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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION!

I. Message from the Chair



Koolamalsi Njoos (Hello Colleagues)! It is my happy honor to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the Indigenous Peoples in Evaluation Topical Interest Group (IPE TIG) quarterly newsletter. Nii ndushĩnzi (my name is) **NICOLE BOWMAN, PH.D.** and I'm a Lunapeew (Lenaape/Munsee and Mohican Indian). Nii noonjĩiyaayi (I am from) Shawano, Wisconsin. I've served as the co-Chair for the IPE TIG in the American Evaluation Association (AEA) since 2015 and have been an active member of IPE TIG since 2006. This newsletter, amongst other things you'll soon be reading and hearing about, has been a vision of mine since I was elected Co-Chair in 2015.

These new developments for our IPE TIG members would not be possible without my fellow IPE TIG leadership team, including **ANDREA JOHNSTON** (IPE TIG co-Chair); **LAURIE RINGAERT** and **ERICA ROBERTS** (Program Chairs); and **MARK PARMAN** (IPE TIG Appointed Secretary). Together the IPE TIG will have new changes, exciting developments, and higher levels of engagement with membership. Come hear about it at our IPE TIG business meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 6:20pm and share your perspectives or get more involved! Additionally a special Aho! (Indigenous shout out) to my employee **DANIELLE EBERT** (Brothertown) who helps with research, formatting, graphics, and editing for all things IPE TIG, including this quarterly newsletter.

Since the 2015 AEA conference in Chicago, the IPE TIG elected leadership has been very busy. We've been working to meet the requirements of AEA broadly to select AEA 2016 conference sessions, prepare for business and social events at the 2016 conference, and ensure that the IPE TIG voices were heard throughout 2016 pre-conference workshops, in the opening plenary, during the Presidential sponsored strands, and throughout the entire 2016 AEA conference. Going beyond AEA's requirements we made time monthly to meet as an IPE TIG leadership team to discuss, develop, and launch several internal initiatives that we hope our IPE TIG membership will value in the months and years to come.

Collaboratively, we've developed and have launched new IPE TIG membership features, including the IPE TIG quarterly newsletter (Laurie Ringaert, Editor), the [IPE TIG website](#) (Erica Roberts, Web Designer/Master) [IPE TIG Facebook page](#), and the IPE TIG Twitter account

(Mark Parman (all IPE TIG Social Media). We've also worked very hard internally to have consistency, comprehensiveness, accuracy, and updates to documents for relevancy purposes related to the internal processes, key documents, and files within IPE TIG. Without the key oral history and documents from our founders (we received special support from Joan LaFrance, Kathleen Tibbets, and Fiona Cram) as they passed the torch to this new generation of IPE TIG leadership, our solid foundation and transition would not be possible. Xwat anushiik to our Elders; in that same good way, your contemporary IPE TIG leadership is further strengthening our policies, procedures, key documents, TIG processes, historical files, and working documents to reflect a sustainable effort within IPE TIG regardless of elected leadership.

The IPE TIG leadership hopes to see as many members as we can at the [2016 AEA Conference](#). We will discuss progress on these internal efforts (policies, procedures, mission, vision, website, etc.) and seek your input more at the 2016 AEA conference and beyond during our IPE TIG business meeting and virtually too. Please note the key sections in this newsletter to keep you up to date on all things IPE TIG and more broadly within or outside of AEA that we feel are relevant to our IPE TIG. Your perspectives and voices will be represented in the newsletter and beyond as well, so let us know what you'd like to see! Our next issues in 2017 are tentatively set for February, June, and October 2017. And congratulations to IPE TIG applicant Mark Parman as a brand new appointment to the AEA All TIG Council! He'll be one of a very few representatives setting the policies, infrastructure, and initiatives for all 52 TIGs in AEA. In spring 2016 I was appointed by the AEA as one of their global ambassadors to the EvalPartners initiative and will be working on the EvalIndigenous advisory group. Please let us know how we can broaden and deepen our IPE TIG voice within AEA and across the globe! Our e-mail inboxes are always open.

In closing, as your IPE TIG Co-Chair, my door is open and I walk humbly in service, advocacy, and leadership to our membership so this is "our community" including this electronic newsletter/virtual space. My mind, heart, and spirit are always open, so please feel free to call (715-526-9240) or email me (nicky@bpcwi.com) at any time. Additionally, the IPE TIG newsletter includes Section V. (**FEEDBACK AND UPDATES FROM MEMBERS**), Section VI. (**ABOUT THE IPE TIG**), and Section IV. (**GET INVOLVED WITH IPE TIG**) which has the contact information for our TIG's leadership. We hope to hear from you. Anushiik (thank you) and see/talk to you soon!

