

Facilitator's Short Biography

Dr. Lyssa Wilson Becho is an evaluation scholar practitioner. She works as a Principal Research Associate at The Evaluation Center at Western Michigan University.

Dr. Becho directs an evaluation capacity building initiative funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation, focusing on strengthening capacity in evaluation practice and use for both evaluation practitioners and consumers. She has secured \$8 million in funding as principal investigator to support this work.

Dr. Becho has given over 30 professional development workshops and webinars on evaluation topics for organizations such as the American Evaluation Association, American Educational Research Association, National Science foundation, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Becho is dedicated to providing open-access evaluation resources through her work on the Evaluation Checklist Project and as a Co-Executive Editor of the Journal of MultiDisciplinary Evaluation. She is also co-editor of the upcoming book Core Concepts in Evaluation: Classic Writings and Contemporary Commentary.

Dr. Becho has over 10 years of experience evaluating local, state-, and nation-wide projects. Through this work, she has produced over 40 evaluation reports and provided evaluative expertise to programs informing their programmatic decision-making.

Dr. Bianca Montrosse-Moorhead is an expert in evaluation. She currently serves as an Associate Professor of Evaluation at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Montrosse-Moorhead has published extensively in evaluation. Her scholarship (n=26 articles) has appeared, for example, in Evaluation, the American Journal of Evaluation, and Evaluation and Program Planning. She has also published one edited book volume, five book or handbook chapters, a R workbook for using a data science tool (latent Dirichlet allocation) in evaluation, two evaluation checklists, and several evaluation education resources. She is the Co- Editor-in-Chief for New Directions for Evaluation.

As principal or co-principal investigator, she has written proposals to secure over \$18 million in total project funding, over \$4 million of which was for evaluation work. This work has provided funding for young and emerging evaluators (YEEs) to work and study with Dr. Montrosse-Moorhead, and produced over 50 evaluation reports to inform decision- and policy-making.

Dr. Montrosse-Moorhead is a highly sought after evaluator educator who is known for her engaging and practice-oriented teaching style. She has facilitated workshops and clinics for many organizations, such as the United Nations, the American Evaluation Association (AEA), the European Evaluation Society, the Latin American and the Caribbean Network for Monitoring, Evaluation and Systematization.

Dr. Montrosse-Moorhead is an evaluation leader. She has held many leadership roles. Of note is that she is a founding member and former Chair of the EvalYouth Global Network (2015-2019). She also was elected and served a 3-year term as an AEA board member (2018–2020).

Dr. Daniela Schröter is an expert in interdisciplinary evaluation with over 20 years of experience directing evaluation and research initiatives. She currently serves as Associate Professor at Western Michigan University's School of Public Affairs and Administration. Dr. Schröter has an extensive record of academic publications, including peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, book chapters, and other scholarly outputs. She has delivered over 65 peer-reviewed presentations at major evaluation conferences, including invited keynotes in Switzerland and Germany. Dr. Schröter's background includes editor roles for the *American Journal of Evaluation*, the *Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation*, and the *Journal of MultiDisciplinary Evaluation*.

As principal or co-principal investigator, Dr. Schröter has received over \$3 million in external grant funding from sponsors such as the National Science Foundation, NIH, CDC, and International Labour Organization. She has provided more than 100 evaluation and grant reports to help inform organizational decision-making and improvements.

With over 20 years as a professional trainer and consultant, Dr. Schröter has delivered more than 30 specialized workshops and professional development experiences internationally. She received the 2013 American Evaluation Association Marcia Guttentag Award for her contributions. She serves as an advisor to the United Nations Independent System-Wide Evaluation Mechanism.

Dr. Schröter's areas of focus include evaluation theory, methodology, and practice; competencies for evaluators; building evaluation capacity; and assessing the impact of training/development programs. Her interdisciplinary perspective strengthens her ability to bridge evaluation theory and practice.