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TEXAS EVALUATION NETWORK QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION:

The Texas Evaluation Network (TEN) is a voluntary, statewide organization serving the multidisciplinary interests and needs of evaluation and other allied professionals.

The work of TEN is focused in three areas:

1. Promote and advocating evaluation and building evaluation capacity;
2. Provide professional development opportunities for Texas evaluators; and
3. Establish a venue for networking and the exchange of theoretical, methodological, and practical knowledge related to the field of evaluation.

The Texas Evaluation Network is a formal affiliate of the American Evaluation Association. Our members' interest and skills vary greatly as the organization prides itself on geographic and interest diversity. This is best on display at TEN's evaluation institute hosted annually and through regular webinars.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

December Greetings! As an organization, we advocate for evaluation, build capacity, and create professional development and network opportunities.

The 2021 Fall Institute was an excellent example of what we do as an organization. The institute committee dedicated their time and efforts to planning an outstanding event. This year's institute focused on equity in evaluation, a very relevant and important theme. The keynote speaker, Shiree Teng, shared her passion, commitment, and experiences as a social and racial justice champion. Institute workshops included presentations on equity practices, measuring success, culturally responsive evaluations and innovative strategies.

The TEN Board of Directors would like to thank Shiree Teng and the workshop presenters for sharing their expertise and wisdom. A special thank you to the institute committee for their dedication!

The TEN Board of Directors approved the development of a strategic plan for the next 3 - 5 years. During the 2021-2022 year, we would like to increase TEN's membership and visibility, and ensure diversity, inclusion, and equity in all our actions. We envision that the strategic plan will build on these goals. We will keep our members informed of the strategic plan development.

I am very excited that many members responded to the invitation to join our committees. Please feel free to email TEN if you are interested in serving on a committee.

Happy Holidays!

Emmerentie Oliphant, TEN President



SAVE THE DATE: 2022 TEN Power Hour Series

TEN's 2022 Power Hours will provide an opportunity for TEN members to discuss current topics or issues related to evaluation.
Please join us!



January 25, 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm CST
Innovation in Evaluation, [RSVP HERE](#)



April 28, 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm CST
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion in Evaluation, [RSVP HERE](#)



July 27, 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm CST
Working with Funders, [RSVP HERE](#)



September 20, 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm CST
Developmental Evaluation, [RSVP HERE](#)



SAVE THE DATE:

Eastern Evaluation Research Society's (EERS) Annual Conference



April 24-26, 2022

Princeton, NJ

EERS is pleased to invite you to their 44th Annual Conference: Rethinking Evidence. The conference will feature the traditional mix of speakers, meals, and breakout sessions, all organized around the theme of Rethinking Evidence. In addition to individual, panel, and skill-building sessions, EERS is introducing a new Wild Card presentation option, allowing presenters to propose any unique organizational structure they think will engage their fellow education professionals. In addition, they are continuing their student concurrent presentation and poster symposium program, with scholarship stipends awarded to a select group of student presenters.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



CHECK IT OUT: EVALUATION RESOURCES



Tips & Tricks for Creating Interactive Dashboards

[Click here to explore](#)

Measuring Love on the Journey for Justice: A Brown Paper, by Shiree Teng

[Click here to explore](#)

Data Toolkit, a toolkit to help users understand and best utilize data:

[Click here to explore](#)

Child Welfare Information Gateway, Evaluating Prevention Programs

[Click here to explore](#)

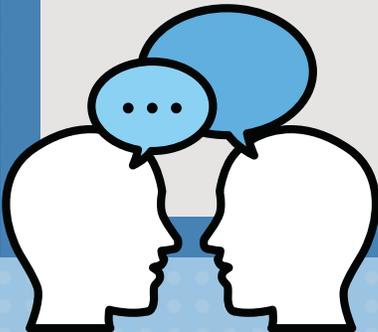
The Bias Disruption Podcast

[Click here to explore](#)

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?

We want to hear from YOU! Please share evaluation-related resources with us to consider including in an upcoming TEN newsletter.

Email us at texasevaluationnetwork@gmail.com with recommendations on books, podcasts, articles, or other resources.



Meet Your Newsletter Team

The TEN Membership Committee develops TEN's quarterly newsletter.



Fanni Farago, MA, is a new TEN member, a new & emerging evaluator, & a third-year Sociology Doctoral Student at George Mason University. She works as a Research Assistant at the Institute for Immigration Research (IIR). She recently relocated to Houston and joined TEN to connect with local evaluators.

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