**Research, Technology and Development Evaluation (RT&D) Topical Interest Group (TIG)**

**of the American Evaluation Association**

**AEA Evaluation 2018: Speaking Truth to Power**

**Call for presentations, posters and papers – Deadline March 15th**

***Please post and pass on to colleagues and students***

The RT&D TIG invites you to submit a proposal to the AEA ***Annual Conference*** this year. To submit or to get more information, go to the Conference website at http: <http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=627>. Select the RT&D TIG for review of your proposal as part of the submission process.

This year the AEA Conference will be held in **Cleveland, OH**. The Conference will be held from ***Wednesday, October 30th through Saturday, November 3rd, 2018***. Professional development workshops will precede and follow.

We expect that the conference will attract a wide range of participants from a number of countries and that we can all share experiences and learn from one another. Last year, there were 20 sessions sponsored by the TIG, and we intend to provide opportunities for exchange throughout the conference and afterward.***Mark the dates on your calendar, and even if you do not wish to submit a proposal, please plan to attend!***

This year’s conference theme, *Speaking Truth to Power*, considers the role and responsibilities evaluators have, as well as the nature of evaluation’s influence, differing perceptions of the role of evidence, and various mechanisms by which evaluation results are presented and disseminated. Although all topics will be considered, the RT&D TIG welcomes proposals that address these critical issues:

1. **Speaking Truth to Co-workers: The Role of Internal Evaluation Capacity.** What challenges are posed by (and advantages accruing to) building internal evaluation units as compared with relying on external evaluators? What role is being played by internal evaluation units in developing and implementing evaluation policies or learning agendas?
2. **Negotiating Questions of Evidence and Truth: Evaluation in Contested RTD Spaces.** RTD evaluations occur in domains where the nature of scientific evidence itself may be questioned or contested. What strategies are evaluators using in these domains?
3. **Tapping New Sources of Evidence: Making More Efficient and Sophisticated Use of Administrative Data.** How are RTD evaluators using internal administrative data to assess program effectiveness? What challenges are being encountered and how are they being overcome? What new tools and approaches are being developed?

Proposals are accepted for a variety of formats. *Poster proposals from students and new R T&D evaluation professionals are especially welcome.*

Note: You will need a login account to enter a proposal. If you do not want to join AEA right now, you can very easily [create a non-member account](http://www.eval.org/r/rt/rt=1&item=14&gtype=5&req=OK) entering just your name and email address

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