

# LESLIE J. COOKSY, PhD

I am a professional evaluator with over 30 years of experience in philanthropic, nonprofit, international, and federal, state and local government programs and contexts. My practice is grounded in the values of equity and cultural responsiveness. My areas of expertise include evaluation planning and design, meta-evaluation, and evaluation writing and editing. I was the 2010 President of the American Evaluation Association and have had numerous leadership and editorial positions.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Independent Consulting

2022 to present

I provide evaluation advising, writing, and editing services to support the pursuit of evaluation excellence and organizational and programmatic improvement and success.

### Sierra Health Foundation and The Center, Sacramento, California

2012 to 2021

Evaluation Director: Led evaluation planning for foundation initiatives; managed contracts with external evaluators; built evaluation capacity in staff and grantees; participated in the development of proposals for external funding; managed department budget and supervised staff. Major projects included:

- Asthma Mitigation Project: Managed the contract with external evaluators to study the implementation and outcomes of a program intended to make asthma mitigation services available to communities who often lack access to care (\$750,000 in external consultant contracts).
- Black Child Legacy Campaign: Partnered with external consultants to evaluate and provide data support to Sacramento County's project to reduce African American child deaths through community mobilization, community infrastructure development, and policy and systems change efforts (\$240,000 in external consultant contracts).
- Positive Youth Justice Initiative: Partnered with external consultants on an evaluation of a community-based organizing program focused on transforming juvenile justice systems (\$300,000 in external consultant contracts).
- Respite Partnership Collaborative: Managed a 3-year evaluation of a community-driven process for funding mental health respite services and an associated public-private partnership between Sacramento County and Sierra Health Foundation (\$500,000 in external consultant contracts).
- San Joaquin Valley Health Fund: Partnered with external consultants on research and evaluation of a place-based initiative to improve health and racial equity in the San Joaquin Valley, including a participatory evaluation carried out by funded community partners and a social network analysis (\$225,000 in external consultant contracts).

### University of Delaware

2007 to 2012

School of Education/Delaware Education Research & Development Center

Associate Professor: Developed interdisciplinary graduate program in evaluation; obtained funding for and led evaluation projects.

**University of California-Davis, Tobacco Control Evaluation Center** **2005 to 2007**  
Project Director: Managed a center that provides evaluation technical assistance to 100 county and local public health projects.

**University of Delaware** **1998 to 2005**  
School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy/Center for Community Research & Service  
Center Director/Associate Professor (2002-2005): Managed a center that provides applied research and technical assistance to public and nonprofit organizations dedicated to strengthening communities and families.

Associate Policy Scientist/Assistant Professor (1998-2002): Designed and implemented evaluations of human service programs; advised public and nonprofit agencies on performance measurement, evaluation design, informed consent and confidentiality, and qualitative methods.

**Florida State University** **1995 to 1998**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Research

**U.S. Government Accountability Office** **1988 to 1995**  
Senior Social Science Analyst, Program Evaluation & Methodology Division

**New Mexico Department of Human Services** **1987 to 1988**  
Doctoral Researcher/Program Evaluator

**U. S. Peace Corps, Sierra Leone** **1981 to 1983**  
Volunteer

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Human Service Studies: Program Evaluation and Public Policy, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1989.

M.S., Rural Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1986.

B.S., Applied Behavioral Sciences, University of California, Davis, 1981.

## **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

- Northern California Evaluation Network Founding Member, 2019.
- American Evaluation Association (AEA) President, 2010 (2009 Incoming President; 2011 Past President-Secretary).
- AEA Conference Presidential Strand Committee, 2008.
- AEA Public Affairs Committee, Member and Chair, 2007-2009.
- AEA Awards Committee: Member and Chair, 1998-1999.
- Southeast Evaluation Association: University Representative to the Board, 1998.
- AEA Board of Directors Member, 1995-1997.
- Publications Task Force, Member and Chair, 1995 - 97.
- AEA Topical Interest Group in Teaching Evaluation: Program Chair, 1993 - 94.

## EDITORIAL SERVICE

- *American Journal of Evaluation*
  - Book Review Section Editor, 2019-2022: responsible for selecting books to be reviewed, identifying reviewers, and providing editorial guidance to reviews.
  - Ethical Issues Section Editor, 2004 to 2009: responsible for writing short scenarios illustrating an ethical challenge, recruiting authors to respond to the scenario, and providing editorial guidance on responses:
    - Evaluators' reflections on the ethical implications of their early experiences. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 30(4), 572-574.
    - Reflections on Guiding Principle E: Responsibilities for General and Public Welfare. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 30(2), 217-219.
    - Challenges and opportunities in experiential learning. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 29(3), 340-342.
    - Indigenous fieldworkers in evaluation: An exploration of ethical considerations. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 29(1), 71-72.
    - Youth involvement in evaluation. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 28(3), 318-320.
    - Should we call the whole thing off? *American Journal of Evaluation*, 28(1), 76-78.
    - When is an external evaluator no longer external? *American Journal of Evaluation*, 27(3), 370-371.
    - To participate or not to participate. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 27(1), 95-97.
    - The complexity of the IRB process: Some of the things you wanted to know about IRBs but were afraid to ask. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 26(3), 353-361.
  - Associate Editor, 1998 to 2004
- *New Directions for Evaluation*: Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, 2001-2006; 2012-present
- *Evaluation in the Health Professions*:
  - Member of the Editorial Board, 1996 – 2006
  - Editor of 1996 special issue: Federal evaluation of health programs, 19(3).

