

***This Week's News and Reflections (02/16/07)***  
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**FABBS' "HOW DO I LOVE THEE?" EVENT, FEATURING  
CARTER AND SHAVER, AVAILABLE ON WEBCAST**

The Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) hosted a special science café last week at the National Zoo here in DC, involving two distinguished scientists in our field: C. Sue Carter, PhD (University of Illinois, Chicago) and Phillip Shaver, PhD (University of California, Davis). The program was called: "How Do I Love Thee? The Biology and Psychology of Attachment" and the event was lively, interactive, and very successful! The Zoo did web cast the event live, and, if you would like to see it, it is currently archived on: <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ActivitiesAndEvents/Lectures/Archive/>  
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**FY 2008 FEDERAL BUDGET: MONEY, MONEY EVERYWHERE  
BUT NOT MUCH OF A PENNY TO PINCH (FOR SCIENCE)**

Last week, the federal "budget roll-out" for 2008 was the week's highlight for many of us in Washington and, while our government has trillions of dollars to spend, the question is how much money was allocated to science, and especially to the behavioral (and related) sciences? There is more to analyze, but let me say this now: In short, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) took a beating and, while the National Science Foundation (NSF) did well, the behavioral sciences are in for a relatively modest increase, one that hardly moves the base figure from the previous year.

In these fiscally-trying times, one beacon mentioned in several briefings last week, especially at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), was President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) and through this mechanism, the NSF overall did well. In sum, the NSF will enjoy an overall approximate 7% increase next year, but a closer inspection of how those monies will be distributed across directorates tells an interesting story. Please click on this link:

[http://www.nsf.gov/about/budget/fy2008/pdf/04\\_fy2008.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/about/budget/fy2008/pdf/04_fy2008.pdf).

Note that the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) is proposed to receive a 3.9% increase and the Biology Directorate (BIO) shows an increase of 4.1%. Notice also that the largest increases will go to those directorates in physical sciences, math, engineering, computing and the like – the disciplines that Bush indicates in ACI as critical to advancing science and technology goals in America. The Federation, along with other advocacy groups, has voiced strong concerns about this emphasis and will continue to do so as we move forward. We feel it is short-sighted to arbitrarily select certain areas of science to fund under ACI and, as this initiative supposedly will continue to gain momentum

through 2016, we will lose more ground each year. Another important point to consider is that while some may say an approximate 4% increase is reasonable during this fiscal climate, note that a base of about \$200 million for SBE sciences does not move up very much with an increase of this size. BIO has a much larger base than SBE, and while some behavioral scientists are funded there, it is not the focus of the BIO Directorate of course. However, note that the “life” sciences were also panned in ACI, not just the behavioral and social sciences, and their increase for 2008 reflects that as well.

As for the NIH, depending on how you compare the numbers, they appear overall to be poised to lose funds in 2008. One thing is for sure: the last several years’ increases for the NIH have not kept up with inflation let alone allowed for new monies in the Institutes that we follow, so they have been on a kind of “losing streak” ever since the “doubling era” ended. (And, as many of you know, grant renewals have not enjoyed what were normal inflationary increases, and will not in the near future as well.) The official NIH press release came out the day of the budget roll out (Feb.5), and so is now outdated a bit due to further action on the 2007 budget, but if you scroll to page 7, you will see a breakdown by Institute and can assess a relative difference in the increases that were planned for each: <http://officeofbudget.od.nih.gov/UI/HomePage.htm>

**Important Reminder:** This annual budget roll-out is just the first phase of a long series of adjustments, votes, amendments, and so on before the budget is a “done deal” for FY 2008. In fact, final touches are still being implemented on FY 2007, a budget that should have been finalized months ago, and we are well into calendar year 2007! So anything can happen - and we must watch the progress of this proposed budget in the coming months and make our case to improve the monies for our scientists wherever and whenever we can.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY RELEASES MARKET SURVEY ON RISK PERCEPTION, PUBLIC TRUST, & COMMUNICATIONS**

Please take a look at this DHS request for information:

<http://www2.fbo.gov/spg/DHS/OCPO/DHS%2DOCPO/TOPOFF4/SynopsisR.html>

## **NIDA RELEASES NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT TO FUND DRUG ABUSE AND RISKY DECISION MAKING**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) (<http://www.nida.nih.gov>) has published a Program Announcement with set-aside funds for fiscal year 2007 to support research in Drug Abuse, Risky Decision Making and HIV/AIDS:

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-07-324.html>. (and see companion announcements at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-07-325.html> and <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-07-326.html> for

Exploratory/Developmental and Small Grant Programs). This program announcement is intended to stimulate model driven research that will increase understanding of how drugs of abuse or processes of addiction influence decisions about high risk sexual behavior, thereby enhancing vulnerability for acquiring or transmitting HIV. Research supported by this announcement will emphasize interdisciplinary studies that incorporate approaches from psychology, economics, anthropology, sociology, decision sciences, neuroscience and computational modeling. Hypothesis driven research and modeling approaches that can guide empirical testing are encouraged. The study of decisions to engage in risky sexual behavior must be clearly the central focus of the proposed research. For additional information please contact Minda Lynch, Ph.D., Division of Basic Neurosciences and Behavior Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, DHHS, at [mlynch1@nida.nih.gov](mailto:mlynch1@nida.nih.gov).

## **NIDA EXPLAINS THE SCIENCE OF ADDICTION TO THE PUBLIC**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse has made available a guide to addiction, suitable for public consumption, called "Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction." To read all about it and obtain access to the booklet, visit:

<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/feb2007/nida-13.htm>

## **FEDERAL REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

NSF FY 2008 Budget Request to Congress

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=bfa0701](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=bfa0701)

Type: General Information Subtype: NSF-wide

Non-Venomous Asian Snakes 'Borrow' Defensive Poison from Toxic Toads [pr07008]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=pr07008](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07008)

Type: News Releases Subtype: Biology

Joint Domestic Nuclear Detection Office/National Science Foundation: Academic Research Initiative [nsf07545]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07545](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07545)

Type: Program Announcements & Information Subtype: All

Industrial Funding of Academic R&D Rebounds in FY 2005 [nsf07311]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07311](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07311)

Statistical Reports on U.S. Science

Public Information Handbook [nsf07135]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07135](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07135)

Type: Newsletters/Journals Subtype: NSF-wide

NSF FOIA Report: FY 2006 [ogc0701]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=ogc0701](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=ogc0701)

Type: Reports Subtype: NSF-wide

PBS's 'Design Squad' Debuts at Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=ma07004](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=ma07004)

Type: News Releases Subtype: Education

### **NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

#### **National Institute of Mental Health**

LATEST POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS - <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/grants/granpol.cfm>

Amendment to PAR-06-441, Interventions and Practice Research Infrastructure Program (IP-RISP) (R24) (NOT-MH-07-101) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-07-101.html>

Clarification of Page Limits for amended Applications in response to PAR-06-053 and PAR-06-062, "Interdisciplinary Developmental Science Centers for Mental Health (IDSC)" (NOT-MH-07-102) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-07-102.html>

Change of Program Contact for: PAR-05-010 - Cooperative Drug Development Group (CDDG) for the Treatment of Mental Illness (NOT-MH-07-103)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-07-103.html>

Addendum to PA-07-147 - Men's Heterosexual Behavior and HIV Infection (R01) (NOT-MH-07-104) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-07-104.html>

Extension of Several NRSA Training (T), NRSA Fellowship (F), and Career Development (K) Funding Opportunity Announcements (NOT-OD-07-043)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-043.html>

NIH Policy on Allowable Costs for Grant Activities Involving Animals when Terms and Conditions are not Upheld (NOT-OD-07-044) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-044.html>

Notice of Institutes Participating in the Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) SC1 (PAR-06-491) and SC2 (PAR-06-492) Awards and Guidance on PI Eligibility to Apply for SCORE Individual Awards (NOT-GM-07-100) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-GM-07-100.html>

#### **GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**

Health Careers Opportunity Program: Process for Awarding Competitive Grants Included Independent Review. GAO-07-137, February 2.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-137>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07137high.pdf>

State Department: State Has Initiated a More Systematic Approach for Managing Its Aviation Fleet. GAO-07-264, February 2.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-264>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07264high.pdf>

