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ISCE NEWS FLASH

February 4, 2020



Check out the CLAHS-ISCE NSF CAREER Award session on February 10th

for faculty whose research is focused on topics of interest to the
Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences directorate.

Also, be sure to register by **Friday, February 7th** if interested in attending the ISCE
NSF SBE presentation on February 13th.

See below for details.

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

Funding Opportunities



Science Policy Scholar Conference Travel Awards Available

The Office of Research on Women's Health at NIH is offering Science Policy Scholar Travel Awards to junior investigators whose work focuses on women's health or sex and gender differences. **The awards, up to \$3,000 each, will be available to support travel to the annual meeting of the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (OSSD) on May 4–7, 2020, in Marina del Rey, CA.** Interested applicants should submit an abstract on a policy-related matter connected to women's health or sex and gender differences for consideration as a poster, oral session, or symposium at the OSSD meeting. [Click here](#) for more details.

Deadline Extended: February 10, 2020



Request for Proposals for Community-Focused Research

The [Virginia Higher Education Opioid Consortium](#) (VHEOC) has recently posted several new opportunities to its website with February deadlines. VHEOC is committed to working with its partners, local Community Services Boards, and academic research members to tackle the opioid crisis in Virginia. [Click here](#) to see the most recent RFPs.

Deadlines: Multiple, February 2020



Call for Proposals to Transform Early Education Teacher Programs

The Early Childhood Investment Collaborative has announced a **new funding opportunity designed to address structural barriers to a well-prepared and appropriately compensated early childhood education workforce**. The Collaborative will support partnerships of institutions of higher education, state agencies, and related entities that want to engage in efforts to catalyze transformative change in educator preparation and compensation. Grants will vary in size depending on needs and stage of development, ranging from \$200,000 to \$5 million. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 2, 2020

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Call for Native American Research

The American Philosophical Society is inviting applications to its Phillips Fund for Native American Research program. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded in support of research in the areas of Native American linguistics, ethnohistory, and the history of Native Americans studies in the United States or Canada.

Grants are intended to support travel, the cost of tape or film, and consultants' fees. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: March 2, 2020



Funding Available for Small Education-Focused Research Projects

The Spencer Foundation is accepting applications for its **Small Research Grants Program, which supports education research projects with budgets of \$50,000 or less.** This program aims to fund work that will contribute to the improvement of education and support scholarship that develops new foundational knowledge that may have a lasting impact on educational discourse. Historically, grants have supported research projects on a range of topics and disciplines and that have employed a wide range of research methods. [Click here](#) for more details.

Deadline: March 3, 2020



Call for Proposals for 2020-21 ISCE Scholars Program

ISCE is accepting applications for its *2020-21 Scholars Program*. **This signature program provides faculty support for developing grant proposals in the social sciences, broadly defined, and consistent with ISCE's four thematic areas and the University's Transdisciplinary Communities.** Proposed projects are expected to address critical individual and social concerns impacting the lives of people and places locally, nationally, or across the globe. The Scholars Program supports faculty to undertake work in a new or existing area, with the expectation that proposals developed through the program lead to external funding. Visit the [ISCE webpage for full details and to apply](#).

Deadline: March 11, 2020



Call for Applications: Academic Cross-Training Fellowship Program

The John Templeton Foundation welcomes applications for its Academic Cross-Training (ACT) Fellowship program, which is intended to **equip philosophers and theologians with the skills and knowledge needed to study “Big Questions” that require substantive and high-level engagement with empirical science.** Each ACT Fellowship will provide up to \$220,000 for up to thirty-three months in support of a systematic and sustained course of study in an empirical science such as physics, psychology, biology, genetics, cognitive science, neuroscience, or sociology. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: May 1, 2020 (Letters of Intent)