## EVALUATION PROJECTS & CONSULTANCIES\*

### *International*

#### Projects

- Enhancing the Value and Use of ex post Outcome Evaluation & Impact Assessment in the CGIAR (2008). Developed report for the Consultative Group on International Agriculture (CGIAR), Science Council Standing Panel on Impact Assessment. *Honorarium*: \$10,000.
- Impact of Training: International Center for the Improvement of Maize & Wheat (2004-05). Evaluated the training activities of an international agricultural research center. *Contract*: \$25,000.

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\* See list of associated evaluation reports on pp. 9-12.

- Evaluation in the International Agricultural Research Centers (1996-97). Described the scope and methods of impact assessment in international agricultural research centers, assessed the feasibility of a synthesis across the impact studies, and described promising practices in the centers' impact assessment work. *Contract*: \$30,000.

#### Consultancies

- CGIAR. Reviewed quality of evaluation reports prepared for the CGIAR Independent Evaluation Arrangement (2015).
- World Bank. Participant in the Workshop on Independent Evaluation Arrangement for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (2010).
- CGIAR. Member of Science Council's Standing Panel on Monitoring and Evaluation (2004-2006, 2008).
- CGIAR. Assisted in designing a study of training activities across the system of international agricultural research centers (2002-2003).

#### *National Science Foundation*

#### Projects

- Metaevaluation of Evaluations of the Research Experiences for Undergraduates and Research Experiences for Teachers Programs (2011-12)<sup>†</sup>. NSF Promoting Research and Innovation in Methodologies for Evaluation. *Grant*: \$250,000.
- Research in Disabilities Education (2011-12)<sup>\*</sup>. NSF Promoting Research and Innovation in Methodologies for Evaluation. *Grant*: \$200,000.
- Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum (2009-2012)<sup>\*</sup>. Evaluated NSF-funded project providing professional development to Birmingham, AL teachers. *Contract*: \$80,000.
- Nature InSpired Engineering-Research Experiences for Undergraduates (2009-12). Evaluated NSF-funded project providing summer research experiences for undergraduates. *Contract*: \$27,000.

#### Consultancies

- Participant in NSF's Capacity-Building Program Evaluation Think Tank (2012).
- Member of Western Michigan University's Advisory Group for NSF project, "Identifying Project Evaluation Effectiveness Principles for Professional Development in Elementary Science Teaching" (2012-2014).
- Member of NSF's Expert Panel on Assuring Quality in Program and Project Evaluation (2010-11).
- Member of Cornell University's Advisory Group for NSF project, "Trial of the Systems Evaluation Protocol for Assessing and Improving STEM Education Evaluation" (2009-2013).

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<sup>†</sup> These projects were continued by other University of Delaware researchers after 2012.

*University of Delaware (State and Local)*

Projects

- Contemporary Connections Art Education (2011). Evaluated a partnership between the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts and Wilmington, DE public schools. *Public service project.*
- Family Court of DE Court Improvement Program (2011-12). Evaluated professional development activities of the Family Court of Delaware. *Public service project.*
- New Castle County (Delaware) Library Staff Survey (2009, 2010, 2011). Developed, implemented, and reported results from an annual survey for county Division of Community Services. *Public service project.*
- Positive Behavior Support (2010). Co-led an evaluation of statewide program in elementary, middle, and high schools. *Public service project.*
- Delaware Successful High Schools (2009). Conducted case studies of high schools that are excelling despite characteristics usually associated with poor performance. *Public service project.*
- Families and Communities Together (2002-05). Evaluated Delaware's FACT project, funded through the federal Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program. *Contract: \$500,000.*
- Kent County Strong Communities Initiative (1998-2001). Evaluated an interagency program designed to coordinate services for and develop leadership in communities with high rates of crime and poverty. *Public service project.*
- Agency-School Collaboration Partnership (1998-2000). Evaluated a state program designed to improve the collaboration of schools and state agencies. *Public service project.*
- Results for Children (1998-2000). Co-led a state-university partnership funded by the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services to improve the linkage between data on children's well-being and policy and program decisions. *Grant: \$100,000.*
- Kellogg Leadership Initiative, Mid-Atlantic Consortium (1998-2000). Evaluated the first phase of a collaborative effort by 10 institutions of higher education to develop strategies to improve leadership within and by the institutions. *University service.*
- Division of Child Mental Health Services: Service Provider Survey (1998, 1999). Studied the perceptions of service providers under contract to Delaware's Division of Child Mental Health Services. *Public service project.*

Consultancies

- University of Delaware. Member of the Delaware Health Care Innovation Model Evaluation Advisory Group (Center for Medicaid and Medicare Innovation grant, 2016-17).
- Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood. Evaluation consultant on a system for professional development for early childcare providers. (2009-11).
- New Castle County Community Services. Evaluation consultant assisting in the development of a method for collecting qualitative input from library staff, analyzing data and reporting findings (2008).

- Nemours Health & Prevention Services. Member of the Center for Evaluation, Research & Planning Work Group (2004-2005).
- Delaware Home Visiting Program. Member of the Advisory Committee Evaluation Group (2000-2005).
- United Way of Delaware. Member of the Committee on Outcome Evaluation Capacity-Building (2001-2004).
- Newark Senior Center. Advisor to the Self-Assessment Team (2001-2002).
- State of Delaware Departments of Labor and Corrections. Evaluation consultant for the Prison-to-Work program, assisting in the development of a survey about prisoners' access to job information for and supervising a student evaluation of the early implementation of the Career Network Center program (1999-2000).
- Delaware Cooperative Extension. Evaluation consultant to State Strengthening and New Communities Projects, providing evaluation guidance to extension agents involved in community-based projects for youth (1999, 2000).
- State of Delaware. Member of the Interagency Resource Management Council Evaluation Steering Committee (1998-2001).
- Norman's Future Stars (an academic achievement program based on basketball). Advisor and member of the Board of Directors (1998-2000).
- State of Delaware. Member of the Early Care and Education Steering Committee (1998-2000).

#### Other Projects and Consultancies

- UC Davis Center for Regional Change. Member of the advisory group for *Keeping our Promise: A Guide for Evaluation in Sacramento's Promise Zone* prepared for Sacramento County (2018).
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Member of the Evaluation Quality Review Panel reviewing HHS evaluations for inclusion in the annual report to Congress and identifying overall strengths and weaknesses (2000-2002).
- Leon County [Florida] Council on Juvenile Justice. Participated in the Council's Committee on Programs and Evaluation and supervised a student evaluation of the County's Youth Employment Initiative (1997-1998).
- Project TEAMS Evaluation (1995-97). Evaluated Project TEAMS, a curriculum delivery program designed for middle school children. *Florida State University-funded project.*
- Nutrition Monitoring (1993-95). Led a U.S. Government Accountability Office/Program Evaluation & Methodology Division (GAO/PEMD) analysis of alternative approaches to monitoring the nation's nutritional status.
- Public Health Service Evaluation Set-Aside (1992-93). Led a GAO/PEMD examination of evaluation in the Public Health Service.
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Unemployed Parents (1990-1992). Led a GAO/PEMD evaluation of the relationship between the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Unemployed Parents program and the single parent AFDC program caseload.

- Public-Private Partnerships (1988-1990). Contributed to a GAO/PEMD assessment of federal support for local public-private partnerships and the development of a framework for evaluating partnership projects.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Evaluation Models & Approaches, University of Delaware (2008-2012).
- Advanced Seminar in Evaluation, University of Delaware (2009-2011).
- Qualitative Research and Evaluation, University of Delaware (1998-2012), Florida State University (1995-1998).
- Education Research Procedures, University of Delaware (2010).
- Principles of Educational Evaluation, University of Delaware (2008).
- Special Seminar – The Work of Lee J. Cronbach, Department of Educational Research, Florida State University (1997).
- Introduction to Program Evaluation, Department of Educational Research, Florida State University (1995-1998).
- Methods of Educational Research, Department of Educational Research, Florida State University (1995-1998).

Received *HUD Community Development Work Study Grant* (2004) to support 3 graduate students in the field of community development with internships in community organizations.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Hang, K., Alvarado, G., Braff-Guajardo, E., Richter, L. & **Cooksy, L.** (2021). Investing in California's San Joaquin Valley Communities, chapter 26 in *Investing in Rural Prosperity*, pp. 368-382. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. <https://www.stlouisfed.org/-/media/project/frbstl/stlouisfed/files/pdfs/community-development/investing-rural/chapters/chapter26.pdf>
- Braff-Guajardo, E., Hang, K., **Cooksy, L.J.**, Braughton, M., & Lo, F. (2018). Equity for all: Infrastructure for change through community-first funder collaboratives. *The Foundation Review*, 10(4), 91-102. DOI.10.9707/1944-5660.1445. <https://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/tfr/vol10/iss4/10/>
- Immonen, S. & **Cooksy, L.J.** (2014). Using performance measurement to assess research: Lessons learned from the international agricultural research centers. *Evaluation: The International Journal of Theory, Research, and Practice*, 20(1), 96-114. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1356389013517444>
- Caracelli, V. J. & **Cooksy, L.J.** (2013). Incorporating qualitative evidence in systematic reviews: Strategies and challenges. In D.M. Mertens & S. Hesse-Biber (Eds.), *Mixed methods and credibility of evidence in evaluation. New Directions for Evaluation*, 138. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Cooksy, L.J.** (2012). Influences on evaluation quality. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 33(1), 79-87.
- Cooksy, L.J.**, Mark, M. M., & Trochim, W. M. K. (2009). Evaluation policy and evaluation practice: Where do we go from here? In W.M.K. Trochim, M. M. Mark, & L. J. Cooksy (Eds.), *Evaluation policy and evaluation practice. New Directions for Evaluation*, 123. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

- Cooksy, L.J. & Caracelli, V. J. (2009).** Metaevaluation in practice: Selection and application of criteria. *Journal of MultiDisciplinary Evaluation*, 6(11), 1-15.
- Cooksy, L. J. (2008).** What's there: Confidence or competence? In M. Morris (Ed.). *Evaluation ethics for best practice: Cases and commentaries*. New York: Guilford.
- Cooksy, L. J. & Caracelli, V. J. (2005).** Quality, context, & use: Issues in achieving the goals of metaevaluation. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 26(1), 31-42.
- Cooksy, L. J., Gill, P., & Kelly, P. A. (2001).** The program logic model as an integrative framework for a multimethod evaluation. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 24(2), 119-128.
- Aristigueta, M. P., Cooksy, L. J., & Nelson, C. W. (2001).** The role of social indicators in developing a managing for results system. *Public Productivity and Management Review*, 24(3), 254-269.
- Cooksy, L. J. (2000).** Ethical challenges commentary: Auditing the Off-the-Record case. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 21(1), 122-128.
- Cooksy, L. J. (1999).** The meta-evaluand: The evaluation of Project TEAMS. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 20(1), 123-136.
- Riggin, L. J. C. (1997).** Advances in mixed-method evaluation: A synthesis and comment. In J. C. Greene & V. J. Caracelli (Eds.), *Advances in mixed-method evaluation: The challenges and benefits of integrating diverse paradigms. New Directions for Program Evaluation*, 74 (pp. 87-94). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Riggin, L. J. C. and Ward-Zukerman, B. A. (1995).** The effect of welfare benefits for two-parent families on the single parent caseload. *The Social Science Journal*, 32(3), 265-278.
- Riggin, L. J. C., Shipman, S., and York, R. L. (1995).** Using a set-aside to encourage the evaluation of Public Health Service programs. *Evaluation and the Health Professions*, 18(1), 3-12.
- Caracelli, V. J. and Riggin, L. J. C. (1994).** Assessing the quality of mixed-method evaluation studies: Criteria development through concept mapping. *Evaluation Practice*, 15(2), 139-152.
- Riggin, L. J. C. (1994).** Book review: Evaluating R&D Impacts: Methods and Practice. Edited by B. Bozeman and J. Melkers. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 17(1), 34-35.
- Riggin, L. J. C. (1992).** Book review: Debates on Evaluation by M. C. Alkin. *Evaluation Practice*, 13(3), 63-65.
- Riggin, L. J. C., Westcott, M., and Grasso, P. G. (1992).** A framework for evaluating housing and community development partnership projects. *Public Administration Review*, 52(1), 40-46.
- Riggin, L. J. C. (1990).** Linking program theory and social science theory. In L. Bickman (Ed.), *Advances in program theory. New Directions for Program Evaluation*, 47 (pp. 109-120). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Cooksy, L. J. (1989).** In the eye of the beholder: Relational and hierarchical structures in conceptualization. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 12(1), 59-65.



## EVALUATION REPORTS

### For the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR):

**Cooksy, L. J. & Ruddy, K. (2008).** *Enhancing the value and use of ex post evaluation of outcomes and impacts in the CGIAR.* Report submitted to the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment, CGIAR Science Council.

**Cooksy, L. J. (2007).** *The CGIAR performance measurement system: analysis and reflections.* Paper submitted to the Standing Panel on Monitoring & Evaluation, CGIAR Science Council.

**Cooksy, L. J. & Arellano, E. (2006).** *CIMMYT's formal training activities: Perceptions of impact from former trainees, NARS research leaders, and CIMMYT scientists.* Mexico, D.F.: CIMMYT.

**Cooksy, L. J. (1997).** *A methodological review and analysis of selected evaluation reports by International Agricultural Research Centers.* (Report #2 from the Review and Synthesis Project). Report submitted to the CGIAR Impact Assessment and Evaluation Group.

