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Becky Wai-Ling Packard, Ph.D.
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Keynote Speaker:

Becky Wai-Ling Packard, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology and Education
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Professor Packard is an expert on mentoring and persistence, with a focus on the experiences of first-generation college students, women, racial-ethnic minorities, and nontraditional-aged students. She studies the transition from high school to college or work and diverse pathways in science and technology (STEM) fields including the community college transfer pathway. A first-generation college graduate, she strives to identify success strategies that turn aspirations into realities. Her work is generously supported by the National Science Foundation.

In 2005, she visited the White House where she received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government upon early-career scientists and engineers. Trained as an educational psychologist, Packard serves as a consultant for schools, community organizations, colleges, and businesses. She designs mentoring programs, assesses the infrastructure for mentoring, and conducted workshops to improve the effectiveness of mentors, including faculty advisors.