

**Eastern Evaluation Research Society  
42nd Annual Conference**

**Adapt! Evaluators in a Changing World**

**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 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Absecon, New Jersey on May 5 - 7, 2019.

As the world changes, the practice of program evaluation becomes increasingly complex. The interdisciplinary nature of the evaluation field is continually challenged by the need to develop new methods for studying complex adaptive systems, to identify new strategies for bridging different perspectives about truth and the use of information, and in ultimately translating the knowledge gained from evaluation into meaningful action. While our field has grown in recent decades, so too have related disciplines that build evidence and produce knowledge for society. Within this context, evaluators maintain a clear purpose and process to remain relevant and credible in an ever-changing and evolving world. Join EERS in 2019 as we discuss how the evaluation profession continues to adapt.

As you reflect on content to present, consider the following topics:

- Challenges and solutions for adapting, translating, or sharing useful knowledge and actionable evaluations
- Evaluation of complex systems, including cross-sector initiatives, networks, collaborations, and collective impact
- Examples linking evaluation research and practice through partnerships
- Novel applications of theory on various phenomena of interest
- Successful examples of mitigating and overcoming barriers to evaluation capacity
- Emerging data analysis methods and types of evidence to meet or adapt to changing needs of stakeholders, policymakers, and evaluation commissioners
- Role of evaluation within the larger evidence-building community

The EERS annual conference presents an opportunity where evaluators can grow in their professional practice. It provides the time and space for you to learn from the successes of others, develop new skills, strengthen understanding of evaluation methods, and gain perspectives on the interplay between theory and practice.

Submit your proposal at <http://eers.org/submit-a-proposal/>

**Key points when putting your proposal together:**

- 1. Submit your proposal early!** The proposal **deadline is Saturday, December 15 at 11:59 pm ET**. You'll have until May 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 each proposer.

**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 #EERS19 on Twitter for the latest on the 2019 conference.

Please refer to the submission link above for detailed instructions on the proposal submission process.

Questions regarding the submission process can be directed the Program Committee Co-Chairs, Kelly Feighan (kfeighan@phmc.org) and Ben Cohen (bcohen@csc.csiu.org).

### **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 2019 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 2019 conference...

### **Keynote Speaker**

Tessie Catsambas, 2019 AEA President and CEO of EnCompass

### **Plenary Speakers**

Dr. Vivian Tseng, Senior Vice President of Programs at the William T. Grant Foundation

Rakesh Mohan, Director of the Office of Performance Evaluations, Idaho State Legislature

### **Preconference Workshops**

Survey Design with Dr. Sheila B. Robinson, Custom Professional Learning, LLC

Power Analysis with Dr. Eric Hedberg, Senior Research Scientist at NORC, University of Chicago