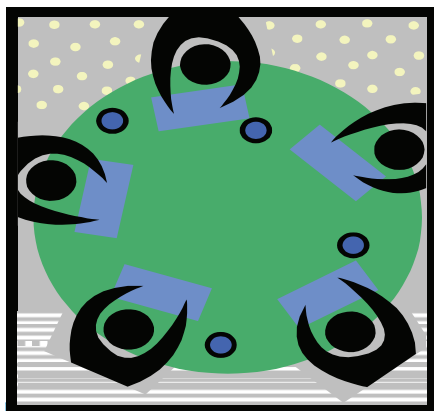


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THE INSPECTION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Presents the initial

Inspection and Evaluation Training Conference



FOSTERING OUR EVALUATION COMMUNITY

June 16th and 17th, 2009

At the Federal Deposit
Insurance Corporation's
L. William Seidman Center in
Arlington, VA

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Please join us to learn from experts and interact with peers on evaluation approaches and the role of evaluation in the Inspector General community.

This month's newsletter will be devoted to the upcoming training.

FOSTERING AN EVALUATION COMMUNITY

The theme "Fostering an Evaluation Community" was inspired by the results from the I & E Community Training Survey completed by 12 OIG offices last year. The program goals are to provide useful evaluation skills and allow opportunity to discuss evaluation approaches and the role of evaluators among OIG offices across the Federal Government.

The training will be all day Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16th and 17th.

THE L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN CENTER

The L. William Seidman Center at Virginia Square is a 350-room training and meeting facility on the FDIC campus in Arlington, VA. It is accessible from DC and airports by the DC Metro Orange Line.

Long-distance travelers can stay in one of many local hotels. Alternatively, rooms are being held at FDIC's onsite Residence Facility. To reserve a room, contact FDIC at (703) 516-4630. Please indicate that you are with the CIGIE I & E Training Conference. Rooms are \$175 per night, plus tax. Contact FDIC by May 19 to guarantee space.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

For more information about any item in this newsletter or to contribute suggestions for future newsletters, please contact Anne Bracken at anne.bracken@oig.hhs.gov.

The program includes plenary sessions with experts in the field of evaluation in Government and time for participants to interact with one another on their own experiences. We will cover a broad range of evaluation issues, including the components of a strong study design, combining qualitative and quantitative analysis to create solid evidence, and crafting findings and recommendations that create impact. Below are the speakers' biographies.

Michael Quinn Patton is an organizational development and program evaluation consultant. He is former President of the American Evaluation Association. He teaches regularly at The Evaluators Institute and The World Bank's International Program in Development Evaluation Training. He is author of *Utilization-Focused Evaluation* and *Qualitative Research and Evaluation Methods* and co-author of *Getting to Maybe: How the World Has Changed*.

Dana Brower is a consultant and a partner with The Halcyon Group. She has been working in leadership development and training for more than 12 years. Dana began work in the generations arena while serving

as a Research Fellow at the Federal Executive Institute (FEI)—a training center for senior-level civil servants—where she helped guide the Institute's efforts on Leadership Across Generations in the Federal Workplace. Today, she is conducting her own research project on generations at work.

Kathryn Newcomer is a professor at the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration at George Washington University. She teaches program evaluation, research design, and applied statistics. She routinely conducts research and training for Government agencies and nonprofit organizations on performance measurement and program evaluation. Dr. Newcomer has published five books—most recently, *Improving Government Performance* and *The Handbook of Practical Program Evaluation*.

Debra J. Rog, Ph.D., is an Associate Director with Westat and a Vice President of The Rockville Institute. Prior to joining Westat in January of 2007, Dr. Rog directed the Washington office of the Center for Evaluation and Program Improvement. She has over

25 years of experience in program evaluation and applied research. Dr. Rog has to her credit numerous publications on evaluation methodology, housing, homelessness, poverty, mental health, and program and policy development and has edited numerous substantive and methodological volumes, including the *Applied Social Research Methods Series* and the *Handbook of Applied Social Research Methods*.

Kenneth A. Gold is the Director of the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University. He joined the Government Affairs Institute at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in 1989 and was a member of the Senior Faculty until 1992, when he was named Director of the Institute. Dr. Gold is the author of articles on organizations and management, and of *United States Foreign Economic Policy-Making*.

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Watch the CIGIE I & E Committee Web site at <http://www.ignet.gov/pande/iandel.html> for updated information, including an agenda and registration information.