
Women in Optics



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Recent Event

WiO speakers share insights on science policy, career success

WiO hosted two speakers during SPIE's Photonics West meeting in San Jose, California this January.

Prof. Manijeh Razhegi, Walter P. Murphy Professor and Director of the Center for Quantum Devices at Northwestern University, provided an insightful look into her role in the important discovery of new Al-free materials systems used in high-power semiconductor laser design. As a young girl, Prof. Razhegi's parents taught her that she could be, or do, anything that she set her mind to. Seizing on this, and proving it 10-fold, Razhegi has risen to the top of her field. Razhegi has raised three very independent children who share her passion for success. Her emphasis on the balance between career and family, and her ability to excel in both realms, is truly inspiring.