



# Behavioral Science & Policy Association Annual Conference 2026

## **"Strong Societies Need Good Information"**

**June 7–8, 2026 | Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA**

The Behavioral Science & Policy Association (BSPA) will hold its Annual Conference at the **Harvard Kennedy School** on **June 7–8, 2026**. More than 200 leading behavioral scientists, policymakers, executives, and members of the media are expected to attend.

The conference will highlight how behavioral science can inform and improve policy across a wide range of domains. Each thematic area will be introduced by an invited chair, followed by a series of concise, engaging presentations designed to foster discussion and collaboration among researchers and practitioners.

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### **Call for Proposals**

BSPA is seeking proposals for **short presentations** and **poster submissions** that showcase work relevant to areas in which behavioral science can have a meaningful impact on policy and practice. The conference is designed to inform and engage academics, policymakers, and organizational leaders.

When submitting, please indicate whether you would like your proposal to be **considered for a talk, a poster presentation, or both**.

Presentations may summarize recent research with policy relevance, including syntheses across multiple studies. Submissions need not present new work in progress but should clearly articulate how behavioral insights can inform real-world decisions and policy outcomes.

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### **Submission Requirements**

Each submission must include:

- Presenter's name/s, affiliation, title, and contact information
- Presentation title (100 characters or fewer)

- A 400-word abstract summarizing the planned talk or poster
- APA-style reference(s) for any published work that will be described
- Preferred presentation format (talk, poster, or both)

**Submission Deadline:** February 1, 2026

**Submit Online:** <https://behavioralpolicy.org/call-for-presenters/>

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## **About BSPA**

The Behavioral Science & Policy Association (BSPA) is a non-profit membership organization that promotes the application of rigorous behavioral science research to public and private sector policy making, and disseminates this work to a broad audience. BSPA unites a community of leading scholars in various behavioral science and policy disciplines, and facilitates interactions among leading behavioral scientists, policy analysts, and leaders from public, non-profit, and private policy sectors.

Our goal is to encourage and disseminate innovative policy solutions that serve the public interest and are derived from the study of individual, group, and organizational behavior. The BSPA board consists of experts in a variety of academic and policy disciplines, including leading policy experts, top researchers, and premier journalists. Our partner organizations include the Sage Publications, Duke University, and UCLA. We have received generous support from a number of organizations, including the Alfred P. Sloan, MacArthur, and William and Flora Hewlett foundations.

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## **BSPA Conference Co-Chairs:**

Elizabeth Linos, Jennifer Lerner & Julia Minson (Harvard University)

## **BSPA Co-Founders:**

Craig Fox (UCLA) and Sim Sitkin (Duke)