**Cooksy, L. J. (1997).** *A review of documents reporting effects of International Agricultural Research Centers.* (Report #1 from the Review and Synthesis Project). Report submitted to the CGIAR Impact Assessment and Evaluation Group.

### University of Delaware Education Research & Development Center (2008-2012):

**Cooksy, L. J. (2012).** *Nature InSpired Engineering Research Experiences for Undergraduates—Final Report.* Report submitted to University of Delaware College of Engineering (National Science Foundation project).

**Cooksy, L. J. & Poag, E. (2011).** *Evaluation of 2011 Activities of the Evidence-Based Professional Development for High Quality Teaching Grant.* Report submitted to UD College of Engineering (National Science Foundation project).

**Cooksy, L. J. & Associates (2011-12).** *Evaluation of Delaware Family Court Trainings.* Report submitted to Delaware Family Court.

**Cooksy, L. J. & Rubright, J. (2011).** *Evaluation of Contemporary Connections - An Art Education Program of the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts.* Report submitted to the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts.

**Cooksy, L. J. & Thomas, A. (2010).** *Math Partnership Project Phase III Evaluation.* Report of the UD Education Research & Development Center.

**Culnane, M. & Cooksy, L. J. (2010).** *Survey of New Castle County Library Staff.* Report submitted to the New Castle County Community Services Department.

**Rubright, J., Thomas, A., & Cooksy, L. J. (2010).** *Nature InSpired Engineering – Research Experiences for Undergraduates: Year 2 Evaluation Report.* Report submitted to UD College of Engineering (National Science Foundation project).

**Ackerman, C., Cooksy, L. J., Murphy, A., Rubright, J., Bear, G., & Fifield, S. (2010).** *Positive Behavior Support: Developing perspectives on implementation and outcomes.* Report of the UD Education Research & Development Center.

- Grusenmeyer, L. & **Cooksy**, L. J. (2010). *Annual evaluation report for the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood*. Report submitted to the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood.
- Rubright, J., **Cooksy**, L. J., & Spair, M. (2009). *Nature InSpired Engineering – Research Experiences for Undergraduates: First Year Report*. Report submitted to UD College of Engineering (National Science Foundation project).
- Cooksy**, L. J., Grusenmeyer, L., & Nian, Q. (2009). *Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood: 2009 Needs Assessment Report*. Report submitted to the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood.
- Cooksy**, L. J. & Ruddy, K. (2009). *Survey of New Castle County Library Staff*. Report submitted to the New Castle County Community Services Department.
- Buttram, J., **Cooksy**, L. J., & Rubright, J. (2009). *Policies and practices of successful Delaware high schools*. Report submitted to the Delaware State Board of Education.
- Cooksy**, L. J. & Ruddy, K. (2008). *Reflecting on the future of the library: New Castle County Library Staff Development Day*. Report submitted to New Castle County Community Services Department.
- For the California Tobacco Control Evaluation Center (2005-2007):
- Cooksy**, L. J., Huddleston, J., & Treiber, J. (2007). *An evaluation of the services of the California Tobacco Control Evaluation Center*. Report submitted to the CA Department of Health Services, Tobacco Control Section.
- Cooksy**, L. J. (2006). *Providing evaluation assistance to TCS-funded projects: Compilation of 2005-06 needs assessment information*. Report submitted to the CA Department of Health Services, Tobacco Control Section.
- Cooksy**, L. J., Elmen, J. E., & Huddleston, J. (2005). *Providing evaluation assistance to TCS-funded projects: Recommendations from the needs assessment survey*. Report submitted to the CA Department of Health Services, Tobacco Control Section.
- For University of Delaware Center for Community Research & Service (1998-2005):
- Salt, J. D., **Cooksy**, L. J., & Parker, K. (2004). *Families & Communities Together: An evaluation of Delaware's Child Mental Health Grant Initiative, Year 5*. Report submitted to the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, & Their Families, Wilmington, DE.
- Salt, J. D., **Cooksy**, L. J., & Parker, K. (2003). *Families & Communities Together: An evaluation of Delaware's Child Mental Health Grant Initiative, Interim*. Report submitted to the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, & Their Families, Wilmington, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J. (2003). *The Leadership Diversity Institute: A pilot project of the National Conference on Community & Justice*. Report submitted to the Delaware Chapter of the National Conference for Community & Justice, Wilmington, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J., Manship, K., Johnson, E. (2001). *Kent County Strong Communities: Activities, accomplishments, and areas for improvement*. Report submitted to the State of Delaware and four Kent County community Civic Associations, Dover, DE.

