

Writing about an

Ethical Framework

Week 05 Spring 2026
SOWK 460w

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The Plan for Week 05

Agenda

- Expectations for week five
- What is an ethical framework
- Ways we consider ethics within program evaluation
- How we would write about ethical frameworks

Learning Objective:

Define what an ethical framework is and explain its role in program evaluation design and reporting.

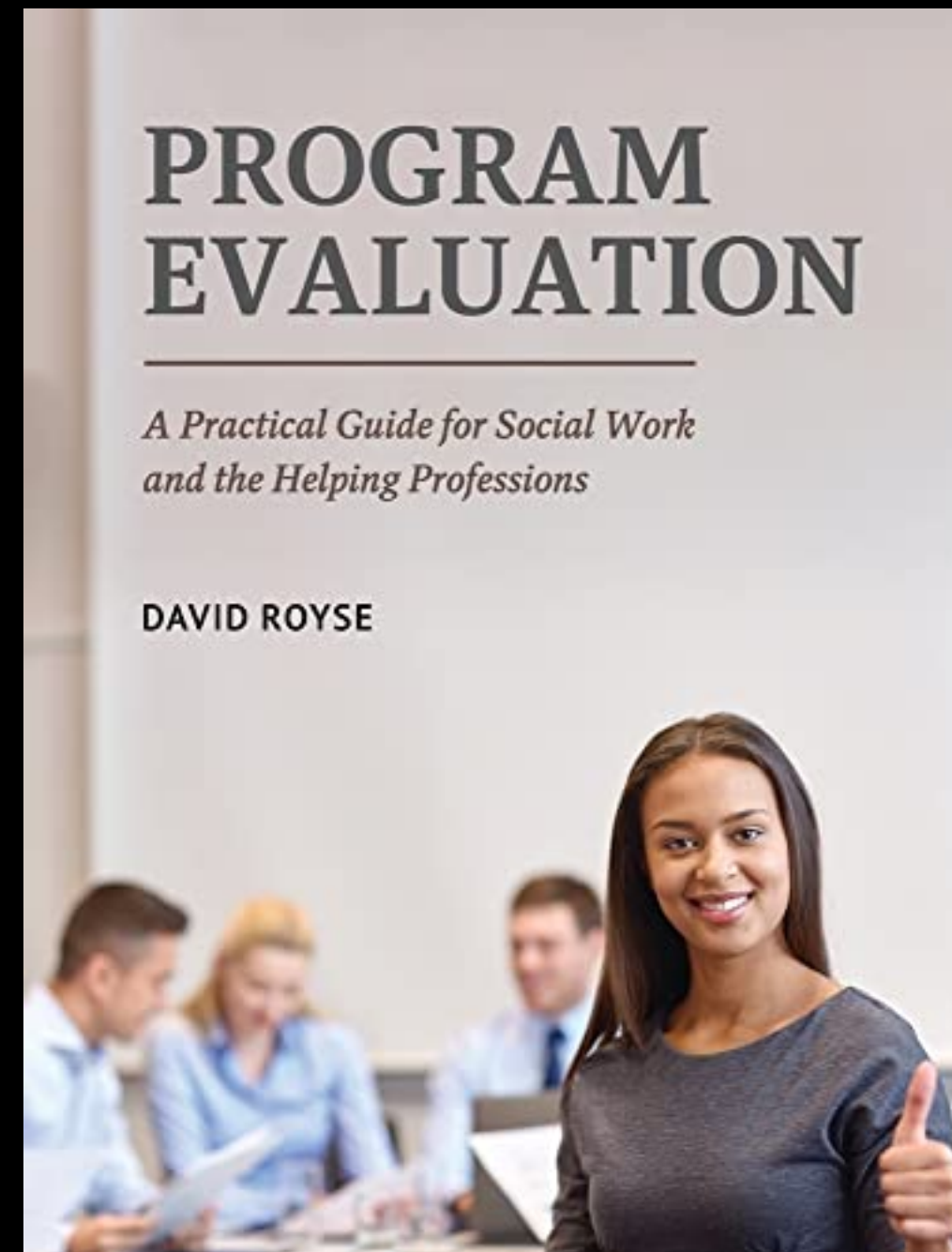
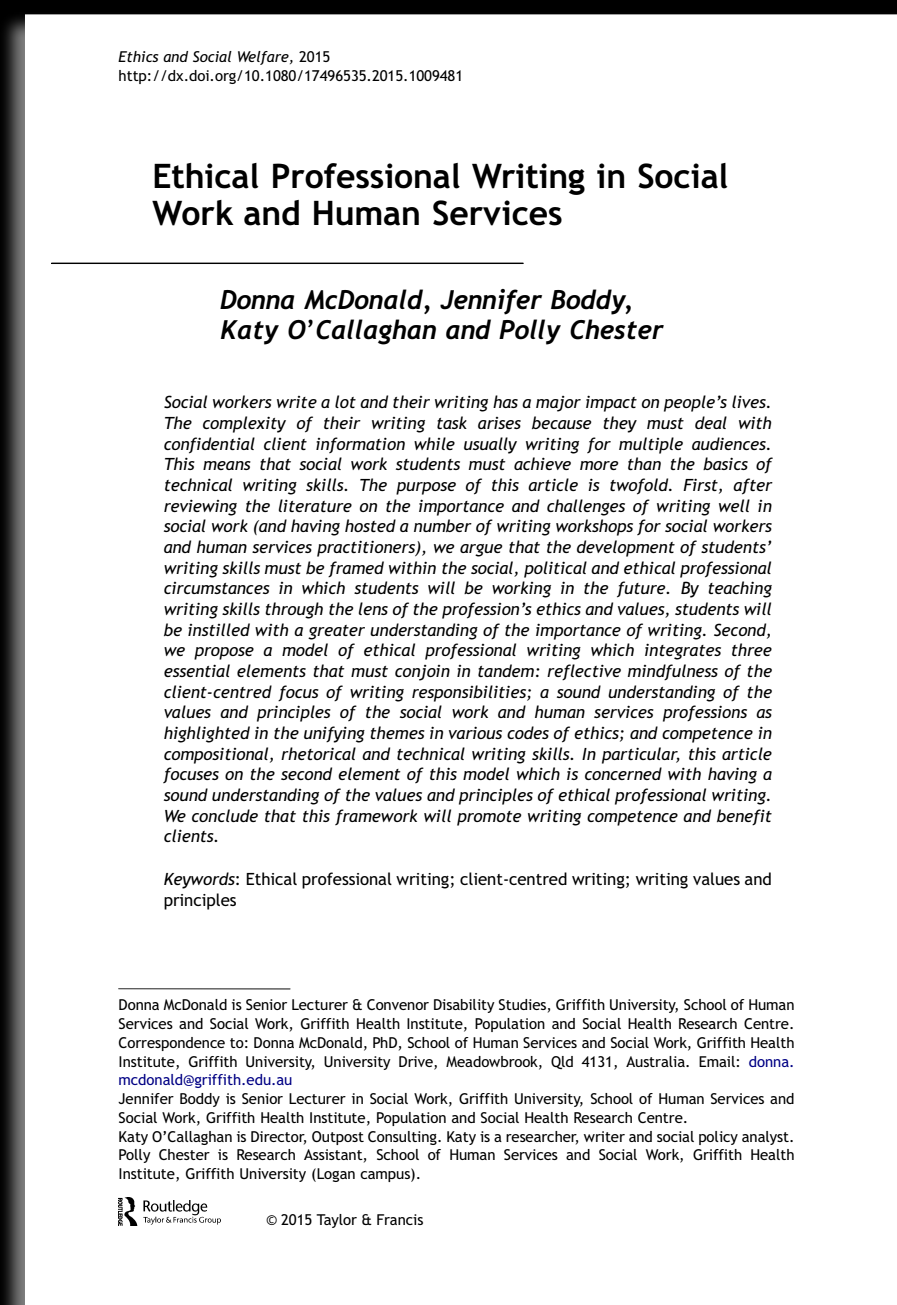


