Message from the Leadership Team

Koolamalsi Njoos (Hello Colleagues/Friends)! Nii noonjiyaayi

We are getting to that time when we’re packing up, and beginning to get ready for this year’s conference.

In this month’s newsletter we will be focusing on AEA 2017; sharing relevant sessions and workshops, and places to visit in D.C. We will also be going into detail about all the exciting things that members of the IPE TIG have been involved in this year.

Our TIG, within AEA, has over 150 members of Indigenous evaluators from around the globe, including: USA, Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Africa, and New Zealand. Make sure to attend our IPE TIG business meeting and this year’s Diversity Social as a way of meeting and engaging with our diverse membership.

We have a new hashtag to include with your social media posts. Add #IPETIG17 to your Instagram and twitter posts, alongside the AEA conference hashtag #aea2017, to share what you’re up to and follow what others are doing at this year’s conference.

Thank you for your continuing membership and involvement and we will see you in November!

IPE TIG at AEA 2017

TIG Business Meeting

Date: Thursday 9th of November
Time: 7:00-8:30 pm
Note: Refreshments will be provided prior to and during the meeting

Each year we look forward to getting together, meeting and sharing what we have been doing, independently and as part of the IPE TIG.
This year, we will welcome a guest speaker from the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Dr. Deana Around Him, Research Manager at the NCAI Policy Research Center (PRC), will share how the PRC supports Indian Country in shaping its own future through initiatives that aim to ensure existing data is used to inform policy decisions and that new data, produced through research and evaluation activities with tribal communities, is generated in a way that accurately reflects tribal needs and perspectives. Dr. Around Him was part of the 2007 cohort of the American Evaluation Association’s Graduate Education Diversity Internship (GEDI) Program, and she is excited to return to AEA to share about the NCAI PRC’s work.

Dr. Deana Around Him (Cherokee Nation), DrPH, ScM is the Research Manager at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center (PRC). She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Community Health from Brown University, a Master of Science with a concentration in Maternal and Child Health from the Harvard School of Public Health, and a Doctor of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She also completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center and previously served as the Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) Fellow at the NCAI PRC. In addition to American Indian maternal and child health, Dr. Around Him is interested in the translation of research to practice, culturally responsive assessment and evaluation, and building public health practice and research capacity in Indian Country.

If you have any questions or if there is anything that you would like to include in this meeting’s discussion, please email Beth Michel, our incoming TIG Chair, and we will make sure to add it to the meeting agenda.

**Don’t miss out on the Diversity Social!**

**Date:** November 9th, 2017  
**Time:** 9:30pm  
**Location:** Lebanese Taverna, 2641 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington DC 20008

The Diversity Social has long been recognized as the best party at the AEA Conference- note these scary ladies pictured from last year’s costume party. This year our Social will be held on the 9th of November, following the evening TIG Business Meetings. Transportation will be provided to the venue. More details will be available at the IPE Business Meeting. See you there!
AEA 365 blog series

Our IPE TIG will lead AEA 365 blog series from November 19 – 24, 2017. The AEA 365 blog topics are provided in the table below.

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AEA Presentations

This year offers a great selection of sessions and workshops to attend. We have highlighted the workshops and presentations that we think may be of interest to the membership.

Wednesday, 8th of November

- 1361: Evaluation through Cultural Lenses: Integrating TCU Values into Assessment Processes
- 2663: Hō’amana or Self-Efficacy: Building a Culturally-Responsive Youth Development Matrix Evaluation Tool
- 1232: Participatory and culturally-congruent strategies for increasing evaluation utilization by tribal programs and stakeholders
- 2945: AEA 2017 Presidential Strand Session, Continuing the Dialog Evaluation’s Call to Action, 21st Century Perspectives in Addressing Race

Workshops

- 30: AEA 2017 Pre-Conference Workshop, Original Instructions: Utilizing Indigenous Knowledge to Transform Evaluation Practice

Posters

- 3158: Evaluating an Indigenous People’s Gathering Using a Combination of Pictorial Storytelling and Social Network Analysis
- 2929: Learning from Others in an EthnoSTEM Professional Development Project, or Our Evaluation Design Voyage Continues
Thursday, 9th of November

- IPE1: Context informed models: appropriate and responsive approaches to engaging with indigenous communities
- 1271: AEA 2017 Think Tank Sponsored Session, What We’ve Learned So Far: An Update from The AEA Task Force on Member Engagement, Diversity and Leadership Development

Friday, 10th of November

- 1735: Engaging and Collaborating with Tribes and Tribal Organizations to Support and Implement Evaluation in Health and Human Services
- 2346: AEA 2017 Presidential Strand Session, AEA’s Role in EvalPartners’ Global Initiatives and EvalAgenda2020

Saturday, 11th of November

- 1533: Building Culturally-Responsive Evaluation Capacity among Tribal Communities Implementing Type 2 Diabetes Interventions

To search for other sessions and additional information on these sessions, please visit the AEA Conference website, click here.

Places to Visit in Washington D.C.

Washington D.C is host to a number of the country’s national Native associations, organizations and museums. Learn more about them by following the links below.

National Indian Education Association (NIEA)

NIEA was founded in 1970 and is the oldest and largest Native non-profit organization serving Native students, attending public and tribal schools, in the USA. They are policy advocates in Washington DC, participate in research and evaluation studies, and support evidence based programming so teachers and educational leaders respect sovereignty and generate positive results in the education of American Indian students. NIEA shares the same block as the Native American Rights Fund and the National Congress of American Indians. For more information, please click here.

