



OREGON PROGRAM EVALUATORS NETWORK

September 2023 Newsletter

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Message from OPEN's President

Aloha All,

First, I'd like to acknowledge OPEN's President-Elect, Chari Smith, who has organized professional social events to foster networking and possibly collaborate work amongst OPEN members. Chari remains diligent in bringing informative virtual sessions to members while developing committees to host the upcoming AEA 2024 here in Portland. Please give Chari a big "Mahalo" for all she does for her fellow members! OPEN is fortunate to have her eager spirit onboard!

Next, I'd like to acknowledge Events Manager Beenish Mehboob, who has managed the DEIJ virtual series' and recruitment and event listings for the OPEN website. Her enthusiasm for continued learning fuels her efforts to encourage members to share their knowledge, skills, and professional secrets. She also assists OPEN members who desire to host workshops, DEIJ series, or events. Beenish's eagerness to serve and advance program evaluation in the North West makes her an essential part of the OPEN leadership team!

I'd also like to acknowledge Beryl Neequaye, your Communications Officer, for compiling these newsletters, checking and responding to the OPEN emails, informing the council of important correspondence, and reviving the OPEN Facebook account. Beryl has also begun to add newsletters to the OPEN website under the Blog sections. Beryl is the longest-standing member of the Council and continues to provide great insight to fellow council members in service. As a mommy of a little one, she always 'shows-up' ready to support OPEN and its members! Her loyalist-like commitment to OPEN exemplifies selflessness!

Please 'Thank' your council leadership for all their volunteer work!

Message from the President-Elect

Thank you for participating in the OPEN event venue survey. We received 4 responses, and of those, two requested OPEN events outside of the Portland metro area. We would be happy to support events, so if you live outside of the Portland area and would like to coordinate an OPEN event, please reach out to Chari Smith at chari@evaluationintoaction.com to discuss the possibilities.

Message from the Event Director

Due to member demand, the OPEN Council has developed an organized and efficient way to better support members' desire to expand their professional knowledge and network with like-minded individuals.

The Council encouraged members to create and host hands-on events, in-person or virtual seminars, workshops, visiting lectures, panel discussions, and interactive activities that promote OPEN's organizational goals and values.

Thus, we've developed a more formal process for this objective. Please review the application and policies listed below.

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OPEN is excited to provide members with ongoing practical ways to teach and present meaningful work while promoting awareness and opportunities for continued learning regarding program evaluation!

OPEN In-person and Virtual Events/Sessions:

- *Honorarium proposals (Volunteer)*
- *Have adequate knowledge and expertise in the subject area.*
- *Offer innovative and compelling thoughtful content consistent with OPEN's values.*
- *Possess sufficient presentation skills to communicate effectively.*
- *Conscious of time/length limitations for sessions and individual presentations.*
- *Agree to comply with a professional standard of conduct and sections outlined in policies [PP-001](#) and [PP-002](#).*

OPEN Goal: To effectively and responsibly expand the knowledge of assessment and the diversity amongst program evaluators in the Northwest.

OPEN Forms

[Presenter & Host Application](#)

[Compensation Policy](#) (PP-002)

[Presenter Policy](#) (PP-001)

If you have any questions, please email us at [OPEN!](#)

FALL NETWORKING EVENT!

When: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PDT)

Location: McMenamins Kennedy School

5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. Portland, OR, 97211

Join us for a fall networking event with program evaluators from various sectors and organizations. This is a great opportunity to connect with peers, share best practices, and learn from each other's experiences. Whether you are a seasoned evaluator, a newcomer to the field, or just curious about program evaluation, you are welcome to attend this informal and friendly event. We hope to see you there! Refreshments will be provided.

To ensure our catering is on point, kindly RSVP by no later than Friday, October 6.

Have questions or need more details? Reach out to the Chari Smith at chari@evaluationintoaction.com

Mark your calendar, spread the word, and gear up for an evening of networking brilliance. See you there!

[Register Here!](#)

AEA 2024: Prepare, Set, Submit!

When: Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PDT)

Location: Virtual

Join Kim Leonard and Sheila B. Robinson for an engaging virtual information session, where you can learn the ins and outs of submitting one or even two session proposals for AEA 2024. With over a decade of experience presenting at AEA conferences, Kim & Sheila have skillfully led various session types, including highly successful pre-conference workshops. In this session, you will receive a comprehensive overview of the proposal submission process, along with invaluable

and direct you to supplementary resources.

Have questions or need more details? Reach out to the Chari Smith at chari@evaluationintoaction.com

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OPEN DEIJ Learning Series:

Calling all OPEN members to submit proposals to host DEIJ series from fall 2023. Please reach out to the OPEN council members if you plan to host DEIJ series.

Upcoming Affiliate Events & Other Opportunities

Designing Quality Survey Questions - the virtual course!

Kim Leonard and Sheila B. Robinson, co-authors of the text *Designing Quality Survey Questions*, are offering their robust live, virtual course again on September 21 & 28 from 10am - 12:30pm Pacific. Kim is based in the Portland area and is a former OPEN president. She and Sheila have been writing and working together for over 10 years in an effort to make everyone's survey experience better. This course is an expanded and updated version of their popular AEA pre-conference workshop (which won't be offered at AEA this year). Participants will leave the course able to:

- Use a respondent-centered, intentional question design process as a key to designing an effective survey.
- Understand the cognitive processes involved in answering survey questions and their implications for question design.
- Identify several common problems with survey questions and ways to address them.
- Craft high quality open and closed ended survey questions with appropriate response options.

This is a great opportunity to build, brush-up, or update your survey design skills!

[More Information and Registration here](#)

Join AEA for Evaluation 2023: The Power of Story

[Evaluation 2023](#) registration is now open! The American Evaluation Association is excited to bring thousands of evaluators together at this year's conference, happening **October 9-14, 2023** in Indianapolis, IN.

Join a global community of peers for several days of skill-building, idea sharing, networking and more. The event will feature 300+ top-notch sessions over the course of the week. Register by **Friday, September 8** to save at the early bird rate!

From the Job Board (July & August Jobs, RFPs, & Internships)

Know of an evaluation-related job listing, RFP, or internship opportunity that would be of interest to the OPEN community? *As an OPEN member*, you can share opportunities directly to the [Job Board](#) -- and you can also "subscribe" to each month's job thread to learn about opportunities when they're posted!

- **Developmental Evaluator: City of Portland Safer Summers Program, Portland, OR, United States**

Call for Council Members & Presenters

Do you want to help make OPEN a vibrant community? We need your help! We're looking for 2023 council members, event presenters and ideas, blog posts, resources, and more. We have opportunities for every level of skill and availability, and we're here to help you brainstorm how you can help!

Reach out today!

Join or Renew Your Membership!

Are you a friend of OPEN and looking to become more involved? We would love to see you again!

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