Read

McDonald et al. (2015) Ethical Professional Writing in Social Work and Human Services

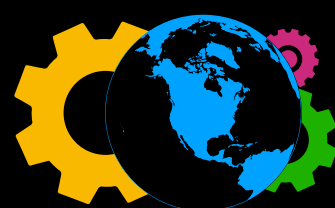
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Group Research for Program Evaluation

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Do

- Complete the reading quiz
- Watch lecture video
- Complete your first journal entry
- Consider making a comment in forums



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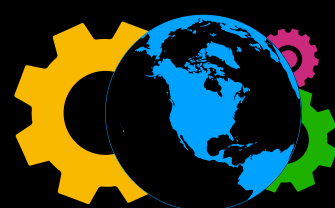
**for Program
Evaluation**

Explain the considerations you made when designing the project.

Frame it clearly

Potential questions answered

- How will you interact with clients, the institution, and subjects?
- How will you protect the rights and privacy of subjects?
- With whom will you share data, and why?
- Did your tasks/timeline ultimately go the way you thought it would?
- What took longer and why?
- What was more complicated than you expected, and why?



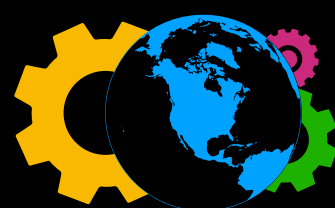
Describe the ethical considerations that guided the design and implementation of the evaluation. Address how you interacted with participants and the institution, protected participants' rights and privacy, and managed data access and sharing. Reflect on how ethical considerations influenced your tasks and timeline.



Ethical Development of a Program Evaluation



Steps to Ensure Ethical Considerations



Focus on social service values and principles

- Social justice
- Respect for persons
- Professional integrity
- Accountability and transparency
- Accuracy, judiciousness and credibility
- Reflexivity
- Authenticity
- Sensitivity
- Purpose
- Persuasion



Reference

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