PLENARY SESSION

"Girls and Science: Are They Still Shortchanged?"

Keynote Speaker:

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Dr. Bailey has generated widespread public attention to issues of gender equity in education through publication of *How Schools Shortchange Girls*, a review of research findings on the participation and achievement of girls in the U.S. public schools. This research was sponsored by the Educational Foundation of the American Association of University Women. Dr. Bailey has served as the Director of the Resource Center on Educational Equity for the Council of the Chief State School Officers in Washington, D.C., the Director of the Policy Research Office on Women's Education at Harvard University and Radcliffe College, and the Acting Bureau Chief within the Connecticut State Department of Education. She has been a consultant in Bogota, Columbia and has taught in Columbia, Taiwan, Dominican Republic, and the United States. Dr. Bailey has held several fellowships and is active in several research associations. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Michigan.

Synopsis:

This talk focused on the most recent data on the achievement, participation, and treatment of girls at the elementary and secondary school levels. National statistics on women in post-secondary science programs were also reviewed.