Cornell Data Services April 2025 Newsletter

Comprehensive Data Planning & Services

Cornell Data Services is a collaborative, campus-wide organization that assists with data management and sharing plans, applying best practices for managing data, and finding data-related services at any stage of the research process.

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Spotlight: New! How to write a README for software or code

We are excited to introduce a new resource: Writing READMEs for research code & software, with an accompanying readme template for software to adapt and use to document your code and software. A readme file can be used to provide information and context about data, code, or software and is intended to help ensure that the files can be correctly interpreted and used, by yourself at a later date or by others when data is shared or published. Our general guide to writing "readme" style metadata and the accompanying readme template for data has been one of the most highly visited and downloaded resources on the CDS website, so we are happy to offer guidance customized for code and software.

Have questions about how to use these templates and organize your data and code for sharing? Contact us and we can work with you to make your data and code as well described and accessible as possible.

Webinars | Training | Conferences

[Cornell Center for Social Sciences](#)
[Research design and codes of practice for maximizing the impact of energy and climate social science](#)
Tuesday April 15, 12:00pm-1:30 pm
291 Clark Hall
This presentation will help scholars, especially early career researchers, gain an understanding of how to design their research more effectively, and how to improve their chances to get your work published.

[Coding and Summarizing Qualitative Data with Atlas.ti Workshop](#)
Wednesday April 16, 12:00pm-1:15pm
291 Clark Hall & Zoom
Atlas.ti is a popular qualitative analysis software. This workshop covers importing qualitative data files into Atlas.ti and using the software to identify themes and trends within text.

[ILR Center for Applied Research on Work](#)
Wednesday April 23, 2:00pm-3:30pm
Zoom
Join the [Center for Applied Research on Work](#) for the webinar [Federal Jobs Data Unlocked: The Uses, Processes, and Critical Infrastructure that Underpin the US Economy.](#) We'll discuss how federal employment data shapes the economy and what happens when it's at risk. [Register for Zoom link](#).

[Cornell R User Group Meetings](#)
Thursdays, 4pm | Mann Library 102, Zoom available
"Each meeting will feature a hands-on tutorial on that meeting's topic, plus plenty of time for group discussion. Snacks will be provided! For more details, please visit the [website](#) and [Confluence page](#) and keep an eye on this listserv for updates."
- April 17: Text wrangling and pattern matching with regex (regular expressions)

Other Events
[Data Rescue Hackathon - hosted by the Research Data Access and Preservation Association and the Data Rescue Project](#)
Thursday April 24, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Attendees will learn how to identify, capture, and preserve federal data that is at risk for deletion or alteration. Attendees of all skill levels are invited to join us in capturing, describing, uploading, and

preserving at-risk federal data to contribute to the Data Rescue Project.
Learn more and register [here](#).

[Explore the Most Important Problem Dataset – hosted by the Roper Center](#)
Wednesday May 7,1:30 PM
The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research will host a roundtable featuring Laron Williams (University of Missouri), who will present on the second release of the Most Important Problem Dataset (MIPD), which merges data from 850 U.S. surveys asking, "What is the most important problem facing the country?"
[Register to attend the May 7 Roundtable on Zoom.](#)

Funder and Publisher News

Cornell Research: Federal Transition Update

Multiple news reports are suggesting that more than $1 billion in federal grants to Cornell have been frozen. Cornell leadership has [issued a statement](#) to the community and is actively seeking more information from the federal government. If you've received a federal agency notice regarding your project, please contact researchimpact@cornell.edu.

In Case You Missed It

Access to Federal Data
Access to public data that many researchers rely on has shifted during the 2025 presidential administration transition. However, there are many individuals, organizations, and community-based groups that are documenting and assisting with efforts to preserve access to federal government websites, information, and datasets.

To stay informed, the following resources may be helpful:

· [Data Rescue Project](#) and the [Data Rescue Tracker](#)
· University of Minnesota Libguide: [Finding Government Information During the 2025 Administration Transition](#)
· [End of Term Web Archive](#)

Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
[Latest Policy Updates from COSSA: March](#)
On March 31, COSSA hosted the latest Headlines Webinar in the series. COSSA provided updates on Congressional actions, recent Trump Administration efforts, updates on the budget, and other new developments over the last few weeks, including what COSSA members can do in response.

Schedule a Consultation

CDS [consultants](#) are available year-round to answer questions and help with data-related problems. We can meet via Zoom, email, or phone.

Send a request to data-help@cornell.edu to arrange a consultation at a time that works for you.

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