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From the Director



These are troubling times.

The President of the United States threatens to restrict immigration, impose new travel bans, and construct a wall.

International students, faculty members, and their families face international travel restrictions that limit their research and study. Some fear deportation.

Cornell's social scientists are informing the debate.

Francine Blau led a panel, appointed by the National Academies' of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, to examine the impact that immigrants have on native-born workers, economic growth, and federal, state, and local governments' budgets. The panel's report, [The Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration](#), says there is little evidence that immigration significantly affects overall wages or employment levels of native-born workers. Over the long term, immigration has a positive impact on economic growth.

Matthew Hall and Shannon Gleeson, co-leaders on the [ISS' Deportation Relief project](#), are using their research to educate policymakers and the general public. Hall's research, published in [Sociological Science](#), shows foreclosures are likely to increase as more people are deported. Gleeson and Kate Griffith, another member of the Deportation Relief project, are preparing a manuscript that examines the barriers temporary immigrant workers face when contesting injustices in the workplace.

At the university level, earlier this month Cornell joined a friend-of-the-court brief supporting an immigration case brought in U.S. District Court to challenge the Trump administration's January 27th executive order banning entry into the U.S. by nationals from Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

These are some of the ways Cornell is responding. We are open to doing more research relevant to ongoing public policy debates. This fall, the ISS will launch its search for new interdisciplinary collaborative projects. If you have research projects you would like the ISS to support, let's talk.

Sincerely,

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Social Science Grant Opportunities:

Where to Turn When Federal Funds are Scarce

March 1, 2017
225 ILR Conference Center

11:30 AM-1 PM
Lunch Provided @ 11:30 AM
Program Begins @ 11:45 AM

Workshop for Cornell faculty and graduate students

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Cornell social science faculty members will discuss their experiences with foundations & federal agencies. Expect to learn tips for success.

Social Science Grants Received

Erin York Cornwell in sociology and her co-investigators were awarded \$3 million from the National Institute on Aging for their project, "Activity Space, Social Interaction, and Health Trajectories in Later Life." This award is for 2016-19.



Maureen Waller in policy analysis and management received \$450,000 for her project, "Fathers and Low-Income Children's Academic and Behavioral Outcomes: The Role of Social and Economic Policies," running from 2017-20.



The Russell Sage Foundation provided [Peter Enns](#) in government and his co-investigators \$70,000 for their project, "Rising Inequality and the Congressional Economic Agenda" in 2016-17.



New Publications and Awards

Precarious Claims: The Promise and Failure of Workplace Protections in the United States by [Shannon Gleeson](#) in labor relations, law, and history was recently published by the University of California Press.



[Jane Mendle](#) was named a Stephen H. Weiss Junior Fellow on February 9, 2017. She was recognized for her teaching and mentoring of undergraduates.



[Kim Weeden](#), chair of the Department of Sociology, co-authored "Degrees of Difference: Gender Segregation of U.S. Doctorates by Field and Program Prestige, published in *Sociological Science* on February 6, 2017.



ISS Small Grant Award Winners

Twice yearly, the ISS provides small grants to Cornell faculty members to help support their research and conferences. In the fall 2016, we issued 14 awards to faculty in seven colleges. All but three awards supported assistant professors.

The awardees are: Ernesto Bassi, David Bateman, Kendra Bischoff, Julieta Caunedo, Erin York Cornwell, and Vivian Zayas in the College of Arts and Sciences; Rachel Aleks in the Industrial and Labor Relations School; Zachary Clopton at the Law School; Rosemary Avery and Gary Evans in the College of Human Ecology; Hyunseob Kim, Soo Kim, Sarah Lim, and Sarah Wolfords in the SC Johnson College of Business; and Jing Li at Cornell Weill.

For more information, see the Cornell Chronicle story, [ISS jump-starts new research led by junior faculty](#).

ISS' 2015-16 Annual Report

We just released the annual report for 2015-16 highlighting the Institute for the Social Sciences' activities and the accomplishments of Cornell social science faculty. Check out the [annual report](#).
