Who Gets to Become an Engineer?: Women, Gender, and STEM, Past, Present, and Future

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One of the most distinctive developments in American engineering during the last fifty years isn't a specific discovery or invention. Instead, this revolution involves something even more fundamental, re-envisioning ideas about who can and should become an engineer or scientist. This talk explores that transformation, reviewing the history of when, how, and why women gained access to engineering from the late 1800s onward. Today, gender and diversity issues make headline news, highlighting questions about who's encouraged to enter and work in engineering and science, why, and on what terms.