**History.** The Topical Interest Group on Evaluation Use is one of the original TIGs of AEA. It was born of the interest in evaluation utilization in the 1970s, extending into both theoretical and empirical work on Use in the 1980s and 1990s, and to a broader conceptualization of use and influence in the 2000s.

**Activities.** The Use TIG is in the process of developing a website, linked to the AEA TIG homepage and providing more details about the history and leadership of our TIG as well as seminal documents and current resources. We sponsor a session on current theory, research or practice to enhance use at our annual AEA business meeting.
OUR MISSION

The Use TIG is committed to understanding and enhancing the use of evaluation in a variety of contexts and to maximizing the positive influence of evaluation through both the evaluation process and the results produced.
Topics of interest to our members include:

- The influence of evaluation on systems.
- The social change role of evaluation.
- Research on evaluation use.
- Strategies for enhancing the use/impact of evaluation.
- Critical reflection on intended and unintended influences of evaluation—both positive and negative.
- Research on effective communication strategies.
- Theories of use.
- Metaevaluation of evaluation impact.
- Issues of validity as a property of use.
- Effective communication of evaluation results.
- Organizational change/ organizational learning.
- Use-enhancing evaluation methods.
- Evaluation as a tool for social justice.
- Process use.
- Barriers to the use of evaluation.
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Title: Leadership and Evaluation: Getting Organizational Leaders to Value and Use Evaluation
Type: Expert Lecture
Chair and Presenter: Michael Quinn Patton, Union Institute and University

Session 120. 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Title: Perspectives on Improving Federal Capacity to Evaluate Program Performance
Type: Panel
Chair: Stephanie L. Shipman, US General Accounting Office
Discussant: Joseph S. Wholey, University of Southern California

Evaluation Capacity: Pitfalls in Using Resources-$ and People-to Define Capacity
Elaine Vaurio, US General Accounting Office

Evaluation Culture and Collaborative Partnerships Help Federal Agencies Build Evaluation Capacity
Stephanie L. Shipman, US General Accounting Office
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Rating Program Performance: Federal Agencies’ Efforts to Rate Their Programs
Kathryn E. Newcomer, George Washington University
**Session 320. 9:25 AM to 10:55 AM**
Title: Participatory Mixed-methods Evaluations to Support Use
Type: Multipaper Session
Chair: Carolyn Huie Hofstetter, University of California at Berkeley

The Role of Collaboration in Mixed-method Inquiry
Lyn M Shulha, Queen’s University
Robert J Wilson, Queen’s University

Facilitating Program Improvement Through Evaluation: A Mixed-methods Approach
Zhicheng Zhang, Fairfax County Public Schools

Empirical Based Evaluation: An Approach That Works
Radha Jagannathan, Rutgers University
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Ruthanne Salau Beck, New Brunswick Tomorrow
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Title: Organizational Learning and Readiness for Evaluation
Type: Multipaper Session
Chair: Karen E. Kirkhart, Syracuse University

Concept Mapping Methodology: A Catalyst for Organizational Learning
Stephanie Sutherland, University of Toronto

How Useful is the Evaluation Use Concept?
Sandy M. Taut, University of California Los Angeles
Marvin C. Alkin, University of California at Los Angeles

A Comparative Study of Organizational Readiness for Evaluation
Paul R. Brandon, University of Hawaii at Manoa
J. Bradley Cousins, University of Ottawa
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Title: Models of Evaluation and Evaluation Forms as Alternative Frameworks for Planning Evaluative Studies: Which Framework Is More Effective?
Type: Debate
Chair: Christina A. Christie, Claremont Graduate University

Presenters:
John M. Owen, The University of Melbourne
Daniel L. Stufflebeam, Western Michigan University
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Type: Multipaper Session
Chair: Nancy R. Kingsbury, US General Accounting Office
Discussant: Lois-Ellin Datta, Datta Analysis

Prospective Evaluation and Foresight: 1980s to Today’s Post-9/11 Environment
Valerie J. Caracelli, US General Accounting Office

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Nancy J. Donovan, US General Accounting Office
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Presenters:
Ralph Renger, University of Arizona
Adriana Cimetta, University of Arizona
Matthew E Mooney, University of Arizona

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Chair: Rebecca H. Gajda, University of Vermont
Presenters:
Rebecca H. Gajda, University of Vermont
Laura Massell, University of Vermont
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Mariam Manley, Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning

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Elisabeth A. Palmer, ASPEN Associates LLC

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Chair: Shelly Moeller, New Mexico Department of Health
Discussants:
Soo-Jin Yoon, The Colorado Trust
Debra Heath, Albuquerque Public Schools
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Chair: Susan A. Tucker, Evaluation & Development Associates

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Jennifer E. Post-Iriti, University of Pittsburgh
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Goldilocks and Evaluation: Too Much, Too Little, Just Right-How Much Information is Useful to Stakeholders?
Jordan E Horowitz, WestEd
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Judith Wildfire, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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John Seeley, Formative Evaluation Research Associates
Amy McNulty, Formative Evaluation Research Associates

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Mary E. Piontek, University of Michigan
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Discussant: Susan N. Labin, Temple University

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James G. Kelly, University of California at Davis

Cross-design Synthesis
Judith A. Droitcour, US General Accounting Office

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Lawrence W. Green, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention