



We hope you're enjoying the crisp air and beautiful fall foliage if you're lucky enough to live where the leaves change color this time of year. And if you don't, you're probably somewhere temperate or tropical so we're not sorry for you. RLA is pleased to share several exciting projects and to remind you to get your flu shot!

## RLA-authored journal article recognized by IMIA

A journal article authored by RLA staff and collaborators, [Proof-of-concept study: Homomorphically encrypted data can support real-time learning in personalized cancer medicine](#), was recognized by the [International Medical Informatics Association](#) (IMIA) as one of the of the best papers of 2019 in the Clinical Research Informatics arena. Learn more about RLA's [PACE CII Project](#).

## New project awards

RLA begins the new federal fiscal year with some exciting large-scale national and international projects.

### **The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI): How COVID-19 Has Affected AAPI Businesses, Communities, and Individuals**

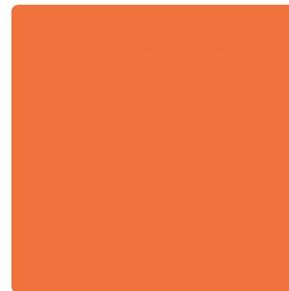
In consultation with the WHIAAPI and the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, RLA is conducting one-on-one interviews and surveys of AAPI voters to develop a 2020 report on how COVID-19 has affected (AAPI) businesses, communities, and individuals. Potential issues include how the CARES Act has assisted the AAPI community, as well as discrimination against AAPIs and services needed. RLA's abstract to present this project at the University of Southern California COVID-19 Work in Progress conference (see below) has been accepted

### **Two NIA Grants: Harmonization and Dementia in China**

RLA is pleased to have been awarded two research grants by the National Institute on Aging, led by new RLA staff member Dr. James Smith. Our team will work closely with Beijing University researchers to facilitate an international research network for the harmonization of cross-national studies of aging with the Health and Retirement Study. Additional research will study early and mid-life personal, family, community, and external factors to better understand early and later-life predictors of cognitive and all-cause dementia health in China.

### **HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) Materials Development, Communications, and Outreach Support for Vaccine Initiatives and National Strategic Plans**

Under our recently awarded contract with OIDP, RLA will continue to support work on four National Strategic Plans along with communications and outreach support for Vaccine Confidence Initiatives. This work has already included graphics for the Vaccines.gov [Boo to the Flu](#) toolkit, a critical public health initiative



## Featured fall meetings



### University of Southern California Conference

RLA is assisting the University of Southern California in organizing and hosting a virtual conference for **COVID-19 Work in Progress**. Six months after the mid-March declaration of a worldwide pandemic, this is an appropriate moment to take stock of extant work, projects in progress, and the unanswered questions that motivate new research. **Registration** and attendance at the October 29 and 30 conference is free.

### National Academy of Sciences Workshop

RLA was asked to prepare a summary for the Family Planning, Women's Empowerment, and Population and Societal Impacts: A Workshop for the National Academy of Sciences Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). DBASSE advances the behavioral and social sciences and education and their application to improve policy and practice.

Additional RLA-supported meetings include the following:

- 19th Annual American Neurological Association (ANA) NINDS Career Development Symposium
- Brown University Collaboratory
- Northwell Roybal Annual Conference
- US-Japan BRCP Joint Committee Review Meeting
- **International BRAIN Initiative Coordinating Committee Meeting**
- National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Workshop: Implications of Convergence for...the Science and Engineering Workforce
- **NIH HEAL Initiative Virtual Workshop: Target Validation for Non-Addictive Therapeutics Development for Pain**
- **NIH LINCS Virtual Symposium**

## Join our team

RLA is always looking for great people to join our team. If you're interested in being a part of exciting projects like we've mentioned and working with research organizations to move science forward, contact us at **[hr@roseliassociates.com](mailto:hr@roseliassociates.com)**. And don't forget to get your flu vaccine before Halloween!

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