

The Systems in Evaluation TIG formed as a result of a series of sessions on systems thinking in evaluation offered during the 2002 annual meeting in Washington, DC. Created to provide a forum for ongoing conversations about systems thinking and its use in evaluation, the TIG has grown in both size and scope, with membership exceeding 400. This year's AEA 2009 program includes 14 sessions sponsored by the TIG and 6 systems-related professional development workshops.

The TIG focuses on the use of systems thinking as a framework for evaluation design, implementation, and data analysis and reporting across a wide range of content areas, using a diverse array of evaluation tools, methods, and approaches. Emphasis has been on:

- Methodologies for evaluation that utilize systems theory to inform the design and execution of the actual evaluation itself.
- Discussion about how to ground evaluation methodology in systems thinking and systems theory.
- Discussion around the intersection of program design, evaluation methodology, and data analysis within the framework of systems thinking.
- The contribution of diverse perspectives to understanding issues pertaining to systems thinking for evaluation.

## Systems in Evaluation TIG

**Business Meeting and Think Tank**  
Thursday, November 12  
4:30-6:00 pm, Sebastian-J

**Systems, Systems Thinking,  
and Systemness:  
What's It All About Anyway?**

Plus:  
Address by outgoing chair Bob Williams  
and (an annual tradition)  
The Big TIG Question

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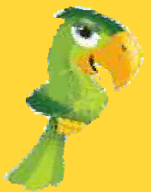
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## Sessions sponsored by the Systems in Evaluation TIG



### Wednesday, November 11

**Complex Systems Evaluation and Dynamic Logic Modeling: Lessons from the Field**

**Panel Session 105**

4:30-6:00 PM, Panzacola-F4

Co-sponsored with the Human Services TIG

Chair: Bob Williams

Panelists: Melissa Brodowski, Jacqueline Counts, Beverly Parsons

Discussants: Meg Hargreaves, Bob Williams

**Can Whole Systems Be Evaluated: If So, How?**

**Think Tank Session 114**

4:30-6:00 PM, Sebastian-I3

Co-sponsored with the Cluster, Multi-Site, Multi-Level TIG

Presenter: Molly Engle

Discussants: Martha Ann Carey, Mary Ann Scheirer, Andrea Hegedus

### Thursday, November 12

**Sailing the Seven Cs of Social Change: A Framework for Evaluating Social Change and Systems Change Initiatives**

**Demonstration Session 302**

1:40-3:10 PM, Sebastian-J

Presenter: Marah Moore

**Evaluating Technical Assistance for Early Childhood Systems Initiatives: Testing a Theory of Change**

**Panel Session 337**

3:35-4:20 PM, Panzacola-H1

Chair: Joy Sotolongo

Panelists: Joy Sotolongo, Susan DeVenny

Discussant: Julia Coffman

**Systems in Evaluation TIG Business Meeting and Think Tank: Systems, Systems Thinking, and Systemness-What's It All About, Anyway?**

**Session 388**

4:30-6:00 PM, Sebastian-J

**Evaluating Systems Change in Medical Education**

**Roundtable Presentation 402, Rotation 1**

4:30-5:15 PM, Suwanee 19

Co-sponsored with the Research on Evaluation TIG

Presenters: Jennifer Terpstra, Chris Lovato, Treena

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**Evaluating Faculty Performance in Teacher Preparation Institutes in the Southeast of Mexico**

**Roundtable Presentation 402, Rotation 2**

5:15-6:00 PM, Suwanee 19

Co-sponsored with the Research on Evaluation TIG

Presenters: Edith Cisneros-Cohernour, Ariana Leo Ramirez

### Friday, November 13

**Systems Thinking and Logic Models: Two Sides to the Same Coin?**

**Think Tank Session 455**

9:15-10:45 AM, Panzacola-F4

Co-sponsored with the Program Theory and Theory-Driven Evaluation TIG

Presenters: Jan Noga, Meg Hargreaves

**Mixing Methods: Using the Cynefin Framework for Selecting Methods to Evaluate Simple, Complicated, and Complex Aspects of a Situation**

**Demonstration Session 540**

1:40-3:10 PM, Panzacola-F4

Chair: Richard Hummelbrunner

Presenter: Bob Williams

**Systems Thinking Approaches for Program Evaluation**

**Multipaper Session 581**

3:35-4:40 PM, Panzacola-F4

Chair: Meg Hargreaves

Presenters: Barbara Heath, Jennifer Young,

Xiaodong Zhang, Meg Hargreaves, Mary McEathron

**Action Research: A Formative Evaluation Strategy in Times of Complexity and Chaos**

**Panel Session 622**

4:30-6:00 PM, Panzacola-F4

Co-sponsored with the PreK-12 Educational Evaluation TIG

Chair: Daniel Folkman

Panelists: Daniel Folkman, Sheryl Gotts, Mary

Laubenheimer, Brett Fuller

### Saturday, November 14

**Tools and Processes for Monitoring and Evaluating Systems Change**

**Multipaper Session 705**

9:15-10:45 AM, Panzacola-F4

Chair: Bob Williams

Presenters: Richard Hummelbrunner, Anna Lobosco, Dianna

Newman, Susan Rogers, Jennifer Sulewski

**Applying Developmental Evaluation in Innovative and Complex Situations**

**Panel Session 791**

11:50 AM - 12:35 PM, Panzacola-F4

Co-sponsored with the Human Services Evaluation TIG

Chair: Michael Patton

Panelists: Nan Wehipeihana, Virginia MacEwan

Discussant: Kate McKegg

**Understanding How and Why Child Welfare Systems Change: The Five Year Evaluation of Improving Child Welfare Outcomes Through Systems of Care**

**Multipaper Session 833**

1:40-3:10 PM, Panzacola-F4

Co-sponsored with the Human Services TIG

Chair: Janet Griffith

Presenters: Yvette Lamb, Gary DeCarolis, Caitlin Murphy,

Raymond Crowel, Dan Cantillon, Jing Sun, Aracelis Gray,

Nicole Bossard

**Dominoes or Pick-Up Sticks? Philanthropy's Struggle to Acknowledge Complex Systems**

**Panel Session 878**

3:30-5:00 PM, Panzacola-F4

Co-sponsored with the Non-Profit and

Foundations TIG

Chair: Michael Patton

Panelists: John Bare, Teresa Behrens,

Victor Kuo

