

Beyond Evaluation 101: Using Evaluation to Improve Programs

Instructors: Jane Peters, Linda Dethman, and Todd Malinick, Research Into Action

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Are you facing questions of how to get more savings out of each project, how to get customers to do a true upgrade and not just install efficient lighting? Are you wondering why some contractors bring one or two projects to a program while a few contractors bring dozens? Beyond Evaluation 101 takes workshop participants on the formative evaluators' journey to explore programs from different angles to effectively inform program design and enhance the implementation and delivery of programs. Using interactive exercises relevant to today's programs, participants leave having a solid understanding of what is required to conduct meaningful and useful evaluations today and in the future.

About the Instructors:



Dr. Jane S. Peters, President and Owner of Research Into Action in Portland Oregon. Jane has more than 30 years of experience in energy-related program performance measurement and market research. She is well-known for her qualitative research, including process and market evaluations, focus group moderation, and quantitative assessment of behavioral and indirect impacts and has conducted research on all types of programs: residential and nonresidential, energy efficiency, demand response and end-use renewables, low-income and market rate, agricultural, research and development, and distributed generation.

She is particularly interested in determining how best to improve the design and implementation of programs to spur individuals and organizations to reduce their energy use and minimize contributions to climate change.

Her 2009 white paper, Process Evaluation Insights on Program Implementation for the California Institute for Energy and Environment, addresses lessons learned from 30 years of process evaluations of energy efficiency programs. She authored three books on evaluation for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and numerous other publications.

Dr. Peters is a member of the Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification (EM&V) training team for the Association of Energy Services Professionals. Jane earned her Ph.D. in Urban Studies from Portland State University, and received an A.B. with Distinction in Psychology from Occidental College.



Ms. Linda Dethman, Research Into Action, has more than 30 years of experience in energy-related program process and performance, program evaluation research, and market and customer research. She has experience across a wide variety of sectors, including residential (such as low-income and multifamily) and commercial programs. She is an expert in evaluation design, standard and innovative methods, and in-depth analytical approaches. She has assessed many pioneering efficiency efforts, including

THELMA (which ushered in H-Axis washers), and programs targeted to net-zero high performance buildings, behavior change, Integrated DSM, and on-bill financing. Over the past decade, clients have routinely called upon Ms. Dethman to assess innovative pilot and behavior change programs. She helps clients understand their target audiences and suggests strategies to encourage greater and more cost-effective participation.

Ms. Dethman is also an award-winning writer, facilitator, and invited speaker at national and international conferences. She has a M.A., Communications Research, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington and B.A., Playwriting, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.



Dr. Todd Malinick is a Director at Research Into Action and brings more than 15 years of experience in energy efficiency evaluation, general market research, economics, behavioral science, and healthcare. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of British Columbia, and he holds an M.S. in forest economics from the University of Washington and a B.S. in business economics from the University of Illinois. Over the course of his career, Dr. Malinick has led advanced market research teams to explore a broad range of subjects, from customer and trade ally engagement to audience segmentation and market characterization. In addition to his market research experience, he has consulted on numerous program design and evaluation efforts. He leverages his extensive knowledge of advanced research design, quantitative and qualitative research approaches, data collection, and data management and processing to unveil insights that inform systems thinking and strategic development. Dr. Malinick has evaluated and conducted research to support energy efficiency and demand response programs throughout the U.S. His clients have included Pacific Gas & Electric, Xcel Energy, Southern California Edison, Consumers Energy, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, among others.