



SPSSI Policy Update



Policy Highlights...

[SPSSI Releases New Resource for Communities on Climate Change](#)

This new [10-page resource](#) and [two-page brief](#), entitled *Building Resilient Communities in the Face of Climate Change: A Resource for Local Communities*, is the result of a collaboration among SPSSI's immediate Past President Susan Clayton, SPSSI Council Member and Policy Committee Chair Linda Silka, former Graduate Student Committee Chair Carlie Trott, graduate student Daniel Chapman, and SPSSI Policy Director Sarah Mancoll.

[Applications Now Being Accepted for SPSSI James Marshall Public Policy Fellowship](#)

The fellowship provides support for a post-doctoral level fellow to work full-time for one year (September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018) in the U.S. Congress. Applications are due by February 1, 2017. [Click here to learn about this year's fellow, Rashmi Nair.](#)

[Applications Now Being Accepted for SPSSI Dalmás A. Taylor Summer Minority Policy Fellowship](#)

The fellowship provides an opportunity for a graduate student of color to work on public policy issues in the Washington, D.C. offices of SPSSI and APA for 8-12 weeks during the summer of 2017. Applications are due by March 1, 2017.

[Save the Date: APA Convention Policy Workshop and Advocacy Day: July 31 – August 2, 2017](#)

Want to learn more about using your scholarship to advocate at the federal level? SPSSI is a leading co-organizer of the 2017 Policy Workshop and Advocacy Day that will immediately precede the 2017 APA Convention in Washington, DC. Information on how to register will be shared in early 2017. The cost of registration will be subsidized by SPSSI and the other co-sponsoring APA offices and divisions, and travel scholarships will also be available.

[SPSSI Brings the Science of Climate Change Resilience to Capitol Hill](#)

On December 12, 2016, the one-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement, SPSSI hosted a Congressional Seminar on the topic of *Strengthening Human Health and Well-being in the Face of Climate Change: Insights from Psychology*. The speakers included SPSSI's immediate Past President Susan Clayton and psychologist Daniel Dodgen of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Their presentations focused on the mental and physical health effects of climate

change, how some populations are especially vulnerable, and how communities can better prevent and address these effects. Seventy-five people attended the event, including congressional and federal agency staffers, and policy professionals from advocacy and scientific organizations.

Policy News Items from Around the World...

- [Annual Scholars at Risk Report Describes Pervasive State Interference with Academic Inquiry and Expression and Violent Suppression of Organized Student Expression](#)
- [UN Urges the Global Community to “Stand up for Someone’s Rights”](#)
- [UN Condemns Confinement of Women Based On Pregnancy and Suspected Drug Use](#)
- [UNICEF Report: 300 Million Children Breathing Toxic Air](#)
- [UNHRC Condemns Violations in South Sudan and Reaffirms Mandate of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan](#)
- [International Committee of the Red Cross Reports Views of People on Different Aspects of War](#)
- [Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack Issues Guide to Implementing the Principles of State Responsibility to Protect Higher Education from Attack](#)

Policy News Items from Washington...

- [APA Hosts Congressional Briefing on Improving Police and Community Relations](#)
- [Congress Passes a Stop-Gap Measure to Fund the U.S. Government through April 28, 2017](#)
- [Justice for All Reauthorization Act Signed into Law, Supports Women Who Are the Victims of Violence](#)
- [House and Senate Pass the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act to Bolster the Work of NSF and Other Agencies](#)
- [Signed into Law: 21st Century CURES Act Includes Focus on Improving Research on Sexual and Gender Minority Populations, Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities](#)
- [Newly Released: Report by Federal Interagency Policy Group on Reducing the Impact of Bias in the STEM Workforce](#)
- [Department of Education Releases of New Guides and Resources to Help Justice-Involved Youth Transition Back to Traditional School Settings](#)
- [NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Releases New Strategic Plan](#)
- [Federal Government Eases 2011 Restrictions on Federal Employee Attendance at Conferences](#)
- [NSF: Universities Report Fourth Straight Year of Declining Federal R&D Funding in FY 2015](#)
- [NSF “Dear Colleague” Letter Announces Interest in Improving Robustness and Reliability of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Research](#)

Policy-Relevant Opportunities and Resources...

- [Call for Articles: Data and Human Rights](#) The global human rights community has access to more data from a wider range of sources than ever before, but it is not always clear how reliable and helpful these data are or how to best use them in human rights work. In a new series of articles, *Data and Human Rights*, *openGlobalRights* authors will explore the types, sources, and uses of human rights data. *openGlobalRights* is accepting 700-1,000 word, op-ed-style submissions responding to any of the articles. Interested writers should send their drafts to Theresa Harris (tharris@aaas.org), Associate Editor for Science and Human Rights.
- [Event Invitation: AAAS Science & Human Rights Coalition Meeting on “The Right to Water”—January 26-27, 2017 in Washington, D.C.](#)
- [HHS Office of Minority Health Releases Compendium of Publicly Available Datasets](#)
- [Webcast: January 10, 2017 National Academies Event on a New Report entitled *Communicating Science Effectively a Research Agenda*](#)
- [Call for White Papers from National Academies: Social and Behavioral Sciences for National Security](#) Deadline: January 15, 2017.
- [GSA Office of Evaluation Sciences is Currently Accepting Applications for Fellowships Beginning in October 2017 in Washington, D.C.](#) Deadline: January 15, 2017
- [NIH Seeks Input on Data Management, Sharing, and Citation](#) Deadline: January 19, 2017
- [EPA Seeks Research on "Behavioral Drivers" of Significant Carbon Reduction](#) Deadline: February 10, 2017