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Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Launches New Web Site

A redesigned and enhanced Web site for scientists, advocacy groups, the media and the general public, providing key information on behavioral and social science research and activities at the NIH, is now online at <http://obssr.od.nih.gov>.

The site, which features a new appearance, format and architecture, was launched by the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, in the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health.

The site contains more readily accessible and searchable information on funding opportunity announcements, key scientific areas, a calendar of news and events and video casts of the BSSR Lecture Series.

“The new Web site allows the Office to communicate with researchers, advocacy groups, media, and the general public about critical research and training opportunities, lectures and news,” said Acting Director Christine A. Bachrach, Ph.D. “Our new site enhances our ability to communicate activities that support our mission of stimulating and coordinating behavioral and social science research across NIH.”

In addition to a new look and feel, including a newly designed OBSSR logo, the Web site has improved navigation and has significant new content areas. Visitors can now quickly navigate to the Office’s scientific areas of concentration: Biopsychosocial Interactions; Genes, Behavior and Environment; Health and Behavior; Methodology; Social and Cultural Factors in Health; Translation.

Another addition is the From the Director column, which highlights critical issues and developments in the behavioral and social science fields.

The home page highlights upcoming talks in the BSSR Lecture Series and news about the Office, such as the recent, first trans-NIH retreat for behavioral and social scientists.

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The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) opened officially on July 1, 1995. The U.S. Congress established the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) in the Office of the Director, NIH, in recognition of the key role that behavioral and social factors often play in illness and health. The OBSSR mission is to stimulate behavioral and social sciences research throughout NIH and to integrate these areas of research more fully into others of the NIH health research enterprise, thereby improving our understanding, treatment, and prevention of disease. For more information, please visit <http://obssr.od.nih.gov>.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) -- The Nation's Medical Research Agency -- is comprised of 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.