Respectfully, Nicky 

II. Message from the Program Chairs

Hello, my name is Erica Roberts, Program Chair and my Co-Chair is Laurie Ringaert. We are looking forward to meeting everyone at Evaluation 2016 in Atlanta! Thank you very much to all of the TIG members who volunteered their time to review conference proposals. We are pleased to say that this year we have **13 PRESENTATIONS** sponsored by our TIG. The following are our **AEA 2016 Conference Sessions:**

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- ***A Hawaiian Culture-Based Metaphor for Evaluation*** (Wednesday, 7-9 pm)
- ***KBIC Fish Consumption Assessment: A Collaborative Approach*** (Wednesday, 7-9 pm)
- ***Strategically Cultivating Transformative Change through Grants*** (Wednesday, 7-9 pm)

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- *Using Mixed Methods in Evaluation Design for Tribal Home Visiting: Benefits for Indigenous Peoples* (Wednesday, 4:30-6:00 pm)
- *Hecel Oyate Kin Nipi Kte (So That the People May Live): Empowering Tribal Coalitions through Community Health Assessments* (Thursday, 7:00-7:45 am)
- *If Christopher Columbus Designed Programs for Indigenous People* (Thursday, 11:45 am-12:45 pm)
- *Getting from Successful Traditional Practice to the Conceptual Model: Building Culturally-Relevant Program Theory* (Thursday, 1:00-1:45 pm)
- *Evaluation Designs Culturally Responsive to Micronesian and Polynesian Communities* (Thursday, 4:45-6:15 pm)
- *Improving Culturally Responsive Evaluation by Recognizing Cultural Values, Indigenous Rights, Evaluation Setting, and the Culture of the Evaluator* (Friday, 8:00-9:30 am)
- *Whose Wisdom Counts? Negotiating What is Considered “Evidence” Across Communities* (Friday, 11:00-11:45 am)
- *Supporting Transformational Networks for Native American Leadership in Minnesota: At the Intersection of Methods and Relational Cultural Traditions* (Friday, 3:30-4:15pm)
- *Applying Culturally Responsive Evaluation Designs to STEM-Related Programs in Indigenous Settings* (Friday, 5:30-6:15 pm)
- *Indigenous by Design* (Saturday, 8:00-9:30 am)

WORKSHOP AND OTHER NOTABLES AT AEA 2016:

- *Pre-Conference Workshop: Original Instructions-Utilizing Indigenous Knowledge, Frameworks, and Case Studies to Inform and Transform Evaluation Practice* by Fiona Cram & Nicole Bowman (Wednesday, 8:00-3:00 pm)
- *Opening Plenary-AEA 2016: Wear Your Regalia!* (Wednesday, 3:15-4:15 pm)
- *Meet the Authors (IPE TIG has a table!)-Bring your latest publication and ordering information so folks can buy your book, chapter, article, etc.* (Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm)
- *EvalIndigenous Presidential Sponsored Strand -also will be live streamed* (Thursday, 8:00-9:30 am)
- *IPE TIG Business Meeting* (Thursday, 6:20-7:10 pm); more info below
- *2016 Diversity Social* (Thursday, 9:00-11 am); more info below

III. Happenings, reports and articles of interest

NEW USA DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

- On June 15, 2016, after nearly 30 years of advocacy and negotiation, the Organization of American States (OAS) adopted ***THE AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES***. The [OAS](#) is a regional intergovernmental organization of 35 member countries of the Americas, including the United States.

NEW CANADIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY DECLARATION ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

- In December 2015, the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#) released [its full report](#). It paints a frank and bleak picture of the historical relationship between European settlers and Aboriginal peoples. It identifies a series of policies that were aimed at assimilating Indigenous people. It describes the results of over 200 years of oppression and violence. And it focusses on 94 recommendations for action towards reconciliation. The Diversity Working Group of the CES Board of Directors has put forward several resolutions that have been debated and adopted by the board at its May 4, 2016, meeting. The [CES](#) is committed to incorporating reconciliation in its values, principles, and practices.

NEW REPORT

- "[Evaluation in Canada in 2025: what could be, what should be, and what to do now](#)" written by Benoît Gauthier, CE, Past-President/Canadian Evaluation Society, Treasurer/IOCE. Where is evaluation likely to be in 2025? The Australasian Evaluation Society issued a 'predict the future' challenge to a number of international evaluators, including the author, in September 2015. This paper, focusing primarily on Canada but with international implications, is the result.

