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## With Cornell grants, faculty launch social sciences research

How will the rise in sea levels due to climate change affect the fiscal health of U.S. cities? Can virtual reality help architects “try out” a building’s design before construction has even started? How do social processes affect artificial intelligence in high-stakes areas such as sentencing for criminals and job applications? These are a few of the questions Cornell’s social science faculty are exploring this fall, thanks to funding from the Institute for the Social Sciences (ISS). The ISS’s Fall 2018 Small Grant Awards are designed to support faculty as they develop new research and seek external funding.



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Ambassadors support students working on community projects, coordinate outreach efforts and mentor students learning about leadership.



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[Dr. Julie Posselt "Trust Networks: A New Perspective..."](#)

Trust is a powerful form of social capital, one that facilitates willingness to make investments in the absence of complete information. In this talk I present ethnographic research about the...

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## Student Spotlight: Naomi Li '20

"I have always been interested in how social change develops and the construction of social narratives." Sociology and economics major Naomi Li conducted research over the summer under the supervision of [Kelly Nielsen](#), a postdoctoral fellow in sociology. Her research focused on situations where students and faculty experience sexism and racism in higher education. "My research has helped me expand my literature base tremendously this summer and gain a better understanding of how to approach questions from a sociological perspective."

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