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Kessler Foundation** - [Disability Employment Pilot Projects](#)
Deadline: February 14, 2020 (Concept Papers)
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** - Two Opportunities
 - [Culture of Health Leaders](#); deadline: February 19, 2020
 - [Interdisciplinary Research Leaders](#); deadline: March 11, 2020
- **VT IHHCC Destination Area** - [Human-Centered Communities Call for Proposals](#)
Deadline: February 20, 2020
- **National Academy of Medicine** - [Healthy Longevity Catalyst Award](#)
Deadline: February 24, 2020
- **NIA Stress Management Network** - [Funding for Cross-National Comparisons of Psychological Stress](#)
Deadline: February 28, 2020
- **National Endowment for the Humanities** - [Tuition-Free Summer Programs](#)
Deadline: March 1, 2020
- **VT Destination Area Opportunity** - [Transdisciplinary Faculty Fellows Program](#)
March 1, 2020
- **American Psychological Foundation** - [Gifted Children](#) or [LGBT](#) Topics

Deadline: March 1, 2020

- **Samuel H. Kress Foundation** - [Scholarly European Art Projects](#)
Deadline: March 1, 2020 (Letters of Inquiry)
- **SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework** - [Partnerships for Success Grants](#)
Deadline: March 6, 2020
- **JRS Biodiversity Foundation** - [Biodiversity Data/Information Services in Africa](#)
Deadline: March 10, 2020

Conferences, Seminars and Events



CLAHS-ISCE to Offer NSF CAREER Sessions

The CLAHS and ISCE are co-sponsoring a series of sessions on National Science Foundation CAREER Awards geared for faculty whose research focuses on topics relevant to the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences directorate. The sessions will help faculty better understand application requirements, provide opportunities to learn from past recipients and receive feedback on drafts as well as assistance with the nuts and bolts of the application process. **An initial meeting will be held on Monday, February 10th from 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the ISCE Conference Room located at 230 Grove Lane.** For planning purposes, contact [Yancey Crawford](#) if you plan to attend.

The Value of Science in a Polarized Age



Arthur Lupia, PhD

Assistant Director, National Science Foundation
Head, Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate

Join Dr. Lupia to learn more about the value of science, and the social sciences in particular, in addressing contemporary challenges facing our nation, especially in an era of polarized politics. Dr. Lupia will also touch on funding strategies the NSF is using to create new opportunities in challenging circumstances.

ISCE Event: February 13th

Dr. Arthur Lupia, Head of the **Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate**, and Assistant Director at the National Science Foundation, will present on **Thursday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m.**, in person in Arlington in the East/West Falls Church Room at the Virginia Tech Research Center, and via a simultaneous broadcast to Blacksburg, in the ISCE Conference Room. Remote access through Zoom is also available.

Visit the [ISCE website](#) for more information or click to view the [event flier](#). ISCE staff also will be available at each location to share information about the upcoming [call for proposals](#) for the ISCE Scholars Program and other ISCE grant support.

[Registration requested](#), regardless of location, by this **Friday, February 7th**.



Speaker Series: Virtual Environments in Housing Studies

All are invited to attend the AHRM Virtual Reality speaker series, featuring **Dr. Andrew Park**, a national member of the Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies, who will present on Thursday, February 20th from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Fralin Auditorium. A **second speaker, David Gull**, CEO of a virtual reality company, will present on March 3rd. [Click here](#) for an event flier and here for more [information on](#)

Announcements and Faculty News



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

VT Research and Innovation Office Launches Foreign Influence Website

To provide guidance to the Virginia Tech research community regarding foreign influence in research, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation recently launched a [website](#) with relevant resources and assistance.

[Read more...](#)

Center for Coastal Studies to address complex issues in the coastal zone

The Center for Coastal Studies, which emerged from the Coastal@VT initiative, will engage with a diverse set of stakeholders, create a collaborative space for difficult conversations with the public around coastal-zone issues, and establish a Coastal Zone Observatory. [Read more...](#)



VT researcher wins award for paper focusing on worldwide 'missing' female population

Sudipta Sarangi, professor of economics, has been awarded the 2020 Kuznets Prize of the Journal of Population Economics for his work on why 6 million women are



"missing" due to a combination of circumstances. [Read more...](#)

People who bike to work may live longer, according to new research

Ralph Buehler, associate professor in the School of Public and International Affairs, is quoted in a Business Insider article about the benefits of biking to work. [Read more...](#)



To feed or not to feed? The dilemma of interacting with birds and other wildlife

Ashley Dayer, assistant professor of Fish and Wildlife Conservation, is one of several researchers featured in an Ensia article about human impacts on wild animals's natural eating routines. [Read more....](#)



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