Thank You for proposing a Think Tank Session for Evaluation 2004. Below is a copy of your proposal. Please print it out for your records. You should receive an email confirmation of your proposal within two business days. If you do not, please contact us at: aea@eval.org

I. What type of session are you proposing?

Think Tank

II. How long do you expect this session to take?

90 Minutes

If we cannot accommodate your presentation in the format that you have proposed, which, if any, of the following would be an acceptable alternative?

roundtable

III. What is the contact information for the person submitting this proposal? (This will be used both for the program and to contact you should there be any questions.)

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IV. Which Topical Interest Group (TIG) or Committee would you prefer review your proposal? Please note that AEA reserves the right to redirect proposals among reviewing bodies as needed.

Feminist Issues in Evaluation TIG

V. SESSION Information: Enter the TITLE of your session into the following box:

Integrating the fundamental issues of race, class, gender, ability and sexual orientation into evaluations

Cut and paste your ABSTRACT of 150 words or less into the following box. There is no spell checking and your abstract will be sent to reviewers and read by the public exactly as it is submitted, although it may be truncated if over 150 words.
Thus, please create your abstract in a word processing program and paste it into the box below.

We are proposing a 90 minute Think Tank that will explore how to integrate into practice the fundamental principles of fairness and justice related to race, class, gender, sexual orientation and ability. We will do this through a combination of interactive exercises, small group discussions, and ‘plenary’ sessions. (see rationale below for details)

Using 500 words or less, describe the relevance and importance of your proposal to the field of evaluation, specifying its implications for evaluation theory or practice. State how the work described in the abstract adds to knowledge in the evaluation field and reflects relevant standards of quality in evaluation theory, methods, or practice.

While theoretically, it has been well established that issues of race, class, gender, ability and sexual orientation are fundamental to evaluation, as evidenced not only in the literature but in discussions of these issues in various TIGS, there is less clarity around how to integrate these into practice. A Think Tank will provide an opportunity for representatives of a broad range of TIGS to address this challenge and begin to articulate a set of specific strategies the evaluators can use in implementing this commitment. Though participation will be open to anyone, of course, we will reach out to representatives from a variety of selected TIGS to join the discussion, including Multi-ethnic; Empowerment, participatory and collaborative evaluation; GLBT; Use; International; Independent consultants; Social work; and Theory. We will ask a representative from each of these TIGS to prepare a brief opening statement on ‘putting the fundamental issues of race, class, gender, sexual orientation and ability into practice.’ This will set the stage for a rich discussion of these issues, with the goal of coming to some initial consensus on putting the theory into practice. Members of the Feminist TIG will facilitate this discussion.

VI. Who will chair this session (Required)? If this is the same person as identified under section II above, you need only fill in the two boxes with a '*' after them.

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VII. Other Presenters: If other presenters will be participating in the session, identify the full contact information for each of them (including full name, phone, email and affiliation) in the box below AND include a one or two word description of each person's role (for instance "fifth presenter" or "second discussant").

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XIII. Other Information: If you have other information that you believe we need in order to process or schedule this presentation correctly, please share that with us in the box below.

IX. Are you a graduate student?

No

Do you want to apply for a TYPE I student travel award?

Do you want to apply for a TYPE II student travel award?

X: Audio Visual Needs: An overhead projector and screen are provided in each room at no charge. What additional pre-paid audio-visual aids, if any, will you need for this session? Please note that AV ordered after submitting your proposal may be at a higher rate. These rates reflect a discount off of the rental rates directly from the hotel.

I do not need additional AV

By selecting any additional AV aids, you are agreeing to prepay for the additional equipment should your proposal be accepted. The AEA office will bill you prior to the conference.

XI: Additional Participation: Would you be interested in doing either of the following on site at Evaluation 2004?

Chair a session? No
Volunteer at the registration desk? Yes

XII. If you would be interested in acting as a peer-reviewer for conference proposals, please indicate the group(s) for which you would prefer to review via the pull down boxes below.

First Choice: Feminist Issues in Evaluation TIG
Second Choice: I do not wish to be a reviewer

XIII. Please read the section below and click the "yes" button at the end of this section to confirm that you aware of the expectations for submitting proposals to AEA.
I understand that if my proposal is accepted, I and all other presenters for the session are expected to register for and attend the conference in Atlanta, GA. Presenters do not receive reduced conference registration fees.

I understand that whether my proposal is accepted or rejected, I will need to contact any other presenters identified in this proposal and notify them of the status of the proposal.

I understand that each person whose contact information is provided in this proposal may be listed, with contact information, in the hardcopy and online conference program unless I contact the AEA office prior to June 1, 2004 and specifically request that someone's contact information not be included. Thus, I will notify each of the people listed that his or her contact information may be made public in these ways and will secure his or her permission.

I understand that this proposal and presenter information is expected to be accurate as submitted and that if I, or any colleague listed on this proposal, should need to make any changes, they will be done at the discretion of AEA and may incur a fee of $10.

I have read the above four points and understand the expectations associated with submitting this proposal.

Yes

Thank you for submitting a proposal to present at Evaluation 2004.