National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)

NMAI has regular exhibits, historical collections, educational materials, a large gift shop and library, amphitheatre, Indigenous food court, and research resources for any visitor. There are many activities,
networking opportunities, and site visits on and off the NMAI campus. For more information, please click here.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

NCAI was founded in 1944 and is the oldest and largest Native non-profit organization serving the needs of Tribal governments, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities in the USA. NCAI shares the same block as the Native American Rights Fund and the National Indian Education Association. For more information, please click here.

Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute

The Center for Native American Youth is working to support and provide the best outcomes for Native American youth. For more information, please click here.

Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

Since 1971, the Native American Rights Fund has provided legal assistance to Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide who might otherwise have gone without adequate representation. NARF is a non-profit 501c(3) organization that focuses on applying existing laws and treaties to guarantee that national and state governments live up to their legal obligations. NARF shares the same block as the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Education Association. For more information, please click here.

IPE TIG and 2017

The All TIG Council

In the fall of 2016, AEA wanted to explore ways to increase cross TIG cooperation and exploration of ways to strengthen evaluation, create communication channels between TIGs and develop policies on items that impact all TIGs. An interim TIG Council was formed at the AEA 2016 Conference. IPE was represented on this Council by our Secretary, Mark Parman. This year, the Council has explored different structures to best facilitate cooperation and communication between TIGs and the AEA Directors. This plan is to be presented at this year’s conference.
Crea 2017

IPE TIG was well represented at the 4th International Culturally Relevant Evaluation and Assessment Conference September 27-29, 2017 in Chicago IL. Pre-conference and in conference sessions, keynotes, and panelists on the AEA Diversity Dialog, hosted by CREA, all included IPE TIG leadership or members.

IPE TIG at EvalPartners 2017

The 3rd EvalPartners Global Forum was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic from April 26-28, 2017. Dr. Nicole Bowman (Mohican/Lunaape), IPE TIG Chair, represented through the EvalIndigenous Task Force and AEA’s International Work Group (IWG). Dr. Bowman provided testimony to EvalPartners along with other members of the global EvalIndigenous Task Force. Our testimony and more can be seen on the EvalPartner’s You Tube channel. EvalIndigenous is currently updating the strategic action plan for outlining the specific work of our task force in the next four years. Dr. Bowman participated in strategic work group sessions with AEA President Newcomer and the IWG team members in which AEA has outlined 13 steps to support the Eval2020 agenda. Check out the AEA 2017 EvalPartners global update (Presidential Strand - Session #2346) on Friday, November 10th, 2017 from 1:45-3:15 p.m. (EST). This session will include current status and ways to get involved.

IPE TIG via AEA Diversity Task Force 2017

The seven member AEA Diversity Task Force on Member Engagement, Diversity, and Leadership Development began in January 2017 as an initiative of President Newcomer and Chaired by Drs. Robin Miller and Melvin Hall with IPE TIG representation by Dr. Nicole Bowman (Mohican/Lunaape), IPE TIG Chair. The charges of this Task Force are to review and reconstruct AEA’s institutional memory and activities regarding diversity (Phase I) since AEA began; review and evaluate the current status of diversity initiatives, policies, commitments, and plans (Phase II); and propose indicators and give recommendations designed to keep engagement, diversity, and leadership development on the agenda of the AEA Board (Phase III). Since this work began, much work has been done through virtual and in person task force meetings; virtual review of thousands of pages of documents; and interviews with key AEA stakeholders who have worked with or are currently working on diversity initiatives and policies. As a result, two reports to AEA have been completed (April 2017 – Phase I and August 2017 – Phase II).

Furthermore, a status update will be given to report out on Phase III at AEA 2017 conference. Come and hear about what the Task Force is recommending for 2018 and beyond! “What We’ve Learned So Far: An Update from the AEA Task Force on Member Engagement, Diversity, and Leadership Development” is AEA Session #1271 on Thursday, November 9th, 2017 from 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. CST.

IPE TIG via American Journal of Evaluation (AJE) 2017

The American Journal of Evaluation will share articles from six authors that will be included in an early 2018 issue on race and evaluation. AJE’s 2018 issue, “Continuing the Dialog - Evaluation’s Call to Action: 21st Century Perspectives in Addressing Race” will provide a dialog of race and equity in philanthropy, racism in the training
of evaluators, and continued racism and marginalization of Indigenous people and sovereign Tribal governments when evaluating these communities (Dr. Nicole Bowman, author/panelist). Presidential Strand Session #2945 will be Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. EST.

IPE TIG via New Directions in Evaluation Journal

New Directions in Evaluation will be publishing a Volume that focuses on Indigenous Evaluation (IE). Edited by Drs Fiona Cram, Kathryn Newcomer and Joan La France, this Volume will take the evaluation community in a “new direction” by asking them to consider and to become more informed about IE, including how IE responds to the issues, needs and aspirations of indigenous peoples. This volume is projected to be out in 2018. Stay tuned!

Parting Message

That’s all the news from us for this year. Keep up-to-date with Indigenous Peoples in Evaluation Topic of Interest Group by heading to our social media pages.

Let us know what you’re doing this year at AEA by including the IPE TIG hashtag to your Instagram and Twitter posts (#IPETIG17). Show us how much fun you’re having, who you’re meeting and which are your favorite sessions- we’d love to hear about and follow what you are up to at AEA 2017!

See you soon and safe travels!

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