CPE Affiliates are AEA Bound

On July 18, 2017, Xiaoxia Newton, Shanna Thompson, Leah Ferullo, and Bangsil Oh learned their proposal for the annual America Evaluation Association (AEA) conference was accepted. They will be conducting a presentation entitled *Theory into Practice: First Year Experiences of Implementing Empowerment Evaluation of a Full Service Community School Initiative at an Alternative High School.* Evaluation 2016 will take place on November 6-11, 2017 in Washington, DC.

Free Webinar:
Qualitative Research in Computational Times: Dilemmas of Data Gone Digital
**Presenters:** Tom Liam Lynch and Hannah R. Gerber  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017  
**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM MDT (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST)  
**Sponsor:** International Institute for Qualitative Methodology (IIQM)  
**Register at:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqJS3P42z7oo5cLHXpWPbU65mCg_wt8T6bHkh242GRZbN0/viewform

Join Us in Welcoming Our New CPE Graduate Staff Member
Welcome aboard Amanda Trainor

Amanda Trainor will be serving as graduate research assistant for the CPE this fall along with returning students Rosie Emerson and Bangsil Oh. Amanda is a doctoral student in the College of Education’s Research and Evaluation in Education program.

Upcoming Events

**August**
- CPE Retreat  
  Friday, August 29, 2017  
  9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
  McGauvran Center 315

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Rydberg and Fu’s grant proposal awarded by NSA
Please join us in congratulating them.
Xinwen Fu and Jason Rydberg’s proposal *An IoT Security and Privacy Course Built upon Frontier Research, Industry Need and Affordable Platforms for Classrooms* was selected by National Security Agency (NSA) for funding as part of the CNAP Curriculum Development effort. The purpose of the solicitation was to develop curriculum on cybersecurity, geared towards future cybersecurity professionals. Xinwen is developing a curriculum on protecting and defending "Internet of Things" devices, and Jason will be conducting a formative evaluation to aid the course as it progresses.

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