- Unger, D. G., Brown, M., Antal, P., Tressell, P., Mejia, T., & **Cooksy**, L. J. (2001). *Home visiting evaluation and training: Final report*. Report submitted to the Office of Prevention & Early Intervention, Department of Services for Children, Youth, & Their Families, Wilmington, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J., Manship, K. B., & Montgomery, J. (2001). *Kent County Strong Communities: Results from the 1999 surveys of community residents*. Report submitted to the State of Delaware and four Kent County community Civic Associations, Dover, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J., Thomson, K., & Marsh, C. (2001). *Today's Kids, Tomorrow's Delaware*. Video package including a short video, action guide, discussion guide, and questionnaire, submitted to the Delaware Family Services Cabinet Council, Wilmington, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J., & Manship, K. B. (2000). *Agency and School Collaboration Partnership: Summary report on agency and school perspectives*. Report submitted to the Delaware Services Integration Working Group, Family Services Cabinet Council, Wilmington, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J., & Manship, K. B. (2000). *Logic models for planning and evaluation: A guide to their development and use*. Workbook prepared for the Delaware Cooperative Extension, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J. (2000). *MAC-LINC Phase I*. Report prepared for the Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Leadership and Institutional Change, for submission to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Newark, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J., & Yanich, D. (1999). *Parents as Counselors and Teachers: A survey of participants*. Report submitted to the PACT Family Support Network, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
- Cooksy**, L. J. & Efremova, I. (1999). *Division of Child Mental Health Services: Service provider survey*. Report prepared for the Division of Child Mental Health Services, Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families.
- Cooksy**, L. J. & Sturgis, J. (1998). *Division of Child Mental Health Services: Service provider survey*. Report prepared for the Division of Child Mental Health Services, Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families.
- Florida State University, Department of Educational Research (1996-1997):
- Cooksy**, L. J. & Gill, P. (1997). *Project TEAMS evaluation report, school year 1996-97*. Report submitted to program developers and the Knight Foundation.
- Riggin [**Cooksy**], L. J. C. and Gill, P. (1997). *Project TEAMS: 1995-96 Evaluation*. Report submitted to program developers and the Knight Foundation.
- Nichols, A. and Riggin [**Cooksy**], L. J. C. (1997). *1996 Evaluation of the Youth Employment Initiative*. Report submitted to the Leon County Juvenile Justice Council, Tallahassee, Florida.
- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) (1989-1995):
- U. S. GAO (1995). *Nutrition monitoring: Establishing a model program* (GAO/PEMD-95-19). [Role: Project manager.]
- U. S. GAO (1993). *Public Health Service: Evaluation set-aside has not realized its potential to inform Congress* (GAO/PEMD-93-13). [Role: Project manager.]
- U. S. GAO (1992). *Unemployed parents: An evaluation of the effects of welfare benefits on family stability* (GAO/PEMD-92-19BR). [Role: Project manager.]

U. S. GAO (1990). *Partnership projects: A framework for evaluating public-private housing and development efforts* (GAO/PEMD-90-9). [Role: Project member.]

U. S. GAO (1989). *Partnership projects: Federal support for public-private housing and development efforts* (GAO/PEMD-89-25FS). [Role: Project member.]

Other report:

**Cooksy, L. J.** (1988). *The implementation of Project FORWARD, State of New Mexico Human Service Department Employment Assistance Program*. Report submitted to State of New Mexico Human Services Department.

## PRESENTATIONS

- *Implementing and Evaluating a Campaign to Reduce Disparities and Transform Communities*. Panel organizer and chair at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Culturally Responsive Evaluation Association conference, 2021.
- *Black Child Legacy Campaign: Building Community Capacity with Quality Assessment Site Visits for Learning and Accountability*. Panel organizer and chair at the American Evaluation Association (AEA) annual conference, teleconference, 2020.
- *Collaborative Assessment of a Participatory Evaluation: Lessons for Equitable Evaluation*. Panel organizer and chair at the AEA annual conference, Minneapolis, 2019.
- *Strategies for Pursuing Equitable Evaluation in Philanthropy*. Think Tank organizer and presenter at the AEA annual conference, Cleveland, OH, 2018.
- *Advancing Equity through Evaluation: A Dialogue Across Perspectives*. Panel discussion with Jara Dean-Coffey at the AEA annual conference, Atlanta, 2016.
- *Trust: An Essential Element of Evaluation Design*. Panel discussant at the AEA annual conference, Atlanta, 2016.
- *Quality in Evaluation: Who Defines, Who Determines and Who Cares?* Panel organizer and presenter at the AEA annual conference, Chicago, IL, 2015.
- *Community and Grantee Voice in Evaluation*. Panel presentation at Grantmakers in Health annual conference. Atlanta, GA, 2014.
- *Context Influences on Evaluation Practice: When in a Foundation*. Panel presentation at the AEA annual conference, Washington, DC, 2013.
- *An Analysis of The Performance Measurement System Applied to the Network of Independent International Agricultural Centers*. Second author on paper presented by S. Immonen (1<sup>st</sup> author) at the European Evaluation Society annual meetings, Helsinki, Finland, 2012.
- *Metaevaluation of Evaluations of NSF Research Experiences Projects*. Panel presentation with M. Culnane (2<sup>nd</sup> author) & A. Jones (3<sup>rd</sup> author) at the AEA annual conference, Minneapolis, MN, 2012.
- *Metaevaluation in practice*. Panel organizer and presenter with V.J. Caracelli (1<sup>st</sup> author), M. Culnane (3<sup>rd</sup> author), and A. Jones (4<sup>th</sup> author) at the Eastern Evaluation Research Society annual conference, Absecon, NJ, 2012.

