

**Eastern Evaluation Research Society
40th Annual Conference**

Evaluation Looking Forward: Transitioning from Past to Future

Call for Presentation Proposals

The Eastern Evaluation Research Society (EERS) is pleased to invite your proposals for individual presentations and skill-building, ignite and panel sessions at the 40th Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the Seaview Resort and Spa in Absecon, New Jersey on April 2-4, 2017.

As an interdisciplinary field, evaluation has long relied on perspectives from a range of social science disciplines. The field has evolved and matured, adopting practices from other fields to meet the practical needs of stakeholders and challenges on the ground. In recent decades, evaluation has advanced its own identity, emerging as a growing trans-disciplinary field well-equipped to understand our complex times and play a role in solving broad social issues. EERS was founded 40 years ago in 1977 and this year's conference theme, **Evaluation Looking Forward: Transitioning from Past to Future**, is intended to celebrate this anniversary. At EERS 2017, we seek to elevate discussion of a diverse and innovative mix of theories, methods, and experiences that acknowledge evaluation's long history and offer a glimpse into the next 40 years.

As you consider what to present, peruse the following topics to get some ideas flowing:

- Moving forward from evaluation's interdisciplinary past
- Big data, its roots and its future
- Foundations of evaluation that remain relevant and effective
- Past and future methods
- New disciplines to tap for evaluation work
- Culturally competent and inclusive approaches to evaluation

Submit your proposal at <http://eers.org/content/submit-session-proposal>. Please refer to the **Procedures for Submitting a Proposal** link on www.eers.org for detailed instructions on the proposal submission process. Questions regarding the submission process can be directed to the Program Committee Co-Chairs, Akisha Jones, PhD (akisha.jones@gmail.com) and Justin Piff (JPiff@equalmeasure.org).

Key points when putting your proposal together:

- 1. Submit your proposal early!** The proposal **deadline is Friday, December 9**. You'll have until April to pull it all together for your presentation, and we expect to send out acceptances in late January.
- 2. Consider the best format for your work:** Individual, Skill Building, Ignite or Panel.
- 3. Be selective.** To increase program participation, we typically include the best presentation submitted by an author.
- 4. Know your co-authors.** Have information about your co-authors on hand when submitting your proposal. (You'll need their city, state and email address.)

5. Keep Informed. Follow us @EasternEval and #EERS17 on Twitter for the latest on the 2017 conference.

Student Proposals

The EERS conference has a long tradition of encouraging student presenters, with opportunities to present their research and financial support for successful proposers. The 2017 Call for Student Proposals is available on the EERS website for interested graduate and undergraduate students in evaluation disciplines, and student proposals are now being accepted. Questions about student conference proposals can be directed to Keith Trahan (kwt2@pitt.edu).

Finally, to give you a taste of some of the notable speakers highlighting our 2017 conference...

Keynote Speaker

Kathryn Newcomer, AEA President-Elect; Director, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration; and Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration at the George Washington University

Plenary Speaker

Dominica McBride, CEO of Become: Center for Community Engagement and Social Change and Member at Large, AEA Board of Directors

Speaker at Eleanor Chelimsky Forum on Evaluation Theory and Practice

George Grob, President of Center for Public Program Evaluation and Co-Chair of AEA Evaluation Policy Task Force

40th Anniversary Presidential Panelists

Karen Kirkhart, Professor, School of Social Work, Syracuse University and Past President of AEA

Nick Smith, Professor, School of Education, Syracuse University and Past President of AEA

Jonathan Morell, Director of Evaluation, Fulcrum Corporation and Editor-in-Chief, Evaluation and Program Planning

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT 2017 CONFERENCE!