Workshop on AI Infrastructure for Evidence Synthesis: Society for Research Synthesis Methods Pre-Conference Activity

Date: July 8th, 2025 | 12:00 – 4:30 PM

Location: Pyle Center, 1675 702 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53706, Room 325/326

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Meeting Agenda:

- **12:00 – 12:30 PM | Arrival**
- **12:30 – 12:40 PM | Welcome introduction**
  - o Joshua R. Polanin, Principal Research, American Institutes for Research
- **12:40 – 1:15 | Keynote speech**
  - o Lena Schmidt, Research Fellow, University College London
- **1:15 – 1:45 PM | Break**
- **1:45 – 2:15 PM | Short presentations**
  - (1) Isaac Ballone, Lead Software Engineer, Insilica
  - (2) Ashritta Saran, Director, Evaluation and Evidence Synthesis, Global Development Network
  - (3) Bhashithe Abeysinghe, Researcher & Ruhan Circi, Principal Data Scientist, American Institutes for Research
  - (4) Karl Rohe, Professor of Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  - (5) František Bartoš, PhD Candidate, University of Amsterdam
- **2:15 – 3:05 PM | Group discussions**
  - o Break into groups to discuss presentations
  - o Rotate groups after 25 minutes
- **3:05 – 3:30 PM | Summarize discussions**
  - o Presenters summarize what they heard
- **3:30 – 4:00 | Break**
- **4:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Closing speech**
  - o Doug Downey, AI2 and Northwestern
- **4:45 – 6:00 PM | Social Gathering | BBQ Stand, UW Campus**
  - o 800 Langdon St, Madison, WI 53706
  - o All are welcome!

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