

SESSION M4: WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

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This session, organized by the Association for Women in Computing, seeks to provide a forum for discussion of the ever-changing environment facing today's woman in the computer industry. Each panelist, an experienced computer professional, will discuss private industry, academia, or government, in terms of the decision points in her own career. She will discuss topics such as initial educational requirements, work experience, career development activities, other issues relating to advancement, and the more general demands of the workplace as they have changed since she entered the workforce. She will then relate these factors to the entry-level computer professional, noting where shifts in emphasis have occurred. After the presentations, the panelists will discuss the similarities and differences in their various spheres.

PANELISTS:

A Perspective on Private Industry

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