

Highlights of the 2009 OPEG Spring Exchange

The 2009 Spring Exchange featured the conference theme of **Cultural Competency & Evaluation: Definitions & Practice** with keynote speaker Dr. Rodney Hopson from Duquesne University. Rodney has co-authored a book on cultural competency in evaluation and conducted many workshops for evaluators across the country. In addition, Dr. Betty Yung from Wright State University was the closing session speaker. She has been involved in research on health and social issues affecting ethnic/cultural populations and program evaluation for more than 20 years. Dr. Yung focused on the use of qualitative methods in culturally competent evaluations. Brief biographies for [Dr. Hopson](#) and [Dr. Yung](#) provide further information about their backgrounds. We also had 13 additional sessions that covered a wide range of evaluation practice issues. See [2009 OPEG Spring Exchange Program](#) for the details. Photos below feature several of the presentations as well as our luncheon.



Rodney Hopson, PhD (Spring 2009 Keynote Speaker)
and Rob Fischer, PhD (OPEG President)



Presentation: Consumer Voices: The Importance of Qualitative Study in Culturally Sensitive Program Evaluation Research - Betty Yung, Ph.D.



Presentation: Practical Tools for Incorporating Cultural Competency into Mental Health Program Evaluation - *Diane M. Wright, LISW*



Presentation: Using Rasch Analysis in the Evaluation of Education - *Yue Li, MS and MEd*



Presentation: Juvenile Drug Court Report Card: Integrating Subjective and Objective Data to Accurately Assess Offender's Progress - *Gregory T. Capriotti, BS and Caprice-Ann Parkinson, LIMFT*



Presentation: Measuring the effectiveness of an introduction to urban teaching course: Correcting commonly held stereotypes - *Gale Mentzer, PhD*



Presentation: Surviving and Thriving as an Evaluation Consultant in Lean Economic Times –
Darryl Lang, PhD; Jan Upton, PhD; Rachel Holbert, MPA; Jerry Bean, PhD; and Charles Partridge, PhD



Luncheon: Clockwise from Maryann Durland (in green), Jan Noga, Sarah Woodruff, Debbie Zorn, Janice Chappell, and Jean Harper (in back on right). If anyone knows the names of the two gentlemen on the left side of the photo, please send to [Jan Upton](#) (OPEG Secretary).