Texas A&M Economics Professor Catherine Eckel is the current President of the Economic Science Association and was one of two keynote speakers at the Economic Science Association 2017 North American Meeting held at Virginia Commonwealth University on 19-22 October, 2017. This high profile meeting gathered more than 150 economic presenters from all over the world, including Canada, the United States, Oceania, Asia, and Europe.

The other keynote speaker was Professor Tim Cason from Purdue University.

The title of Professor Eckel’s keynote speech at the September 2017 conference was “Gender Differences: What Have We Learned From 25 Years of Lab Experiments?”

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