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Brief Bio:

Cathy Bishop-Clark is a full professor in the Computer and Information Technology Department of Miami University in Middletown Ohio where she has worked since 1989. She has her B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Dayton, an M.S. in Quantitative Analysis and Ed.D in Educational Foundations from the University of Cincinnati. Her research and academic interests are in computer science education and computer mediated communications. She has two daughters—ages 6 and 8. She and her family enjoy the outdoors and physical exercise.

What brought you to your current position:

I have always had an interest and aptitude for mathematics; however, I am a very practical and applied person so I was turned off by some of the theory in mathematics. I took a course in computer science, enjoyed it, and stated simply just kept on taking courses. What I like about the field of computer science is the change. Things change quickly which keeps it exciting.

During my undergraduate years I worked as a programmer at GE. I also worked as a teaching assistant for the math department. Very early in my experience I realized I enjoy teaching. I very much enjoy my career and I'm sure my enthusiasm shows when I talk about it.

As a side note, I am interested in this conference for several other reasons. I think young women need to see some "non-geeky", family oriented professional women. I have been able to strike a very good balance (usually) between my professional career and my family and I think it is important for young women to know that is possible.