38 Years of Advocacy and Education

FABBS is the only coalition of scientific societies focused specifically on promoting the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior in the U.S.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ADVOCACY

White House/Administration Meetings
- Met with NSF Examiner in OMB regarding possible cuts to NSF Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE)
- Provided OMB with examples of research impact

Congressional Outreach
- Urged Congress to raise budget caps for FY 2018 and FY 2019
- Advocated for increased funding for NIH, NSF, IES
- Led scientific society contact with Capitol Hill on the NIH expansion of clinical trial policies to include basic science
- Prepared testimony for House Appropriations Subcommittee in support of NSF funding increases
- Urged “Question for the Record” for NIH Director related to clinical trials
- Spoke with appropriations subcommittee clerks about NSF SBE cuts in FY 2018
- Developed handouts for Congress showing contributions of NSF SBE research

Broad Policy Issues
- Developed statement highlighting research related to family separations at border
- Expressed support for nominee for White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Supported letter calling for removal of citizenship question from census
- Urged NSF to collect info on sexual orientation and gender identity in national STEM workforce surveys
- Urged Dept. of State to not expand the information collected on immigrants and non-immigrant visa applicants

NIH Clinical Trials
- Secured report language in FY 2018 omnibus spending bill
- Met with NIH Deputy Director to reiterate concerns of scientific community
- Organized scientific society and higher education association meeting to plan next steps
- Drafted letter highlighting a plan forward and remaining concerns
- Collaborated with higher education colleagues on response to RFI on registration and reporting
- Shared sign-on letters with scientific and higher education community
- Met with appropriations staff about impasse on clinical trial case studies

Grassroots Advocacy Training
- FABBS Ambassador Advocacy Training program
- Grassroots training to interested member society scientists
- Discussed range of outreach possibilities and provided sample letters, meeting requests, meeting scripts, and thank you notes
### Science Funding

FABBS conducts advocacy to increase science funding at key agencies. FABBS also works to prevent targeted cuts to the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior when threats arise.

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### Agency Outreach

- Submitted nine “Grand Challenge” ideas from member societies to NSF SBE
- Had ongoing interactions with NIH regarding expansion of clinical trial case studies
- Conducted several meetings with NICHD Director and staff regarding development of a strategic plan
- Organized a Q&A with new NSF Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Director

### Status of Appropriations

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Bipartisan Civic Engagement Initiative

- Partnership with Research!America
- Non-partisan initiative to encourage civic engagement of early career scientists with the public and national candidates prior to midterm election

NASEM Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences Presentation

FABBS: Promoting the Sciences of Mind, Brain, and Behavior at the Federal Level
Paula Skedsvold, JD, PhD

Lecture to NIH Behavioral and Social Scientists

“Early Language Learning at Scale: Bigger Data for Language Development”
Michael C. Frank, PhD
Cognitive Science Society

The First Year of College
Research, Theory, and Practice on Improving the Student Experience and Increasing Retention
Edited by Robert Feldman, PhD
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SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Web Video Series
Highlighting applications of fundamental cognitive science to the real world
- Transportation Security Administration
- George Washington Hospital Breast Imaging Center
- National Rehabilitation Hospital
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administation
- Capitol Hill

Policy Insights in the Behavioral and Brain Sciences
- Presents research and scientific reviews relevant to public policy
- Represents the range of FABBS member societies’ interests and expertise
- Indexed in Scopus and Psychinfo
- Founded in 2014

Science Writer Articles - Research to Policy
- “To End the Cycle of Poverty, Begin in the Womb”
- “Economic Inequality Is Affecting More Than Our Wallets”
- “Loneliness Is Bad for Your Health, but How?”
- “Clues to Violence May Be Visible in the Brain”
- “Places Can Be Prejudiced, Too”
- “Changing Broader Social Stereotypes is Our Best Chance of Ending Implicit Bias”
- “Why Affirmative Action Isn’t Sufficient to Counter Racial Bias”

FABBS Blog
- “Limping Toward the Goal Posts: Basic Science and Clinical Trials at NIH” - Paula Skedsvold and Jeremy Wolfe
- “Changes to the human subjects system: a view from someone formerly on the inside” - Philip Rubin
- “Needed: More Science on Communicating Science” - Nora Newcombe
- “Behavioral Big Data and its Challenges for Behavioral Researchers” - Galit Shmueli

FABBS Diversity Database
A growing list of resources for students, faculty, and others invested in advancing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion

Early Career Award Winner Profiles
- Evaluating (Mis)Information: Research to Identify Effective Strategies
- “Answering the Endless ‘Why?’: Children’s Questions Matter, and So Do Our Answers”
- “Individualized Medicine with No Side Effects? It’s Already Here”
- “Understanding the Role of Genes and Environment in Substance Use and Mental Illness”

March for Science Partner and Participant
### AWARDS

#### Early Career Spotlight - 2018 Winners

- Leslie Blaha, PhD  
  Society for Mathematical Psychology

- Jason Braasch PhD  
  Society for Text and Discourse

- Kathleen Corriveau, EdD  
  American Educational Research Association

- Genomary Krigbaum, PsyD  
  Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback

- Sonya Sterba, PhD  
  Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology

- Karin Verweij, PhD  
  Behavior Genetics Association

### MEMBER SOCIETY CONNECTIONS

- Coeditors and contributors to *Policy Insights in the Behavioral and Brain Sciences*
- Grassroots advocacy training
- Submission of “Grand Challenge” ideas to NSF
- Society lectures at NIH
- FABBS Advocacy Report
- Interactions with federal agency staff at Annual Meeting
- Honoring early career and eminent, senior scientists from member societies
- Member society listserv
- E-newsletter of science funding and policy issues
- Letter sign-on opportunities
- Doctoral and Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards for affiliates

### “In Honor Of...” Honoring Eminent, Senior Scientists

- Irving Gottesman (in memory of)  
  *University of Minnesota*

- David E. Meyer  
  *University of Michigan*

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  *University of Michigan*

- Michael Tanenhaus  
  *University of Rochester*

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