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Gender and Computing: What are the Issues?

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This talk explores how girls and women differ from boys and men in their uses of and attitudes towards computing technology, and how this affects career choices and technology design. From playing computer games to pursuing computing careers, the participation of females tends to be low compared to that of males. Why is this? We discuss research findings on this issue, as well as best practices for increasing and retaining the participation of females in computing.

Brief Bio:

Maria Klawe became the fifth president of Harvey Mudd College on July 1, 2006. Prior to joining HMC, she served as dean of engineering and professor of computer science at Princeton University. She moved to Princeton from the University of British Columbia where she served as Dean of Science from 1998 to 2002, Vice-President of Student and Academic Services from 1995 to 1998, and Head of the Department of Computer Science from 1988 to 1995. Prior to UBC, Maria spent eight years with IBM Research in California, and two years at the University of Toronto. She received her Ph.D. (1977) and B.Sc. (1973) in Mathematics from the University of Alberta.

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