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Dr. Bird studies women's health and determinants of sex and gender differences in health and health care. She has served as Senior Advisor in the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health and Editor-in-Chief of *Women's Health Issues*, where she is now Associate Editor. Her current work includes a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) engagement award to bring together stakeholders to develop a research agenda to improve maternal health outcomes in Medi-Cal; a WHAM-commissioned study to evaluate the societal and economic impacts of increasing funding for research on women's health and health care; a National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research-funded study on pathways to health among low-income pregnant women; and an international study on gender equity. Dr. Bird is working to build a donor-funded Women's Health Research and Policy Center at RAND. She received the Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology from the American Sociological Association for her work on women's health and health care. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the American Academy of Health Behavior. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in sociology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

