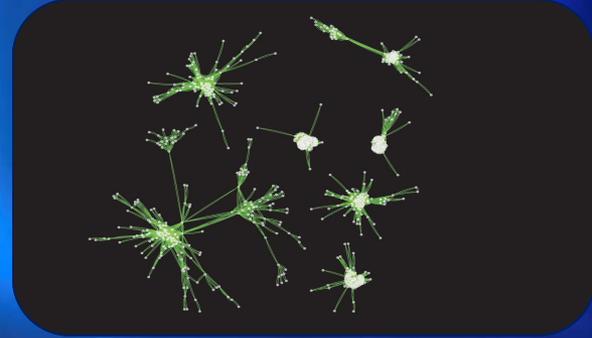
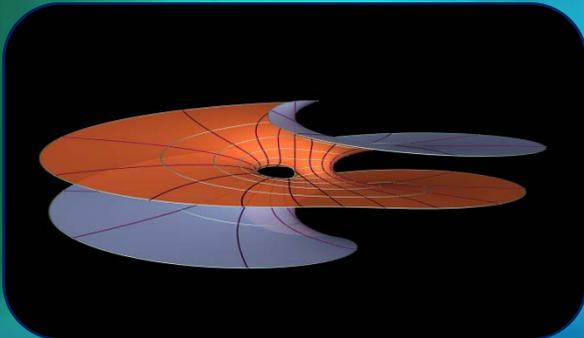
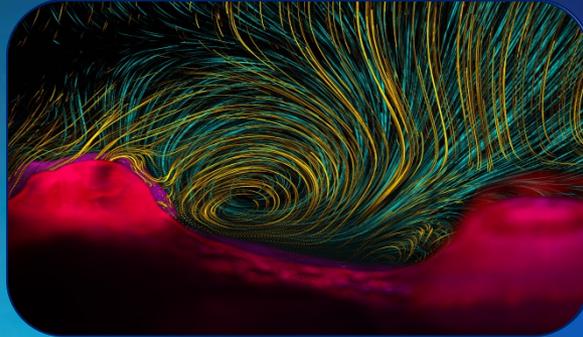




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17 Standing Programs

2011 Report: REBUILDING THE MOSAIC

[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11086/
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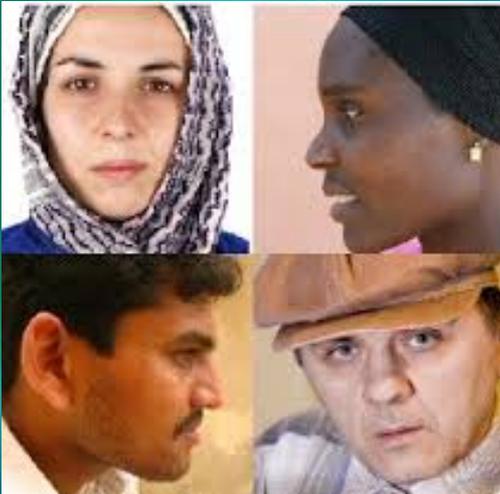
Population Change

Sources of Disparities

Communication, Language, and Linguistics

Technology and New Media

Social Networks



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Cognitive Neuroscience
Law and Social Science
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Sociology



SBE Cross-Discipline/Directorate Programs

- Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research (**IBSS**, last deadline, December, 2014- will probably be renewed).
- Resource Implementations for Data Intensive Research in the Social and Economic Sciences (**RIDIR**, the follow-up to BCC).

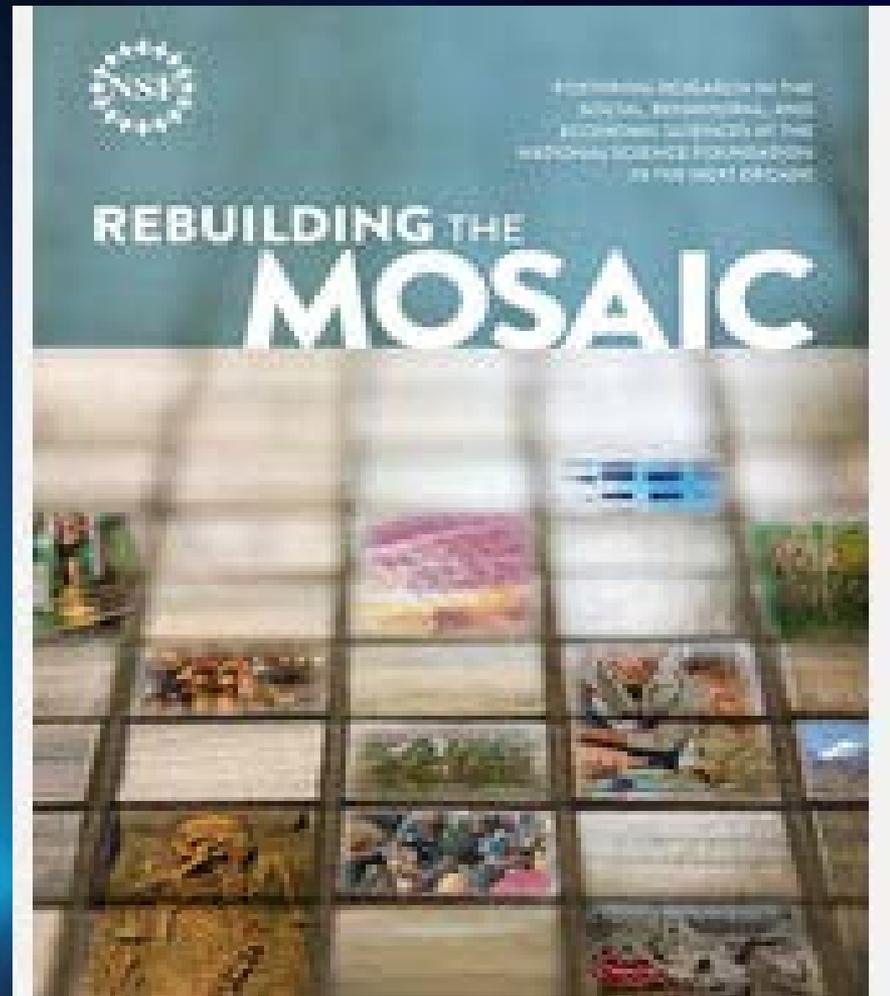
SBE Budget Numbers

- 2015 \$272 Million (up ~ 7 percent over 2014)
- 2016 budget request \$292 million
- AMERICA COMPETES...☹️ (would cut SBE by ~50 percent).
- Biggest line-items:
 - U.S. General Social Survey
 - ANES (American National Election Study)
 - PSID (Panel Study of Income Dynamics)
 - ~12 percent of our budgetFunding rates ~ 20-25 percent, depending on program

General tips.....

- Someone has to read this...!!
- The U.S. taxpayer is paying money for this...why should they do it??
- The “Uncle George” test and your project summary.
- A reviewer usually evaluates whether a proposal is any good by sometime around page 2...If they have no idea what you’re doing or why by then, you’re in trouble.

Suggested reading



The Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research

- <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04219/nsf04219.pdf>
- Authored by Charles Ragin, Joane Nagel and Patricia White

Common mistakes

- Applying to the **wrong** program.
- **Poor disciplinary linkage** to big questions....
- **Unclear writing** (as they say in Ochletree County...)
- **Quantitative work** – lack of specificity (sampling, data sources, measures, statistical techniques); do the methodological choices answer the question being asked??
- **Qualitative work** – poor problem specification; Poor sampling description (why am I here and not there?!?); Sample selection bias problems (worse in some disciplines than others).