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From 2007-2013, Deborah served as the director of academic technology on the CU Boulder campus, where she oversaw strategic planning for the use, implementation, and evaluation of educational technologies, and the evaluation of emerging technologies for potential use in teaching and learning. She serves as the director of the Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology (COLTT) Conference, and is a co-director of the Colorado Coalition for Gender & IT, which undertakes research and develops programs to increase the number of girls, women, and underrepresented minorities in IT education and work.

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