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Innovation 2008 Conference



NCSE's executive director Eugenie C. Scott spoke on science education at the Innovation 2008 conference, and video of her talk is now [available](#) [4] (from 7:40 to 27:15) on-line. The session in which she participated, entitled "Renewing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education," was introduced as "American students have slipped to 17th in science and 24th in math compared to students in other countries. We need to ensure [that] students graduate with the science and technology skills for success in the work force and with the science literacy needed for an active role as citizens in a technologically sophisticated democracy. Policy leaders and educators will look at these trends and discuss strategies to renew American STEM education." Drawing on her experience at NCSE in defending the integrity of science education, Scott offered a series of recommendations for improving the quality of STEM education in the United States. The conference, which took place October 20 and 21, 2008, was sponsored by Science Debate 2008 and the Center for Science, Technology, and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute.

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