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**Daniel L. Goroff to Lead Social Science Research Council
After Successful Tenure at Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**

*Move concludes influential, two-decade term as Director of
Foundation's economics portfolio*

(New York, NY) — The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation today announced that Dr. Daniel L. Goroff, Vice President and Program Director, will be leaving the Foundation after 17 years of distinguished service to become President and CEO of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), effective July 1, 2026.

Dr. Goroff joined the Sloan Foundation in 2008 to lead Sloan's newly created program supporting fundamental and applied economics research. Under his leadership, Sloan grantmaking in this space became an important force in shaping how economic and social research is conducted, shared, and applied to public life. In 635 grants totaling more than \$225 million, Goroff conceptualized and seeded landmark investments across policy, research, privacy protection, data management, outreach and communications, risk detection, and regulation. Goroff's grants include founding support for J-PAL North America, a nationwide research network that uses randomized controlled trials to evaluate the real-world impact of social policy interventions; support for the American Economic Association's RCT Registry, which has transformed standards for transparency and pre-registration in economics research; and early support for differential privacy, a mathematical framework for protecting individual privacy in large datasets that was subsequently adopted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2020 decennial census. Sloan grants under Goroff also provided founding support for The Conversation, the widely read media outlet that publishes research-based journalism written by scholars, and for OpenCorporates, an open, global framework of unique corporate legal entity identifiers that has become indispensable for regulatory governance of corporate entities and evaluation of systemic risk in the financial system.

"Danny has been a champion for research and reproducibility, for evidence-based policymaking, and for the idea that serious social science can and should make a difference in the world," said Stacie Bloom, President and CEO of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. "His work at Sloan has been a testament to how a combination of imagination and deep understanding can move the needle on some of the most pressing challenges facing us as a society, and can leave us better positioned to meet those challenges together."

Dr. Goroff's move from Sloan to SSRC carries special meaning given the long and close relationship between the two institutions. The Foundation has supported the Council nearly continuously for the past three decades, awarding more than \$21 million across 24 grants since 1990. Sloan's partnership with SSRC has included research on the sociology of business organizations, the establishment and growth of the Sloan Scholars Mentoring Network, and efforts to increase access to social media data for rigorous research. Dr. Goroff has served as a Special Advisor to the SSRC Board since 2025.

"Beyond everything Danny has accomplished, what we will miss most is simply working with him," Dr. Bloom added. "His insight, his warmth, and his generosity as a colleague have been as influential as his grantmaking. The Foundation is thrilled that we will continue to work with Danny in his new role."

Dr. Goroff expressed gratitude for his time at the Foundation. "Working at Sloan for nearly two decades has been one of the great privileges of my professional life. The Foundation's commitment to curiosity-driven research, to the scholars and institutions who conduct it, and to the public good it serves has been a constant source of inspiration to me. I leave with enormous respect and affection for my colleagues and for all that we have accomplished together."

To ensure a smooth and successful transition, Dr. Goroff will remain affiliated with the Foundation while a search for his successor is conducted.

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