

**State and Local Innovation Initiative (SLII) Virtual Webinar Series:  
 Charting the Next Decade of Evidence Generation  
 in State and Local Government**

**SESSION ONE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

TIME	SESSION
11:00AM - 12:30PM	<p><b>Incorporating Qualitative Research and Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Randomized Evaluations</b></p> <p><i>This first webinar will explore how interdisciplinary thinking can be incorporated into developing and implementing evaluations. We will highlight the use of qualitative research to enhance and better inform randomized evaluation results and to inform the context of evaluations. We will also discuss the importance and value of understanding the specific needs of state and local communities through needs assessments and pilot programs. Speakers will share examples of how they have incorporated community perspectives in real-world evaluations of education and economic mobility programs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie DeLuca, Johns Hopkins University</li> <li>• Bruce Sacerdote, Dartmouth College</li> <li>• Sarah Oppenheimer, Opportunity Insights</li> </ul>

**SESSION TWO: OCTOBER 7, 2020**

TIME	SESSION
11:00AM - 12:30PM	<p><b>State and Local Policy Responses to Climate Change</b></p> <p><i>Co-hosted with Environment, Energy, &amp; Climate Change Sector</i></p> <p><i>This webinar will highlight the momentum of efforts around climate change and pollution mitigation, what interventions state and local governments are currently implementing, and opportunities for collaboration between researchers and state and local agencies.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katrina Jessoe, UC Davis</li> <li>• Fiona Burlig, University of Chicago</li> <li>• Additional speaker details are forthcoming</li> </ul>

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**SESSION THREE: DATE TBA**

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11:00AM - 12:30PM	<p><b>Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from randomized evaluations to increase uptake of testing</b>  <i>Co-hosted with the Health Care Delivery Initiative</i>  <i>This event will focus on detailing a wide variety of randomized evaluations to increase the uptake of COVID-19 testing in marginalized communities. We will explore lessons learned from ongoing randomized evaluations and how researchers are using that information to work with the state of Minnesota to implement an intervention to increase the uptake of COVID testing among Black individuals. This event will also explore key lessons for state and local governments in considering interventions to respond to the pandemic.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional speaker details are forthcoming</li> </ul>

**SESSION FOUR: DATE TBA**

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11:00AM - 12:30PM	<p><b>Evaluations and Racial Equity: Considerations for State and Local Policymakers and Researchers</b>  <i>This webinar will discuss racism, specifically anti-Black racism, embedded in economics and evaluations and considerations for state and local governments and researchers to develop and implement randomized evaluations focused on racial equity.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional speaker details are forthcoming</li> </ul>