

Evaluators Perceptions of Feminist Evaluation

Abstract:

This presentation will present the results of interviews conducted with evaluators present at the 2003 conference regarding Feminist Evaluation and its applicability to the evaluation field. Utilizing the guidelines presented in the winter issue of *New Directions for Evaluation* (Seigart & Brisolara, 2002), the authors will encourage AEA members to reflect on their own evaluation practice and how feminist evaluation may or may not be applicable to the work they do. Results of these brief surveys will be compiled by the authors during the conference and shared in a working session later in the conference. Audience participation and interpretive feedback is encouraged.

Relevance:

The opportunity to contribute to theory development is a valued part of the annual AEA conference. In this session, the authors will solicit the input of multiple AEA conference attendees regarding the relevance and applicability of Feminist Evaluation to their work. This working session will add to recent discussions stimulated by the publication of the *New Directions for Evaluation* issue on Feminist Evaluation, and allow the authors to refine and promote the use of feminist evaluation within the field. Although not a standard format or paper presentation, this session should "raise the consciousness" of multiple conference attendees regarding Feminist Evaluation and provide the stimulus for additional discussion and publications.

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