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Check out two new ISCE-hosted presentations related to data access and analysis for social scientists.

The first presentation will be held next **Tuesday, September 28th** and will feature the Georgetown Federal Statistical Research Data Center and how to gain access to restricted microdata. See the **Conferences** section for details and **register now!**

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

Funding Opportunities



Emerging Issues in Childhood Agricultural Health Grants

Emerging Issues Grants provide funding to test, implement, or recommend strategies that are likely to identify causes, effects, and prevention interventions in response to emerging health and safety concerns of children working on, living in, or visiting agricultural environments. **The 2021 funding cycle will focus on documenting, intervening, and otherwise exploring COVID-19 related impacts** upon children in and around agricultural settings. Projects must address/influence parents and adults, not just children. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 1, 2021 (Required Letter of Intent); **Proposal: November 1, 2021**



Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Optimizing Functioning Across the Aging Continuum

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is seeking to fund high-quality, comparative effectiveness **research projects that focus on optimizing physical and mental functioning for community-dwelling older adults and their caregivers**. The Healthy Aging Targeted RFA will solicit applications for studies that focus on different phases of the aging continuum. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 5, 2021 (Letter of Intent)



Innovative Mental Health Services Research

This funding opportunity encourages **innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services**. Proposed research should seek to: 1) Identify mutable factors that impact access, continuity, utilization, quality, value, and outcomes which may serve as targets in future service delivery intervention development; 2) Develop and test new research tools, technologies, measures, or methods and statistical approaches to study these issues; or 3) Integrate and analyze large data sets to understand factors affecting mental health services outcomes using advanced computational and predictive analytic approaches. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 5, 2021 (first of multiple)



COVID-19 Impact on Older Adults

The National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) and Alzheimer's Association are partnering to launch a targeted **request for applications focused on research on the neuropsychological impact of COVID-19 in older adults from health disparity populations**. Two awards, each having a maximum budget of \$100,000, are available for this up to two-year award. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 7, 2021 (Letter of Intent)



FY22 Research Opportunities

The Alzheimer's Association has announced international funding opportunities for the FY22. **Multiple opportunities are available including research grants for new and experienced investigators, opportunities that promote diversity and fellowships.** [Click here](#) for the full program announcement.

Deadline: October 8, 2021 (Letter of Intent)



Building Evidence of Effective Student Support Strategies

Arnold Ventures invites letters of interest for grant applications to **build the evidence base on effective student support strategies in online postsecondary education**, either fully-online or in hybrid modalities. The foundation has committed up to \$2 million for research studies that identify and hone promising student success interventions to set the stage for larger-scale, rigorous randomized controlled trial evaluations. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: October 11, 2021

[Click here](#) for other Arnold Ventures opportunities focused on criminal justice, health, education and public finance, that have rolling deadlines.



Call for Health Policy Fellows

The RWJF Health Policy Fellows program **seeks outstanding midcareer health professionals, behavioral/social scientists, and others** with an

interest in health and health care who possess the skills and commitment to use the fellowship experience to provide leadership in improving health, health care, and health policy at the national, state, or local level. Fellows actively participate in the formulation of national health policies in congressional or executive branch offices, and accelerate their careers as leaders in health policy. The fellowship requires a full-time commitment with a minimum 12-month residence in Washington, D.C. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 12, 2021

Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's *Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity* program prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. **This funding is focused on studies about upstream causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities.** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants will generally receive notice within six to nine weeks of applying as to whether they are invited to submit a full proposal. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: Rolling



Coastlines and People

The objective of this National Science Foundation solicitation is to support Coastal Research Hubs, structured using a convergent science approach, at the nexus between coastal sustainability, human dimensions, and coastal processes to transform understanding of interactions among natural, human-built, and social systems in coastal, populated environments. **Updates have been made to this solicitation since the last deadline including that letters of intent are no longer required.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: December 6, 2021



Foreign Policy Research Grants

The Charles Koch Foundation welcomes applications for its Foreign Policy Research Grants program, which provides support to scholars and research institutions interested in challenging the current foreign policy approach of the United States, providing alternative visions for U.S. foreign policy, and engaging in research that can bridge the gap between ideas and policy. While the foundation is especially interested in foreign policy research projects from the fields of political science, international relations, history, or economics, proposals from all fields will be considered on their merits. [Click here](#) for details.

If interested in applying, contact [Adam Short](#) with Virginia Tech Foundation Relations since his office is overseeing the partnership with this foundation.

