



OUR NEW VISION

A world of evaluative thinkers who are continuously improving efforts to create equitable social impact.

From the Director

Partners and Colleagues,

The Evaluation Center continues to build on the foundation we have nurtured over the years and continue to push new ideas and opportunities into focus. Our entire team has done great thinking and is moving towards action as a result of the strategic planning process we have undergone since last summer.

One of the key outputs of our team's planning and discussions are an updated mission and vision for our Center. As we expand strategies and partnerships, these will be our north star. Our new mission and vision reflect our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion as a core value and are in alignment with our Center's desire to further advance social, economic, health, and racial justice through evaluation.

With our vision and mission guiding our work, we will continue to support our partners by:

Providing evaluation planning and implementation services that are partner-driven and culturally responsive - through identifying evaluation approaches, developing and implementing data collection and analysis tools, analyzing data, and communicating data stories.

Facilitating learning opportunities for people and organizations, including identifying new approaches for delivering these.

Prioritizing practices and partnerships that lead to the development of useful data and evaluation products. These will help our partners make data-informed decisions and tell the story of the impact of their programs, policies, and change efforts.

MISSION

We partner with people and organizations in pursuit of equitable outcomes by providing services, supporting learning, and amplifying impact.

In partnership,

Nikole Lobb Dougherty
Director of the Brown School Evaluation Center



Featured Project



Evaluation Center Staff enjoyed the Counterpublic 2023 opening at CITYPARK

Evaluation planning with Counterpublic 2023

The Evaluation Center partnered with [Counterpublic](#) to develop an evaluation plan for their 2023 civic exhibition. Counterpublic aims to use contemporary art as an inclusive platform that expands social, political, and civic horizons in the St. Louis region and beyond. Held every three years, the second edition of the civic exhibition will run from April 15 to July 15, 2023.

Upcoming Events

July 14, 2023
[Leveraging the Power of Excel for Your Program's Data and Reporting Needs](#)

[The Evaluation Association of St. Louis](#) offers monthly evaluation workshops/ events. Check out their [website](#) for upcoming events.

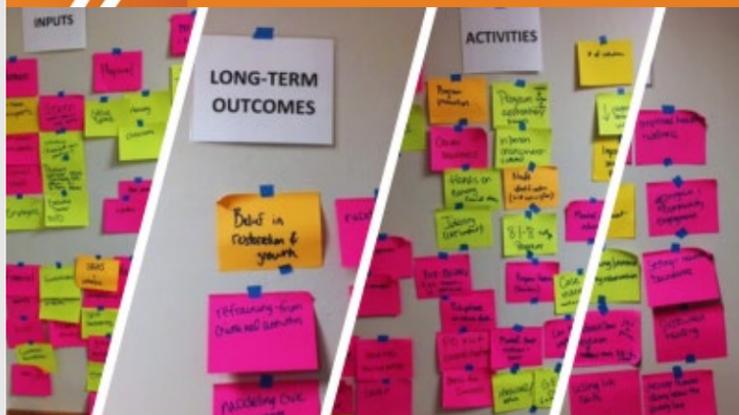
May 23, 2023
[Evaluation Leaders Series: Donna Mertens](#)

The Evaluation Leaders Series features former American Evaluation Association presidents who will speak to their experience as leaders and practitioners in the field of evaluation.

Counterpublic 2023 will feature an exhibition along Jefferson Avenue, charting the city from the Southern Riverfront, through the [Brickline Greenway](#) at Market Street, to St. Louis Avenue in North St. Louis. The resulting exhibition features dozens of artists, collectives, and community organizers working together to make and present works in St. Louis. Activities will include free art installations, performances, screenings, and conversations that engage the city's histories and imagine new futures.

The Center has enjoyed working with Counterpublic to identify how to evaluate the economic and cultural impacts of their civic exhibition on the St. Louis region. We look forward to continuing our partnership by implementing the evaluation process and producing a final report after the exhibition concludes.

Evaluation in Action



■ The [SoulFisher Ministries' AGAPE program](#) serves justice-involved persons by providing them with a holistic menu of wraparound reentry service including case management, housing, and career readiness services. TSM is gearing up to start implementation for two newly awarded grants. The Evaluation Center facilitated a logic model session with TSM staff and worked together to fine tune evaluation questions and plan data collection methods. We also collaborated with TSM to update a process flow chart that shows how a participant progresses through the program. This serves as a valuable tool to support a shared understanding of program structure between key stakeholders, including TSM staff, the Evaluation Center, and TSM's funders. Next, we'll work with TSM to identify and set up a web-based data storage solution to manage evaluation data for their two new grants.

■ The Evaluation Center collaborated with [the Alberti Program: Architecture for Young People](#) at the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. As part of their ongoing evaluation efforts, the Evaluation Center developed and administered an alumni survey to 100 Alberti alumni. In addition, the Center crafted data analysis plans to guide analysis for survey data and participant characteristics. This will help the Alberti Program to gain valuable insights into its impact. The Evaluation Center also provides coaching and training on data analysis and dissemination, ensuring that the findings are utilized effectively to inform program improvements and showcase the program's successes.

New Partnerships

The Evaluation Center is looking forward to working with our new partners:

■ The Center is partnering with [WEPOWER](#) to understand the experience of people who participate in their leadership and political empowerment programs. Developing and analyzing numerous program participant surveys, the Center is helping WEPOWER gauge satisfaction with programming, identify areas for improvement, and measure WEPOWER's progress towards its goals of increasing wealth, access to quality education, and organized people power of Black and Latinx households in historically under-resourced communities.

Publications

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Rolf L, Vestal L, Moore A, Lobb Dougherty N, Mueller N, Newland JG (March 2023). [Psychosocial work environment stressors for school staff during the COVID-19 pandemic: Barriers and facilitators for teacher engagement and retention](#). *Frontiers in Public Health: Public Mental Health*. 11.

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Lee K, Hunleth J, **Rolf L,** Maki J, Lewis-Thames M, Oestmann K, Colditz G, James AS. (2023). [Distance and transportation barriers to colorectal cancer screening in a rural community](#). *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*.

Staff Spotlights



Meet [Rachel Barth](#), Evaluation Manager

What do you do to stay organized?

I end each week by planning out when I'll work on each of my tasks for the following week, adding cushions for tasks that take longer than expected and building in time for new tasks that may pop up.

With the return of warmer weather, what are you most looking forward to?

Building a fence around my garden so that I don't have to share with the wildlife who like to visit my yard.

Do you volunteer anywhere?

I'm currently in search of somewhere to volunteer that would be a good fit for my kids as well (ages 4-10). Reach out if you have any suggestions!

What other languages do you know?

Haitian Creole.

What would the perfect weekend look like?

Morning coffee with a book, one day to play (preferably hiking with the family) and one day to create something with my hands (building/yard work/baking), dinner grilled at home, and a camp fire.

Stepan JG, **Rolf L**, Zhu E, Brody M, Landau A, Calfee RP, Dy C. (2022). [Patient perspectives after trapeziectomy and ligament reconstruction tendon interposition: a qualitative analysis](#). *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*. 150 (6):1275e-1282e.

Presentation

Kelly JC, **Jacobsen H**, Williams S. The Clinic for Acceptance, Recovery, and Empowerment in Pregnancy (CARE). The Pew Charitable Trusts Community Opioid Response & Evaluation (CORE) Project Final Convening; 2023 Mar 1-3; Washington D.C.

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