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*Based in Ottawa, Canada, Fred Carden is an experienced evaluation professional who has built an international reputation for his work in evaluation and knowledge to policy processes. He has wide global experience and has designed and managed complex multi-country initiatives. He has strong experience in South and Southeast Asia as well as East and West Africa. He has published widely on evaluation methods as well as on the use of evidence in public policy. In 2015, he formed a research and evaluation consultancy, Using Evidence Inc., that focuses on efforts to improve the use of research and evaluation evidence in decision making.*

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

Since launching Using Evidence in August 2015, Fred has worked on a range of activities:

- Knowledge Sector Initiative in Indonesia on improving the potential to use evidence in public policy
- Evaluation of UN Women's Regional Architecture (with EnCompass LLP)
- Quality Assessment of two World Food Program Evaluations (with Universal Management Group)
- Review of the evaluation approach at the MasterCard Foundation
- IUCN on quality review of Value for Money assessments of projects
- Government of Indonesia (Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education) on approaches to evaluating research
- Indigenous Services Canada, training on Outcome Mapping
- Development of an advocacy and communications capacity assessment tool with ORS Impact (for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Rideau Hall Foundation on evaluation advisory services
- International Development Research Centre on research funding councils
- ORS Impact on guidance and a handbook on evaluating advocacy capacity

He is currently working with

- The Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators program of IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute) on piloting improvements to the use of agricultural research data at the national level in Ghana, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Nigeria

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on their Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) strategy, on approaches to evaluating implementation research, and evaluation support to MNCH programming including the International Confederation of Midwives and MNCH programming in Malawi
- Global Affairs Canada on evaluating coherence of development, trade, and diplomacy efforts in a country program
- Ontario Brain Institute on evaluation design
- Sambodhi Research & Communications on process evaluation in maternal and child health programming in Uttar Pradesh, India

Fred sits on various selection panels and contributes reviews to organizations as well as several policy- and evaluation-related journals. He continues to write on evaluation and knowledge to policy processes.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2015-**            **Using Evidence Inc.**  
Principal  
Using Evidence is a research and evaluation consultancy that focuses on enhancing the use of evidence in decision making.
- 2013-2015**    **RTI International**  
Senior Governance Research Specialist &  
Lead Technical Advisor, Knowledge Sector Initiative, Indonesia
- 1993-2013**    **International Development Research Centre (Canada)**  
2004-2013    Director, Evaluation  
1993-2004    Program Specialist, Evaluation
- 1981-1993**    **Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University**  
1989-1993    Canadian Advisor, University Consortium on the Environment  
A project of Environmental Management Development in Indonesia  
1986-1989    Coordinator of Non-Degree Studies  
1981-1986    Research Director, Moshi/York Cooperative Management Project

## EDUCATION

- 2008            Harvard Kennedy School of Government  
Fellow in Sustainability Science
- 1990            PhD, Université de Montréal (Aménagement)
- 1981            Master's in Environmental Studies, York University
- 1979            Bachelor's in Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018 - 2021    Member, Advisory Committee to 'Doing Research', a project of the Global Development Network
- 2017-2019    Member of the Board, Partnership for Economic Policy. <https://www.pep-net.org/>

- 2015-2021 Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Evidence and Policy
- 2015-2018 Editorial Advisory Board, American Journal of Evaluation
- 2016 Member, Selection Committee, Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships, Advanced Scholars Program. Universities Canada
- 2016 Member, Screening Committee for the first research competition of the Indonesian Science Fund (Dana Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia)
- 2014-2018 External Reference Group for the DFID evaluation of the International Growth Centre
- 2015 Member, Review Panel for Design of ‘Examining Impact Enhancement’, a NWO/ WOTRO (The Netherlands) research call
- 2014-2015 Member of the Reference Group for the CIFOR Climate Change Mitigation Evaluation
- 2013-2017 Editorial Committee, New Directions for Evaluation
- 2013-2015 Selection Panel, ESRC/DFID Development Frontiers Competition
- 2012 Scientific Committee of the Second Global Symposium on Health Systems
- 2011-2015 International Advisory Committee for Joint MFSII evaluation, NWO/ WOTRO, Netherlands
- 2010-2015 DFID/ESRC Joint Scheme Advisory Group
- 2006 - 2008 Member of the Stakeholder Advisory Network, Canadian Foundation for Innovation
- 2005 - 2009 External Expert Member of the Performance and Evaluation Committee of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

## PUBLICATIONS

Fred Carden is the author or co-author of several books published in a dozen languages, as well as numerous chapters and articles.