Deadline: Rolling

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Advancing Research Impact in Society (ARIS) - [2022 Fellows Program](#)**
Deadline: September 30, 2021
- **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood - [Early Childhood Research](#)**
Deadline: September 30, 2021
- **4-VA - [Research Collaborative Grants](#)**
Deadline: Rolling until October 1, 2021
- **American Philosophical Society - [Franklin Research Grants](#)**
Deadline: October 1, 2021
- **Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute - [Capacity Building Funding](#)**

Deadline: October 1, 2021

- **AERA-NSF Grants Program** - [Quantitative Research with Large-Scale Data Sets](#)

Deadline: October 5, 2021

- **National Institutes of Health** - [Funding Focus on Social, Behavioral & Economic Impact of COVID-19](#)

Deadline: October 5, 2021 (first of multiple)

- **American Cancer Society** - [Role of Health Policy and Insurance in Improving Access to Cancer Services](#)

Deadline: October 15, 2021

- **National Science Foundation** - [Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning \(RECTL\)](#)

Deadline: October 18, 2021

- **National Library of Medicine** - [Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities](#)

Deadline: October 22, 2021

Conferences, Seminars and Events



Upcoming ISCE Events

Make plans to attend two new ISCE-hosted presentations related to research and data opportunities for social scientists this fall!

- **Georgetown Federal Statistical Research Data Center:** The first presentation, which will feature Amy O'Hara, Director of the Georgetown Federal Statistical Research Data Center, will be held on **Tuesday, September 28th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Scholars interested in using a wealth of Census and other federal data at levels not publicly-available can submit applications and gain approval to access the restricted data at

no cost due to a contract with Virginia Tech via ISCE. O'Hara will review the myriad rich data available and the process by which researchers can use it, with Q&A. [Click here](#) to register for the event.

- **Save the Date! Center for Biostatistics and Health Data Science:** This second presentation, to be held on **Friday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m.**, will feature Alexandra Hanlon who will showcase the work, services and health data access that the Center can offer to Virginia Tech faculty and students, with time for Q&A. Stay tuned for more details.

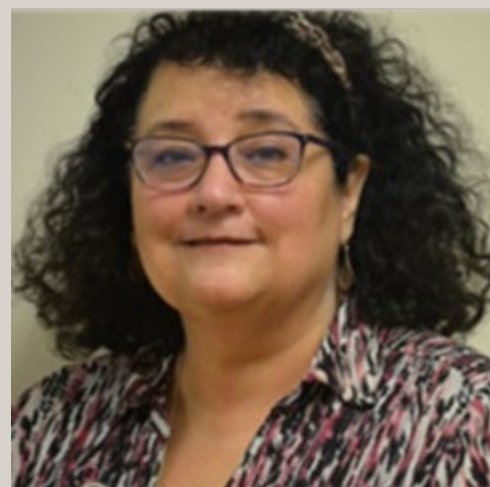


Science on Tap Event: September 22nd

Science on Tap NRV presents "*Energy Justice: Why Solar Panels Aren't Enough*," on **Wednesday, September 22nd from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Rising Silo Brewery**. This free event features Virginia Tech faculty, Shannon Bell, Cara Daggett and Christine Labuski. [Click here](#) for the event flier.

Fall Forum & Lemonade on the Lawn: Oct. 7th

All are invited to the **Center for Gerontology's Fall Forum and Lemonade on the Lawn on October 7th at 1:00 p.m.** Phyllis A. Greenberg from St. Cloud State University will be presenting, "*Ageism in Health Care: 72 Is Not a Diagnosis*," which will be followed by lemonade on the lawn. The event will take place at the ISCE building, located at 230 Grove Lane. [Click here](#) for the event flier.



Announcements & Faculty News

New chair of Virginia Tech's Institutional Review Board Appointed

Liesl Baum, the associate director for strategic initiatives and educational research in Virginia Tech's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning in Undergraduate Academic Affairs, has been named the chair of the Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board (IRB), effective Sept. 1, 2021.

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The coronavirus death toll has equaled the 1918 flu pandemic. Here are some key caveats.

E. Thomas Ewing, professor of history, is featured in a Washington Post article about the coronavirus death toll compared to the 1918 flu pandemic. [Read more...](#)

How to end the American obsession with driving

Ralph Buehler, chair of Urban Affairs and Planning, is quoted in a Vox article about how cities need to be designed with much more walking, biking, and public transit use in mind if they are to help fight climate change. [Read more...](#)



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