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Patricia Simmons is a 2016-2017 AAAS Fellow in the Division of Engineering Education Centers. Her background and interests in STEM education led her to focus on policy in STEM education, specifically, engineering and science education. After receiving her doctorate from the University of Iowa, she was a professor at University of Georgia, University of Missouri, and North Carolina State University. During this time, she pursued her research and interests in STEM education, serving as president/chair of several major science and science education professional societies. These roles led her to become very interested in crossing the boundaries of science and education research with policy at national and international levels. Patricia is very interested in all aspects of STEM education policy, especially promoting partnerships that engage all stakeholders. She enjoys traveling and visiting outstanding museums and cultural institutions around the world.