

Christian groups that resist public-health guidelines are forgetting a key part of the religion's history

Matthew Gabriele, professor of medieval studies and chair of the Department of Religion & Culture, discusses lessons from early Christianity that may be useful during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more...

Grant funds research on community-level intervention to address opioid overdoses

Connection 2 Care is an **innovative collaboration led by Virginia Tech researchers**, including Mary Beth Dunkenberger, Kimberly Horn, Kathy Hosig, Sophie Wenzel and others, that aims to address the opioid crisis in the Roanoke Valley. Read more...