- *Credible Evidence in Systematic Review Systems Viewed Through a Mixed-Method Lens*. Panel presentation with V.J. Caracelli (1<sup>st</sup> author) at the AEA annual conference, Anaheim, CA, 2011.
- *Perspectives and Practical Applications for Advancing Culturally-Responsive Evaluation Practice*. Discussant for panel at the AEA annual conference, Anaheim, CA, 2011.
- *Wiggling In or Sliding By: Evaluation Quality and the Good Enough Rule*. Plenary address to the AEA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Institute, Atlanta, GA, 2011.
- *Evaluation Quality: The Good, the Bad, the Beautiful, and the Ugly*. Presidential address to the AEA Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2010.
- *A Conversation with Ernest House*. Organizer-Chair for expert lecture at the AEA annual conference, San Antonio, TX, 2010.
- *Exploring the Intersection of Beauty and Quality with the Student Travel Award Winners*. Organizer-Chair for panel at the AEA annual conference, San Antonio, TX, 2010.
- *US Perspectives on Evaluation Quality and Use*. Keynote address to the Netherlands Evaluation Society (Vide), The Hague, The Netherlands, 2010.
- *Expanding the Evaluation Toolkit*. Keynote address to the Eastern Evaluation Research Society Annual Conference, Absecon, NJ, 2010.
- *Untangling Definitions and Uses of Metaevaluation*. Paper with V. J. Caracelli (2<sup>nd</sup> author) presented at the AEA annual conference, Orlando, FL, 2009.
- *Methodology and Tools for Assessing the Quality of Evidence*. Discussant for a panel presentation at the AEA annual conference, Denver, CO, 2008.
- *The Role of Metaevaluation in Evaluation Rigor and Relevance*. Paper presented with V.J. Caracelli (2<sup>nd</sup> author) at the Eastern Evaluation Research Society annual conference, Absecon, NJ, 2008.
- *The Practice of Metaevaluation: Does Evaluation Practice Measure Up?* Panel presentation with V.J. Caracelli (2<sup>nd</sup> author) at the AEA annual conference, Baltimore, MD, 2007.
- *California's Approach to Evaluation Norm Change in Tobacco Control*. Panel presentation with J. Huddleston, J. Elmen, J. Treiber, M. Tuccori, & D. Cassady (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> authors) at the AEA annual conference, Baltimore, MD, 2007.
- *Evaluating Scientific Research Initiatives: The Case of the International Agricultural Research Centers*. Panel presentation at the AEA annual conference, Portland, OR, 2006.
- *Challenges in Evaluation Synthesis: Lessons from the California Tobacco Control Evaluation Center*. Paper presented with J. Huddleston (2<sup>nd</sup> author) & J. Elmen (3<sup>rd</sup> author) at the AEA annual conference, Portland, OR, 2006.
- *Building Evaluation Capacity: Identifying the Best Evaluation Approaches for Your Community Tobacco Control Program*. Poster presented with J. Elmen (1<sup>st</sup> author) & J. Huddleston (2<sup>nd</sup> author) at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Washington, D.C., 2006.
- *Benefits of Internal Vs. External Evaluation for County-Based Tobacco Control*. Paper presented with J. Huddleston (1<sup>st</sup> author), M. Braverman (2<sup>nd</sup> author) and J. Elmen, T. Yao, H. Tang, & D. Cowling (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> authors) at the Annual Conference on Tobacco or Health, Chicago, IL, 2005.

