

# **The Demographic Effects of Girls' Education in Developing Countries: A Workshop**

## **Committee**

### **Ann K. Blanc**

#### **Chair**

Ann K. Blanc is a vice president and director of the Population Council's Poverty, Gender, and Youth program. Under her leadership, the program has increased investments in rigorous research on programs for adolescent girls, exploring the importance of various interventions for improving girls' lives. She is also leading a renewed focus on girls' education and emerging work on the impact of climate change on vulnerable populations. Her recent research is aimed at improving the quality of measurement in household surveys, and examining the circumstances of vulnerable adolescent girls. Before joining the Population Council in 2011, Dr. Blanc was director of the Maternal Health Task Force at EngenderHealth. Between 2005 and 2009, she was a program officer in the Population and Reproductive Health Program at The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. She is a member of the Committee on Population, the editorial board of Studies in Family Planning and the "Intervention Coverage Measurement Group" of technical experts working on improving the measurement of coverage of maternal, newborn, and child health interventions. Dr. Blanc is the author of more than 70 scientific articles and book chapters on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, maternal health, gender and power dynamics, fertility trends and patterns, and other topics. She received a Ph.D. in sociology with a concentration in demography from Princeton University.

### **Jere R. Behrman**

#### **Member**

Jere R. Behrman is the William R. Kenan, Jr. professor of economics and director of the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania. His research interests are in empirical micro economics, economic development, labor economics, human resources, economic demography and household behaviors. Dr. Behrman's primary research has been on empirical micro demographic and economic behaviors, primarily in developing countries but with substantial ongoing work through the years on the United States. He served on the NRC-IOM Panel on Transitions to Adulthood in Developing Countries and the NRC Panel on Improving Urban Labor Markets. He is a member of the Committee on Population. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## **Cynthia B. Lloyd**

### **Member**

Cynthia B. Lloyd is an independent research consultant focusing on issues relating to girls' education and transitions to adulthood in developing countries. From 2009-2016, she was a Senior Consulting Associate at the Population Council and prior to that, for the previous 20 years, was Director of Social Science Research (1989-2009). In the 1980s, she served as Chief of the Fertility and Family Planning Studies Section in the Population Division of the United Nations, and in the 1970s she was in the Economics Department of Barnard College, Columbia University, launching the first course on Women's Role in the Labor Force in the early 1970s. Her research at the Population Council focused on education, transitions to adulthood, as well as gender and family issues. She chaired the NAS panel on transitions to adulthood in developing countries along with major report - "Growing Up Global; the Changing Transitions to Adulthood in Developing Countries" (2005) and is the author of many books and peer reviewed articles. Currently she serves on various advisory boards, including a new foundation focused on girls' education in developing countries - Echidna Giving. She holds a Ph.D. in Labor Economics from Columbia University.