
January 2024 Newsletter

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January SEEN Update

Connecting with our Community

As your student and emerging evaluator representative (SEER), it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you for the new year.

This newsletter is a hub of information tailored just for you. I have outlined events and opportunities that will help you grow your career and expand your network.

Speaking of events, mark your calendars for an upcoming highlight: our Virtual Meet-Up on Monday, February 5, at 6:00 pm (ET). It's a fantastic chance to connect with fellow student and emerging evaluators and share experiences. The theme of the meeting will be to discuss questions this group would like to discuss with CES Fellows at C2024 at the themed breakfast.

Virtual Meet-Up: SEEN Network

Monday, February 5

6:00 – 7:00 pm ET

Google Meet Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/xnw-kmdq-yzi>

Dial-in: +1 647-735-3350 PIN: 175 039 058#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/xnw-kmdq-yzi?pin=3808458972824>

I look forward to seeing there! Feel free to reach out to me at any time at seer@evaluationcanada.ca if you have any questions or suggestions for future topics.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

C2024 Announced

The [2024 CES National Conference](#) is taking place from May 5-8, 2024, in Fredericton. The theme is “Renewal and Confluence: Navigating the Future of Evaluation” – including ways of learning from other disciplines and fields, including new tools such as AI, building trust and accountability in a dynamic environment, promoting the wellbeing of human and natural systems, and addressing ethical issues which go beyond concerns about privacy in data collection.

The keynote speakers will include:

- **Day 1 Keynote:** Andrea Bear Nicholas, Professor Emeritus, St. Thomas University Renowned Wolastoqi historian Andrea Bear Nicholas brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in Indigenous language rights. Her profound insights and extensive background make her a compelling speaker who will shed light on crucial aspects of our shared history.
- **Day 2 Keynote:** Patricia Rogers, Founder, BetterEvaluation Patricia Rogers founded BetterEvaluation over a decade ago as an international collaboration to create, share and support use of knowledge about how to better plan, manage, conduct and use evaluation. Her leadership in the field of evaluation is exemplary, and her perspectives on driving positive change through evaluation methodologies are not to be missed.

Save the date: Mark May 5 to 8, 2024, on your calendars now, as this is an event you won't want to miss. There will be a themed breakfast with the CES Fellows and SEEN, as well as social activities

with other SEE's to engage in networking. Registration is set to open early February, with further early bird and CES member discounts.

Student and Emerging Evaluator Needed for Panel Discussion

The CES Ethical Guidance Working Group is putting together a panel presentation for the CES conference being held in Fredericton and would like to find a student or emerging evaluator member to represent the SEE perspective. The discussion will surround the history of ethics with CES and future plans to support the evaluation community to use ethical guidance.

Requirements:

- You must be a member and planning on attending C2024 in Fredericton.
- Previous experience with evaluation ethics preferred. If you are interested, please contact seer@evaluationcanada.ca with your CV.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

CES Launches its Reinvigorated Mentoring Initiative

The new Canadian Evaluation Society Mentoring Initiative platform is now available! Do you need a mentor? [Sign up here!](#)

The Mentoring Initiative is free for CES members and you can register, through your existing member account! Signing up will take just a few minutes, and you can search for a mentor as soon as you do. You will also gain access to a suite of supports and suggestions for establishing successful mentoring relationships.

Benefits for mentees:

- Accelerate your professional journey
- Expand your network
- Elevate your continuing education
- Ignite fresh perspectives
- Tap into seasoned insights

Do you have evaluation-relevant skills? You can also sign up to be a mentor through the same platform. Mentors and mentees at any stage in their careers can participate.

CES's greatest asset is the experience and expertise of its members. Through mentoring, we can leverage and share this asset, fostering confidence and connection for evaluators at any career stage.

Sincerely,

Matt Sanscartier, CE
Director of Professional Learning

P.S: If you were enrolled in the old mentoring platform, you will have to sign up on the new one; it was not possible to transfer the data.

P.P.S: If you've been part of a successful evaluation mentorship and would like to share your experience, please let us know: we would love to offer your testimonial!

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

The Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation, Vol. 38, Issue 2 - Dec. 2023

The CJPE has completed its third issue of the year, with a number of practical articles, including:

- A 2nd Roots and Relations Section, introducing articles which highlight different Indigenous evaluation journeys.
- An examination of Youth Sector Stakeholder Experiences in an Online Program Evaluation Certificate.
- The “What” and “Why” of (Un)Ethical Evaluation Practice: The Meta-Narrative Review and Ethical Awareness Framework - This article describes how research evidence can provide powerful, informed results to strengthen ethical practice in the field of evaluation.

The articles are openly accessible without membership.

EvalPartners Peregrine Discussion Group

The EvalPartners Peregrine Discussion Group was initially known as the ‘Pelican Initiative’ (Platform for Evidence-based Learning & Communication for Social Change). Pelican was started in 2004, by the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM). In June 2020, due to changed priorities of ECDPM’s strategy, Better Evaluation took over the moderation of the group under the new

name of 'Peregrine Discussion Group for Better Evaluation'. In 2022, the initiative was transferred to the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation and the EvalPartners initiative (www.evalpartners.org).

The most recent discussions have discussed equity in contracting with small and solo local evaluation firms, sustainability in the EU and [guides for systemic approaches](#) in the initial scoping phase of program development.

Feel free to [sign up](#) and create an account. You are able to manage your email preferences on your account.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Evaluation Time: A Practical Guide to Evaluation

Gail V. Barrington (Author), Beverly F. Triana-Tremain (Author)

This text reflects on the advancement of the field of evaluation, offering an introduction to new pedagogical and practical applications of evaluation. The book also promotes the importance of social and cultural understanding and engagement. A full review of the book can be found on [CJPE](#).

CES CHAPTER EVENTS

CES-NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER: Annual Learning Event



Location: Ottawa Conference and Event Centre

This year's ALE Theme is **Integrate. Facilitate. Elevate: Skills for Now and the Future**. From integrating lenses into your evaluation practice to providing effective leadership all while ensuring your skills stay sharp in this rapidly changing environment. More information and the registration form can be found [here](#).

CES-MANITOBA: Summer Institute in Program Evaluation

The Institute combines lectures, case studies and group work to explain the concepts of participatory evaluation with a goal to improve evaluation planning and execution.

Event Date: June 3-7, 2024

Hours: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Registration deadline: May 3, 2024

Registration link: <https://cesmb.ca/learning-and-networking-opportunities/>