

Call For Papers

The Eastern Evaluation Research Society

An affiliate of the American Evaluation Association

The 29th Annual Conference

Sunday, April 23 to Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa in Absecon, NJ

Evaluation in the Real World: *Common Problems and Practical Solutions*

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts of papers to be presented at the conference are solicited at this time. There are multiple formats for paper and skill building sessions available, including interactive sessions. All abstracts must be submitted to the Program Chair as described on the conference page of the EERS website. Full details on preparation of a 250-word abstract and details on how to submit the abstracts can be found on the conference page of the website.

TIMELINE

Abstracts Due: January 6, 2006

Notification of Authors: January 30, 2006

Preliminary Program: February 6, 2006

Presentations Due to EERS: April 1, 2006

CONTACT PERSON

Questions concerning the call for papers can be addressed to the Conference Program Chair. Please call if you do not have access to the detailed descriptions of how to submit an abstract on our website.

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 29th EERS annual conference will continue our long tradition of providing the most informative and friendly regional conference in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states. The conference features evaluators from the public, private, and non-profit sectors discussing evaluation methods, skills, and uses within multiple environments. Conference presentations, workshops, interactive sessions and skill building sessions focus on the use of evaluation in many fields, including evaluations related to community-based programs, education, health and social services, and criminal justice. The conference theme, **Evaluation in the Real World: *Common Problems and Practical Solutions***, will help to focus all of the presentations of the conference on practical issues relevant to all evaluators and those that use evaluations. The annual conference provides a wonderful opportunity to network with fellow evaluation practitioners and to learn from some of the premiere evaluators in the field. Our past conferences have featured Peter Rossi, Melvin Mark, Karen Kirkhart, Nick Smith, George Grob, Henry Levin, Laura Leviton, David Fetterman, William Morrill, Donna Mertons and Gary Henry.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The "Four-Diamond" Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa is the landmark choice of New Jersey hotels and resorts, inviting you to experience the ultimate meeting, golf, and vacation destination. Home to two of the nation's finest championship golf courses, this recently renovated hotel combines the gracious atmosphere of a distinguished resort with all the modern services you expect in a fine modern property. The hotel offers fine dining, the Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa, championship golfing, close access to Atlantic City, and beautifully appointed and comfortable rooms.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration forms will be available February 2006. The forms will be available at the conference page of the EERS website. All presenters at the conference are asked to register to help defray the costs of the conference. The EERS works hard to keep the registration fee as low as possible to help ensure all evaluators can attend.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

<http://www.eers.org/conference.htm>

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The conference provides numerous opportunities to enhance your skills alongside **some of the best and brightest evaluators working in the field today.**

Come and join evaluators from the public, private, and non-profit sectors in discussing evaluation methods, skills, and use within multiple environments. **Add your voice** to the conference presentations focusing on **evaluation skills and methods** in many fields, including evaluations related **education, community-based programs, health and social services, and criminal justice.**