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Dr. Lizanne DeStefano is a Professor of Psychology, Executive Director of Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, & Computing (CEISMC), and Associate Dean of Outreach in the College of Sciences at Georgia Institute of Technology. Her research interests include the evaluation and sustainability of innovative STEM, as well as other, educational programs; multi-site initiatives; and programs serving special populations, such as students with disabilities or those at-risk for academic failure. She is engaged in efforts that improve the quality of teaching and the student experience, such as the Commission on Creating the Next in Education. Dr. DeStefano is a former special education teacher and a clinical and school psychologist.

Dr. DeStefano's work has been funded by numerous agencies and foundations, including the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Department of Education. She provides evaluation services for numerous STEM programs, including a number of multi-institutional centers/programs. In addition to serving as the evaluator for Center for Brains, Minds, and Machines (CBMM), she co-directs education and evaluation activities for the NSF-funded Emergent Behaviors of Integrated Cellular Systems Science and Technology Center and serves as the evaluator for the Center for Sustainable Nanotechnology and XSEDE's (Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment) Technology, Education, Outreach, and Services (TEOS). Dr. DeStefano evaluates numerous other NSF-funded projects, including: the Blue Waters Supercomputer educational programs; Program in Digital Forensics; the Children's Environmental Health Center's Community Outreach and Translation Core (COTC); and Centrality of Advanced Digitally ENabled Science (CADENS), a project that uses data visualization of computational data to create educational materials. Dr. DeStefano also evaluates other NSF-funded programs, including a number of REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) sites, Nano@Illinois RET (Research Experience for Teachers), two IGERTs (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship), and an S-STEM grant (the Merit Fellows Scholarship Program).

Dr. DeStefano earned her B.S. in Physiological Psychology and Statistics, M.Ed. in Special Education, and Ph.D. in Educational/School Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh.