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Suzanne G. Brainard is the Executive Director of the Center for Workforce Development. She is an Affiliate Professor in both Technical Communication in the College of Engineering and in the Department of Women Studies. She is one of three co-founders of the Women in Engineering Programs & Advocates Network (WEPAN), the immediate Past-President of WEPAN. She has served as Chair of the congressionally-mandated Committee on Equal Opportunity in Science & Engineering (CEOSE) and serves on the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) Committee of Diversifying the Engineering Workforce, the AAAS National Mentoring Committee. She is a Fellow of AAAS and AWIS. She is the recipient of the 2001 Maria Mitchell Women in Science Award.

Her primary areas of research include: mentoring, evaluation, and gender and workforce diversity issues in engineering and science. More specifically, the research has focused on longitudinal studies examining issues of retention in engineering and science, on longitudinal climate studies in the College of Engineering at the University of Washington and national climate surveys in engineering.

In addition, she conducts evaluations of interventions focused on increasing the participation and retention of women and minorities in science and engineering. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of the Interior, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Dr. Brainard is currently co-Director of the Global Alliance for Diversifying the Science and Engineering Workforce - a collaborative partnership between the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Women in Engineering Programs & Advocates Network (WEPAN), and the Association for Women in Science (AWIS). Ms. Yolanda S. George, Deputy Director of Education & Human Resources at AAAS, is the other co-Director.