The Maine Girls Collaborative Project, a program of the University of Maine Women’s Resource Center, brings together organizations and individuals that are committed to informing and motivating girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to encourage collaboration and improve inter-program communication. Our goal is to strengthen capacity, increase continuation of girl-serving STEM programs and create a wider audience for gender-related STEM issues.

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**Schedule**

8:00-9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:00-9:30 a.m.  Welcome & Project Information  
Dr. Carol Kim & Sharon Barker
9:30-9:45 a.m.  Speed Networking  
Anja Whittington
9:45-10:30 a.m.  Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Amy Arnett
10:30-10:45 a.m.  Break
10:45-11:45 a.m.  Panel Discussion: Issues & Opportunities for Women and Girls in STEM  
Mary Madden, Karen Horton, Lyn Mikel Brown & Tricia Bernhardt
11:45-12:15 p.m.  Collaboration Examples & Resources  
Susie Valaitais
12:15-12:30 p.m.  Creating a Collaborative  
Anja Whittington
12:30 p.m.  Lunch & Networking
1-2:30 p.m.  Roundtables
2:30-3:00 p.m.  Overview of Mini-Grants  
Vinitha Nair, Tara Treichel
3:00-3:10 p.m.  Evaluation
3:10-3:30 p.m.  Closing Statements  
Karen Keim

**Keynote**

**Dr. Amy Arnett**

Associate Professor of Biology at Unity College, Amy is the author of many research articles focused on the ecology, evolution and conservation of insects. Amy is co-founder and past director of the Women's Environmental Leadership (WE LEAD) program at Unity College that helps undergraduate women develop skills to become leaders in environmental fields. Amy has recently received a Fulbright Scholar Award to teach and conduct insect research at the University of Maribor, Slovenia. Amy's talk will address her path to a science career, challenges of being a female scientist, and the importance of getting young people involved in environmental studies.

**Panelists**

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Director, CAD (Computer-Aided Design) Camp

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