IV. Events: AEA Conference 2016

SEE YOU IN ATLANTA FOR NETWORKING!

- Don't miss out on a great networking opportunity! Join colleagues at our **IPE TIG BUSINESS MEETING!** The meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6:20-7:10 pm at the conference hotel in Room L403. More information to follow on IPE TIG social media and on our IPE TIG website. If you would like to add something to the agenda please contact Nicole Bowman, IPE TIG Chair by 10/15/16 at nicky@bpcwi.com.
- Join us at the **DIVERSITY TIG 2016 SOCIAL** shortly after the IPE TIG meeting! The Diversity TIG Social will start at 9 p.m. and is being held in the host AEA conference hotel. This co-sponsored event is hosted by the IPE TIG, Latino/a TIG (LA Red), Multi-ethnic TIG, LGBT TIG, and the Feminist Issues TIG. There will be plenty of food, refreshments, and a costume party (prizes given out). Come have fun, network with colleagues, and receive important information from sponsoring national and non-profit partners with diversity initiatives being implemented that you may want to take part of. More information to follow on IPE TIG social media and at our IPE TIG business meeting. See also Nicole Bowman, IPE TIG Chair for more information at nicky@bpcwi.com.

ENJOY SOME HISTORICAL TOURS WHILE IN ATLANTA

Here is a list of historical sites to visit while in Atlanta. Each of these is a Georgia State Park-administered site. All are within about 1.5 hours north of the AEA hotel on I 75.

- [Etowah Mounds](#) is a Mississippian cultural site where several thousand people lived from

1000 AD until shortly after the DeSoto invasion in the 1540s.

- [New Echota](#) was the capital of the Cherokee Nation from 1823 until 1832, when the state of Georgia passed laws making it illegal for Cherokees to meet on any land within the state. It also was the site of Fort Wool, an internment camp holding Cherokees before the Trail of Tears.
- [Chief Vann House](#) is the finest antebellum home still standing in northern Georgia, built by James Vann in 1803. His son, Rick Joe Vann, lived in the house until 1834 when the Georgia Guard threatened to burn the house with the family in it.

ADDITIONAL REGIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION –ATLANTA, GA

- The [Cherokee](#) (what the US calls this community) lived in Georgia and surrounding areas. The Cherokee are the "offspring of the Lenape." There are three bands within the Lenape (also known as Delaware Indians); one of them is Munsee.
- **TRAIL OF TEARS:** The AEA conference will be on the historic [Trail of Tears](#) in Georgia: In 1987, the National Park Service (NPS) formally "commemorated" this Trail of Tears (TOT) through nine states, recognizing the pathways taken by the Cherokee during the forced removal of Indigenous people from this region during the 1830s. NPS describes the trail as a journey of "racial intolerance, injustice, and suffering...but also survival."
 - The federally-commissioned State Trail of Tears Associations (TOTA) are in nine states; [click here](#) for more information about Georgia's association.
 - [Click here](#) for the national TOTA website is at
 - Atlanta is close to some of the [National Park Service' TOT sites](#)
 - Check out the [TOTA trail map](#)

V. Feedback and updates from members

We welcome your feedback and updates. Your place is waiting for you here in the newsletter! Feedback and updates should be sent to Laurie Ringaert, IPE TIG Newsletter Editor at: Laurie@changeweavers.com.

VI. About IPE TIG

Indigenous Peoples in Evaluation is a topical interest group (TIG) of the American Evaluation Association. The Indigenous Peoples in Evaluation TIG exists to improve evaluation practices and methods by:

- Developing and disseminating knowledge that helps assure that evaluations in which Indigenous people are among the major stakeholders are culturally responsive and respectful of their interests and rights.
- Creating a venue for Indigenous evaluators and others working in Indigenous contexts to participate in discourse about evaluation models and methods that support Indigenous values, practices, and ways of knowing.
- Mentoring emerging evaluators interested in evaluation in various Indigenous contexts.

VII: Get involved!

SHARE NEWS!

Please send along news and events to our newsletter editor, Laurie Ringaert: laurie@changeweavers.com. The newsletter is published in February, May, and October. If you would like to become more involved with the IPE TIG on work groups, helping with social media or the website, or in any other way please contact Nicole Bowman, IPE TIG Chair at nicky@bpcwi.com.

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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/aeaipetig>
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