### Books

Local Knowledge Matters: Power, context and policy making in Indonesia. with K. Nugroho and H. Antlov. Policy Press. 2018. <https://policypress.co.uk/local-knowledge-matters>

Pentingnya Pengetahuan Lokal, Jakarta, Knowledge Sector Initiative. 2018. [www.ksi-indonesia.org](http://www.ksi-indonesia.org)

Knowledge, Politics and Policy Making in Indonesia, edited by A. Pellini, B. Prasetiamartati, K. Nugroho, E. Jackson and F. Carden. Springer. 2018. <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9789811301667>

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Organizational Assessment: A framework for improving performance. With Charles Lusthaus, Gary Anderson, Marie-Hélène Adrien and George Plinio Montalván. Washington & Ottawa: InterAmerican Development Bank & IDRC. 2002. (English, French, Spanish) <https://www.idrc.ca/en/book/organizational-assessment-framework-improving-performance>

Outcome Mapping: Building learning and reflection into development programs. with Sarah Earl and Terry Smutylo. Ottawa: IDRC. 2001. (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Indonesian, Polish, Serbian, Croatian) [https://www.outcomemapping.ca/download/OM\\_English\\_final.pdf](https://www.outcomemapping.ca/download/OM_English_final.pdf)

Enhancing Organizational Performance. With Charles Lusthaus, Gary Anderson, Marie-Hélène Adrien. Ottawa: IDRC. 2000. (English, French, Spanish, Vietnamese) <https://www.idrc.ca/en/book/enhancing-organizational-performance-toolbox-self-assessment>

Working with People: Indonesian Experiences with Community-based Development. ed. With H. Poerbo, W. Found and L. Grenier. Toronto & Bandung: York University and Institut Teknologi Bandung. 1995. <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17839920-working-with-people>

## Chapters, Working Papers, Articles & Work in Progress

*Policy and Causality: A learning approach.* 2018. Knowledge Sector Initiative. <http://www.ksi-indonesia.org/en/news/detail/policy-and-causality-a-learning-approach>.

*How do You Evaluate a Mental Revolution? Wicked Problems and Economic Development in Indonesia.* 2017. Working Paper 22. Knowledge Sector Initiative. <http://www.ksi-indonesia.org/en/news/detail/how-do-you-evaluate-a-mental-revolution>

*Building Evaluation Capacity to Address Problems of Equity.* 2017. in Sridharan, S., Zhao, K. and Nakaima, A. (eds.), Building Capacities to Evaluate Health Inequities: Some Lessons Learned from Evaluation Experiments in China, India and Chile. (June 2017.) *New Directions for Evaluation*, 154: 115-125. DOI: 10.1002/ev.20245.

*Introduction and Conclusion.* with Arnaldo Pellini, Budiati Prasetiamartati, Elisabeth Jackson and Kharisma Nugroho. in Knowledge, Politics and Policy Making in Indonesia, edited by Arnaldo Pellini, B. Prasetiamartati, K. Nugroho, E. Jackson and F. Carden

*Academic Research and Policy Making: Bridging the political and intellectual worlds.* With Budiati Prasetiamartati, Siti Ruhanawati, Yanuar Nugroho and Inaya Rakhmani. in Knowledge, Politics and Policy Making in Indonesia, edited by Arnaldo Pellini, B. Prasetiamartati, K. Nugroho, E. Jackson and F. Carden

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[Evaluation Roots: An international perspective](#). with M. Alkin. *Journal of Multidisciplinary Evaluation*, 2012. 8:17. 102-118.

*Influencing Policy: Experiences from the field*. in *Social Science and Policy Challenges: Democracy, values and capacities*, ed. G. Papanagnou. Paris: UNESCO. 2011. Pp 165-180.

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*Strategy Evaluation: Experience at the International Development Research Centre*. with Tricia Wind. 2010. In *New Directions for Evaluation*. 128: Winter 2010.

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*Understanding Influence: The episode studies approach*. in *The Politics of Trade: The role of research in trade policy and negotiation*. Ed. Diana Tussie. Dordrecht, Leiden, Boston: Brill. 2009.

*Using Comparative Data: A Systems Approach to a Multiple Case Study*. 2009. in *The Sage Handbook of Case-Based Methods*, ed. By David Byrne and Charles C. Ragin. Sage.

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