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Newsletter

NON-PROFITS AND FOUNDATIONS
TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP



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Business Co-Chair Column

Emily Kalnicky & Israel Chorra



Happy start to Fall! As the leaves start to turn in parts of the northern United States, and as many of you gear up for the AEA Annual meeting, we hope you will find renewed interest and energy in engaging with our TIG in the coming year! We will have many open leadership positions and opportunities to engage with other individuals working in the non-profit and foundation space.

A little bit about us:

Emily joined the non-profits and foundations TIG in 2021 out of a desire to get more involved in AEA and having spent her career in non-profits, academia, and consulting. A fun fact- Emily originally applied to be the webmaster, thinking that would be a nice way to get involved in the leadership council, but the business co-chair at the time contacted her to ask if she would be willing to apply for the open business co-chair position- and the rest is history! All that to say, if you are at all interested in applying for a leadership role with our TIG, please consider it! This is a great group of individuals working in a wide range of organizations and there is a lot of opportunity to be creative and continue to explore how we engage members and foster important connections.

Israel joined the non-profits and foundations TIG in January 2023. As an emerging evaluator in the non-profit sector, he was looking for ways to get involved in AEA and connect with others in the field. One of the things Israel appreciates most about being involved in the NPF

TIG is the opportunity to interact and learn from others on the leadership team. Everyone has been welcoming and eager to help contribute to the success of the TIG. In the coming year, Israel hopes to encourage more new evaluators to get involved with the TIG as a member of the leadership team.

Our 2023-2024 Strategic Goals include continuing to focus on providing better services to our TIG members and other AEA members. We will continue to increase communications and relationships with other TIGs to develop collaborations between our areas of interest, and we will build on the results of our 2022-member survey to find more ways to provide networking and learning opportunities, such as the 2023 Summer Learning Series on Reimagining Focus groups, led by Joelle Greene, Kim Manturuk, and Morgan Buras Finlay, and offering a guest presentation at our Annual Business meeting (more below).



UPCOMING EVENTS

TIG Annual Business Meeting (virtual)

Our Annual Business Meeting will take place on October 5 from 5 to 6 pm CST. The meeting is open to anyone (you do not need to be a TIG member) – so please share with colleagues! Please [register here](#) in advance for the MS Teams link. We will have a special guest presentation from Dr. Albertina Lopez on some key results from the Center for Evaluation Innovation's benchmark study – a great opportunity to learn more and connect with other individuals working in non-profits and foundations.

TIG Social at the AEA Conference (in person)

For those attending Evaluation 2023, please join us in person for an opportunity to socialize and network with fellow NPF TIG members! We will meet on Thursday, October 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm ET after the TIG Fair at the Tavern on South (423 W South St, Indianapolis, IN). [Please RSVP here.](#)

TIG Community Building Mixer (virtual)

Come and join us for a virtual, interactive networking hour on Tuesday, November 16, from 2 to 3 pm CT on Zoom. [Please register here to participate.](#)

“Hot Topics” Discussions

Based on previous high-level participation on member “Hot Topics” sessions, we plan to incorporate these and other learning opportunities in the year to come. You will be notified as soon as possible on the dates and topics! Also, if you are interested in leading a “hot topic” session, please connect with us via email!

Please share your thoughts on how we can make your TIG membership more valuable to you! Please email either Emily Kalnicky (ekalnicky@ourpublicservice.org) or Israel Chorra (ichorra@thepeopleconcern.org) with your suggestions and comments.



Program Co-Chair Column

Rhonda Williams & Eva Chavez



We cannot believe it's that time of the year again when we get to make connections and share our evaluation story. Our TIG has been busy preparing for this year's conference – the power of our story together. We want to express our deep gratitude to those of you who submitted a proposal for this year's conference and those who volunteered to score proposals. We received a total of 61 thoughtful proposals and had 44 volunteers who supported the scoring process.

Conference Sessions

For those of you who are able to attend the conference in Indianapolis, we have provided a listing of the sessions sponsored by the Nonprofit and Foundations TIG by date and time. Please visit [Evaluation 2023](#) to learn more.

PD Workshops

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM ET

- Making causality visible amid complexity: Approaches and tools for causal understanding that can be applied in complex, dynamic contexts

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM ET

- The story of systemic racism and playgrounds: How KABOOM! uses data to overcome playspace inequity (Location: Room 104)

Poster Session

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM ET

- Nonprofit and Foundations Poster Viewing (Location: Griffin Hall)

Presentations

Thursday, October 12, 2023 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM ET

- Representation Matters: Engaging a Community Advisory Board to Shape & Refine the Emory COMPASS Center's Community-Led Grantmaking & Capacity Building Initiative for Southern HIV service organizations (Location: White River Ballroom G)

Thursday, October 12, 2023 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET

- Recasting the story of accountability. Who's in the lead role? Who's a supporting actor? (Spoiler: it should be completely different to how it typically is.) (Location: Grand Ballroom 4)

Thursday, October 12, 2023 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM ET

- Disentangling the story of systemic change: how can we leverage hypotheses as an alternative to logframes? (Location: White River Ballroom I)
- Getting Kids to Share Their Stories: Lessons Learned in Obtaining Youth Feedback (Location: Room 209)

Thursday, October 12, 2023 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM ET

- Funder practices to center relationships in the evaluative story (Location: Room 103)

Friday, October 13, 2023 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM ET

- Retelling the Stories of Regional and Community Foundations: Journeys in Centering Racial Equity (Location: Grand Ballroom 7)

Friday, October 13, 2023 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET

- Stories are more than 'just anecdotes': decolonizing learning in feminist funds (Location: Room 309/310)

Friday, October 13, 2023 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM ET

- Successful Collaboration Across National Nonprofit Organizations (Location: White River Ballroom A)

Friday, October 13, 2023 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM ET

- When implementation of impact management opens for new insights (Location: White River Ballroom C)

Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM ET

- Building a Case for Women's Funds and Resource Justice (Location: Room 309/310)

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023

Emily Kalnicky, Partnership for Public Service – Business Co-Chair

Israel Chora, The People Concern – Business Co-Chair

Rhonda Williams, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas – Program Co-Chair

Eva Maria Chavez, Promesa Boyle Heights – Program Co-Chair

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Joelle Greene, Harder+Company Community Research

Kim Manturuk, Duke University

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Laura Pinsoneault, Evaluation Plus