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## Speaker

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### "Focusing on Things One Can Count versus Things That Do Count: Striking the Balance"

Is a project or a program working well or not, and why? If not, what actions can be taken to improve its performance? Questions like these drive the need for evaluative information.

There are many approaches that have been used over time to assess the operations and results of projects, programs, and policies.

Not all approaches, however, are equally appropriate to all evaluative situations, thus resulting in uneven results and satisfaction.

This presentation will describe selected challenges and approaches associated with assessment and evaluation of projects, programs, and policies.

## Biography

**Dr. Michael Simpson** is contract support to the Office of Naval Research Education and Workforce/Naval Science Technology Engineering Mathematics program. He integrates his experience and understanding of life sciences, engineering, science policy, and business to resolve challenging interdisciplinary real-world problems. He chaired the STEM Council of Computer Sciences Corp. where he also served as a Fellow (examining diversity and inclusion) and a senior principal leader (delivering STEM-related business solutions to Federal customers including the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, US Army, DoD Mentor-Protégé Program, U.S. Air Force, and Defense Intelligence Agency). Dr. Simpson led the U.S. Congressional Research Service's Life Sciences and Biomedical Policy Sections, served as a Specialist in Life Sciences, and led the communication activities of several Library of Congress Combined Federal Campaigns. He was an AAAS CRS Science Fellow, and a professional staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives Science Committee. Dr. Simpson was adjunct faculty for 59 sessions of college upper-division and grad science policy studies, was a parent-and-student advisor in science at the University of California/ Berkeley, and hosted a science talk show in San Francisco. He has worked to advance STEM policy, awareness, and appreciation across public, private, and nonprofit organizations, and in diverse individuals and communities. Dr. Simpson earned his Doctor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering from UCLA in 1987, Master of Science in Energy and Resources from UC Berkeley in 1979, Master of Science in Biological Sciences in 1977 from USF, and Artis Bacculaureate in Biological Sciences from UC Berkeley in 1976.