Testimony: Health Information Technology: Early Efforts Initiated but Comprehensive Privacy Approach Needed for National Strategy, by Linda D. Koontz, and David A. Powner, directors, information technology, before the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. GAO-07-400T, February 1. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-400T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07400thigh.pdf>

Homeland Security: Applying Risk Management Principles to Guide Federal Investments, by William O. Jenkins, Jr., director, homeland security and justice issues, before the Subcommittee on Homeland Security, House Committee on Appropriations. GAO-07-386T, February 7.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-386T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07386thigh.pdf>

#### **FEDERATION SOCIETY NEWS CORNER...**

*Upcoming Federation society annual meetings:*

##### ***FEBRUARY***

**Association for Applied Psychophysiology & Biofeedback**

February 15-18, Monterrey, CA

<http://www.aapb.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

##### ***APRIL***

**American Educational Research Association**

April 9-13, Chicago, IL

<http://www.aera.net>

**Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology**

April 27-29, New York, NY

[www.siop.org](http://www.siop.org)

***MAY/JUNE***

**Association for Behavior Analysis**

May 25-29, San Diego, CA

[www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org)

**Behavior Genetics Association**

June 3-6, Amsterdam, Netherlands

[www.bga.org](http://www.bga.org)

**International Behavioral Neuroscience Society**

June 12-16, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

[www.ibnshomepage.org](http://www.ibnshomepage.org)

**Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology**

June 21-24, Pacific Grove, CA

[www.sbn.org](http://www.sbn.org)

***JULY/AUGUST***

**American Psychological Association**

August 17-20, San Francisco, CA

[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

**Cognitive Science Society**

August 1-4, Nashville, TN

[www.cognitivesciencesociety.org](http://www.cognitivesciencesociety.org)

**Society for Mathematical Psychology**

July 25-28, Costa Mesa, CA

[www.cogs.indiana.edu/socmathpsych](http://www.cogs.indiana.edu/socmathpsych)

***OCTOBER***

**Human Factors and Ergonomics Society**

October 1-5, Baltimore, MD

[www.hfes.org](http://www.hfes.org)

**International Society for Developmental Psychobiology**

Oct 31 – Nov 4, San Diego, CA

[www.isdp.org](http://www.isdp.org)

**Society for Experimental Social Psychology**

October 11-13, Chicago, IL

[www.sesp.org](http://www.sesp.org)

**Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology**

October TBA

[www.smep.org](http://www.smep.org)

**Society for Psychophysiological Research**

October 17-21, Savannah, GA

[www.sprweb.org](http://www.sprweb.org)

**Society for Research in Psychopathology**

October 4-7, Iowa City, IO  
[www.psychopathology.org](http://www.psychopathology.org)

**NOVEMBER**

**National Academy of Neuropsychology**

November 14-18, Scottsdale, AZ

[www.nanonline.org](http://www.nanonline.org)

**Psychonomic Society**

November 15-18, Long Beach, CA

[www.psychonomic.org](http://www.psychonomic.org)

**Society for Computers in Psychology**

November 15, Long Beach, CA

<http://home.scip.ws>

**Society for Judgment and Decision Making**

November 17-19, Long Beach, CA

[www.sjdm.org](http://www.sjdm.org)

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No doubt the most significant activity the Federation has engaged in during the past year is the creation of the **Foundation for the Advancement of the Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS)**. The Federation developed FABBS as a vehicle for supporting and expanding this work. In short, FABBS was created to take over much of the task of educating the public and their congressional representatives about the behavioral and brain sciences and the contributions these disciplines make to society. FABBS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose work is supported by tax-deductible contributions and grants. We urge you to respond generously as the future health of our scientific enterprise is at stake. *The President of FABBS is James Pomerantz (Rice University), the Vice President is Susan Fiske (Princeton University), the Secretary is Jeffrey Blaustein (University of Massachusetts), and the Treasurer is Judith Albino.* Please visit: [www.fabbs.org](http://www.fabbs.org).

**NOTE: The current featured scientist on the FABBS site is Robert Zajonc. To read about this special recognition visit: [http://www.fabbs.org/Zajonc\\_Honor.html](http://www.fabbs.org/Zajonc_Honor.html)**

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*Happy Presidents' Day!*

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Barbara A. Wanchisen, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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