



## **Dr. Linda G. Blevins, Deputy Assistant Director, Directorate for Engineering**

Dr. Linda G. Blevins is the Deputy Assistant Director of the Engineering Directorate at the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). She provides leadership and direction to the Directorate, which supports research and education that advance sustainability, manufacturing, health, infrastructure, and other National priorities. The Directorate provides 40% of federal funding for basic research at academic institutions in engineering disciplines.

Prior to joining NSF in 2017, Dr. Blevins served as a Senior Technical Advisor in the Office of the Deputy Director for Science Programs in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science for a decade, providing technical advice on many aspects of science program management. For one year prior, she served as Technical and International Advisor in the DOE Office of Basic Energy Sciences. From 2004 to 2006, she was the NSF Program Director for Combustion and Plasma Systems while on a leave of absence from the DOE Combustion Research Facility at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, California, where she began working in 2000. From 1996 to 2000, Dr. Blevins studied fire science as a member of the research staff of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the Building and Fire Research Laboratory (now part of the NIST Engineering Laboratory).

Dr. Blevins received a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1996, a M.S. from Virginia Tech in 1992, and a B.S. summa cum laude from the University of Alabama in 1989. All of her degrees are in mechanical engineering, and her research expertise is in combustion and fire science. She has been active in promoting diversity and inclusion in engineering and science her entire career. As one example, she was in 1994 a founding staff member of a mentoring program for women engineering graduate students at Purdue. The program is still thriving 25+ years later as the Purdue Graduate Women in Engineering Network (GWEN). She contributed to a book about the mentoring program, [Giving Much/Gaining More: Mentoring for Success](#), written by Emily M. Wadsworth and published by Purdue University Press in 2002.

Dr. Blevins received a Purdue Outstanding Mechanical Engineer award in 2009 and was named a University of Alabama College of Engineering Distinguished Engineering Fellow in 2011. She served for a decade (including two years as chair) on the University of Alabama Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board. At Purdue, she was an NSF Graduate Research Fellow, a Clare Boothe Luce Fellow, and a Link Foundation Energy Fellow.