



Spring Exchange 2019 – Driving Change

May 17, 2019 at Otterbein University

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| 8:30am to 9:00am | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00am to 9:15am | Welcome and Introduction Lana Rucks, PhD, OPEG President |
| 9:15am to 10:15am | Change Matters: Everybody is for change as long as they don't have to do anything different Jim Mahoney, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Educator in Residence, Buckeye Association of School Administrators; Executive in Residence, Ohio University, Voinovich School Executive Director, Emeritus, Battelle for Kids Abstract: This keynote underpins the importance of asking the right questions, designing the right studies, and sharing the answers rightly from evaluation. Jim Mahoney will outline ideas and practices intended to inform, illustrate, and inspire evaluators on the importance of the role in any meaningful change. |
| 10:15am to 10:30am | Break |
| 10:30am to 11:30am | Trust, Transparency, and Timing: Key Factors in Driving Change through Effective Evaluator Advocacy Rakesh Mohan, MPA, Director, Office of Performance Evaluations, Idaho Legislature Abstract: Rakesh will use stories and examples from his work with the Idaho Legislature to illustrate how his small evaluation office drives big changes at the state government level. Building trust with sponsors and stakeholders, keeping the evaluation process transparent, and understanding timing constraints have been key factors in his success. |
| 11:30am to Noon | Networking Activity Jean Harper, PhD, Harper Mack Group, LLC |
| Noon to 12:45pm | LUNCH |
| 12:45p to 1:30pm | OPEG Annual Business Meeting & Awards & Volunteer Recognitions Evaluation Award: Sheri Chaney Jones, president of Measurement Resources Company Roberta O' Keefe Award: Thom Craig, director of Mental Health Program at Peg's Foundation |
| 1:30pm to 1:40pm | Break |

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| 1:40pm to 2:40pm (Three 20-min sessions; 15-min presentation; 5min Q & A) | 1:40p - From Passive Texts to “Interactive” Automated Conversations: Encouraging Participation in Social Services Programming for Low-Income Youth Dr. Sunny Munn, PhD, Welfare and Workforce Research Manager, OERC - Ohio State University |
| | 2:00p - Driving Change for Vulnerable Children: Lead Exposure in Children Dr. Rob Fischer, PhD, Associate Professor, Dr. Elizabeth Anthony, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, & Dr. Meghan Salas Atwell, PhD, Senior Research Associate, Case Western Reserve University |
| | 2:20p - Examining theory of change for "Girls in Science" Dr. Carmen Dixon, PhD, Assistant Professor, Capital University and Dr. Krisanna Machtmes, PhD, Associate Professor, Ohio University |
| 2:40pm to 3:20pm | Roundtable Discussions and Group Sharing |
| 3:20pm to 3:30pm | Closing Remarks |