- *Challenges and Opportunities in an Evaluation of a Children's Mental Health Project: Multiple Methods, Multiple Purposes, Multiple Stakeholders*. Panel organizer and chair, presented at the Annual Conference of the Eastern Evaluation Research Society, Absecon, NJ, 2004.
- *What Numbers Can Do for Words*. Paper presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, Reno, NV, 2003.
- *Evaluation of Development Agencies' Performance: The Role of Meta-evaluations*. Panel discussant at the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Bank Conference on Evaluation and Development, Washington, DC, 2003.
- *Developing Evidence of The Long-Term Impact of Research Programs: Lessons from the International Agricultural Research Centers*. Paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> European Evaluation Society Conference, Seville, Spain, 2002.
- *Assessing Cultural Competence*. Workshop presented with J. Salt, S. Giancola, D. Unger, M. Gamel-McCormick, K. Parker, and X. Uribe (2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> authors) at Faces of Delaware...Celebrating our Diversity Through Systems of Care. Dover, DE, 2002.
- *The Quality of Evaluations of Services Integration Initiatives*. Panel organizer, presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, 2001.
- *Tasks in Meta-Evaluation: Assessing Quality and Enhancing Utility*. Paper presented with V. J. Caracelli (1<sup>st</sup> author) at the AEA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, 2001.
- *Logic Models in Planning State Strengthening Projects in Delaware*. Paper presented with P. T. Nelson (2<sup>nd</sup> author) at the AEA Annual Meeting, Waikiki, HI, 2000.
- *The Role of Logic Models in Evaluation Negotiations*. Paper presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, Waikiki, HI, 2000.
- *The Role of Evaluation in A Results for Children System*. Paper presented at the American Society for Public Administration's 61<sup>st</sup> National Conference, San Diego, CA, 2000.
- *Role of Evaluation in Improving Performance*. Paper presented at the Delaware Quality Conference, The American Society for Quality, Newark, DE, 2000.
- *Matching Evaluation Approaches to Service Integration Initiatives*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Eastern Evaluation Research Society, Lancaster, PA, 1999.
- *The TEAMS Multimethod Evaluation: Using a Program Logic Model as an Integrative Framework*. Paper with P. Gill, P. A. Kelly (presenter), and R. Reiser (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> authors) at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 1998, April.
- *Tips and Techniques for Qualitative Data Collection*. Roundtable organizer, presented with M.L. Collins, C. Gleber, and L.S. Gotshall at the Southeast Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL, 1998.
- *Logical Frameworks for Planning and Organizing Evaluations*. Panel organizer, presented with P. Gill, M.A. Poisel & F. Sangiuliano at the Southeast Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL, 1998.
- *Metaevaluation: Evaluating Evaluations of the Effects of International Agricultural Research Centers*. Paper presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 1997.

- *National trends in evaluation*. Panel presented with M. Stutzman and G. Mitchell (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> authors) and J. Ciesla (4<sup>th</sup> author) at the Southeast Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL, 1997.
- *The role of theory in evaluation*. Panel presentation at the AEA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 1996.
- *Changing Faces and Lessons Learned in Evaluation: A View of the AEA 1995 International Conference in Vancouver*. Panel presented with M. Stutzman, D. Hood, J. Ciesla, & M. Southard (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> authors) at the Southeast Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL, 1996.
- *Trade-Offs between Innovation and Feasibility in a Prospective Evaluation of Approaches to Improving Federal Nutrition Monitoring*. Poster presented with R. Wold and L. X. Hy (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> authors) at the AEA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, 1995.
- *Issues in Reporting a Multi-List Sampling Approach*. Poster presented with L. X. Hy (1<sup>st</sup> author) at the AEA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, 1995.
- *The use of evaluation set-aside funding in the Public Health Service*. Roundtable presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 1993.
- *Empowering Each Other? Collaboration within the Discipline*. Paper presented with R. Wold (1<sup>st</sup> author) at the AEA Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 1993.
- *Assessing the Quality of Mixed-Method Evaluations*. Paper presented with V. J. Caracelli (1<sup>st</sup> author) at the AEA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 1992.
- *An Evaluation of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children -- Unemployed Parents Program*. Paper presented with B. Ward-Zukerman (2<sup>nd</sup> author) at the AEA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 1991.
- *Bridging Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis*. Panel presentation at the AEA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 1990.
- *The Evaluator Without a Country: The Evaluation Experience of a Methodologist*. Paper presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 1988.
- *An Evaluation of The Theory Underlying an Employment Assistance Program for Food Stamp and AFDC Recipients*. Paper presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 1988.
- *Implicit Theories: Matching Stakeholder Cause Maps with Evaluation Data*. Paper presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 1987.
- *Hierarchical and Relational Structures in Conceptualization*. Paper presented at the AEA Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO, 1986.

## UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- Cooksy, L. J. (1989). *The nature of participation in a mandatory employment assistance program*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- Cooksy, L. J. (1986). *Smallholder organization: A comparison of two classification strategies*. Unpublished master's thesis, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

## EARLY AWARDS AND HONORS

- Certificate of Appreciation from the 2001 Graduates of the Master of Arts Program in Urban Affairs and Public Policy, for “commitment and excellence in teaching and...putting the needs of students first.”
- U.S. General Accounting Office's Meritorious Service Award, 1994, for "advancing the use of evaluation methods in GAO, promoting GAO's work to external audiences, and fostering teamwork on assignments."
- American Evaluation Association's Marcia Guttentag Award, 1993, in recognition of "early contributions to evaluation practice through her work at the U.S. General Accounting Office."