Walk the Talk Event Being Planned for AEA 2015 in Chicago!

Stay tuned! The CP TIG is planning a 3rd "Walk the Talk" event for the upcoming AEA annual meeting in Chicago this November!

Community psychologists Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar, Judah Viola, Tiffany Jimenez and Norma Seledon have joined the Walk the Talk team. They are collaborating with other TIG leaders such as Susan Ryerson Espino, Ann Price and Lindsey Stillman Barranco to plan Chicago’s event in hopes it will be just as wonderful as our previous events in DC and Denver!

The Walk the Talk event is envisioned as a way to provide our members with opportunities to learn more about the social ecology surrounding the conference locale. On the walks, we find opportunities to discuss the application of community psychology principles such as community engagement and empowerment to evaluation work.

In these sessions, we have visited neighborhoods and local community organizations and learned from community members, each other and lent evaluation support. Please visit our website to read about and see photos of past events! (http://comm.eval.org/CommunityPsychology/tigresources/suggestedreadingsandother2013aeacommunitywalkmaterials)

CP TIG Participation Survey
Look for the e-mail link....

The Community Psychology Topical Interest Group (TIG) has existed for nearly 4 years, and its leadership would like to ensure that the TIG is meeting its members’ needs and providing sufficient opportunity for members to engage.

Therefore, the TIG leadership is conducting a brief, electronic survey to learn about how members would like to participate in the TIG and the TIG activities that are important to members. The confidential survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete. TIG leadership will use survey results for its strategic planning and also will post an aggregated summary of the results on its website.

The survey opened March 3rd via Survey Monkey. If you have questions about the survey, or do not receive a link to the survey, please contact Alison Martin, Program Chair Elect, at dr.alisonjmartin@gmail.com.

Proposal Reviewers Needed!

If you are willing to serve as a reviewer, please feel free to contact Julianne Manchester, Program Co-Chair at julianne.manchester@gmail.com.

Reviewing proposals is an easy way to become more involved in AEA and will give you a voice in shaping our program.
There are many ways you can get more involved in AEA as a member of the Community Psychology Topical Interest Group. The Call for Proposals for AEA 2015 is out. We will need people to serve as reviewers and others to chair sessions.

We are planning our next Walk the Talk Event, and even if you don’t live in Chicago, you can serve on the planning committee. Last year we launched our newsletter, so perhaps you would like to help generate and/or organize newsletter content?

When we meet again this fall, we will be electing officers for the TIG. We will need members to serve as co-chair, program co-chair, co-webmasters, and at-large members. We structure our leadership so that if you are new, you serve with an experienced leader than take the lead the following year. All of these opportunities provide you the opportunity to connect with other community-minded professionals and provides community psychologists and practitioners a home-base within AEA.

Find out more on our website at http://comm.eval.org/CommunityPsychology/tigleadership/roleexpectations. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Ann Price at aprice@communityevaluationsolutions.com.

The call for AEA 2015 conference proposals is out! AEA 2015 will be held in Chicago from November 9-14th. This year’s theme is Exemplary Evaluations in a Multicultural World. Please consider submitting proposals to the Community Psychology TIG program.

At the 2015 conference, we want to explore the question: What is excellent evaluation from a community psychology perspective?

We’d like your help in collaborating on the following 5 presentations:

1) Meeting People Where They Are- a panel of evaluators and their community partners discussing the success and challenges of working together to produce exemplary evaluations. Chicago-based evaluations are encouraged in order to maximize participation in this panel.

2) Addressing Social Justice in Evaluations: Capturing Racism, Sexism, and the other “Isms” - a social justice panel that might discuss equity in health care, education or prejudice in its many forms and how these get in the way of exemplary evaluations.

3) Considering Complexity in Evaluations- a panel that considers multiple layers/audiences/players in the evaluation design. Evaluations that capture interactions between systems or levels of measurement or address the individual-environment interaction could be a fit.

Two skill building workshops around
4) Environmental Context and 5) Participatory Methods.

If these sound interesting to you, please respond to Ann Price, aprice@communityevaluationsolutions.com. We are looking for panelists and chairs for each of these sessions.
Upcoming CP TIG Blog!

This year, the CP TIG is hosting 2 weeks of the AEA365 Blog. Our first week is March 29 - April 3 and will focus on Community Coalitions and Collaboratives. We reached out to CP TIG members to share their hot tips, rad resources, and lessons learned. Be sure to check the blog that week and read what your fellow TIG members have to share!

Community Psychology was featured in the latest AJE Forum in the March 2015 issue of the American Journal of Evaluation! Articles include:

*The Community Psychology Evaluation Nexus*
Jeffrey A. Sheldon and Susan M. Wolfe

*Community Psychology, Evaluation, and Social Critique*
Robin Lin Miller

*More Than the Beatles: The Legacy of a Decade for Community Psychology’s Contributions to Evaluation Ethics*
Michael Morris

*Using Evaluation to Effect Social Change: Looking Through a Community Psychology Lens*
James R. Cook

We think this tree symbolizes the importance of honoring the diverse, strong roots and interests of practicing community psychologists and evaluators.

Visit the Community Psychology TIG website at http://comm.eval.org/CommunityPsychology/home/