Facilitators' Short Biography

Annette L Gardner, PhD, MPH, Principal at ALGardner Consulting. Formerly an Associate Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California. San Francisco, Dr. Gardner has 25 years of evaluation expertise, both as a practitioner and educator. She has designed and directed national, state, and local evaluations focusing on insurance coverage expansions for low-income Americans, the adoption of health information technology, and expanded advocacy capacity. Her evaluation findings have been published in Health Affairs, Foundation Review, and Federal Practitioner, and many others. Additionally, Dr. Gardner is a thought leader on advocacy and policy change evaluation. She and Claire Brindis. DrPH co-authored the definitive book, Advocacy and Policy Change Evaluation: Theory and Practice (Stanford University Press, 2017. A trained futurist, she is a foresight educator and is a leader in advancing foresight evaluation practice. In 2019, she co-edited a special issue of the World Futures Review on evaluation of foresight with Peter Bishop. She is the Chair of the Association of Professional Futurists Foresight Evaluation Task Force, an 18-month initiative to explore the intersection of evaluation and foresight, including developing a curated, online foresight evaluation toolkit. She and her evaluation colleagues are focusing on expanding evaluator foresight capacity and have conducted foresight methods workshops at EES and AEA conferences and are developing a themed issue of New Directions for Evaluation on foresight evaluation.

Kathleen Sullivan, JD, is principal of Fine Gauge Strategy, a consultancy based in Massachusetts, United States. Since 2010, Kathleen has provided learning, measurement, evaluation, and strategy services for community organizers, philanthropic foundations, legal and law-reform organizations, and policy advocates. Her clients have included US movement leaders in immigrants' rights, racial equity, civic engagement, sexual orientation/gender identity, and mobility/climate change. Kathleen is a lawyer by background. She had various legal and law reform roles before starting the FGS consultancy, including supervising a team investigating human rights violations during the US "war on terror," serving as a staff member to a US Senate subcommittee, teaching as an adjunct law professor at University of California Law / San Francisco, and representing low-income people in asylum applications and deportation proceedings. Kathleen writes a regular blog, "Cog and Gear," on measurement and learning topics for the social change sector. She has co-facilitated workshops on measurement and learning, and futures and foresight, at the American Evaluation Association and the European Evaluation Society.