

# Perspectives on Women in Eng & Venture Capital

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- Adobe Systems (including in Pioneer Square), 2 startups (one IPO)
- Bain & Company
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# Women in Engineering—Facts from the NSF\*



- Women % Computer Science Engineers (CSE) graduates dropped from 27.6% in 2001 to 18.2% in 2010
- 25% of employed computer scientists are women
- In any age bracket or degree achieved, men CSE's make more \$ than comparable women. And CSE's are the most highly compensated STEM positions
- Women are <=1/3 of doctorate-holding staff at colleges/ universities, regardless of exclusivity; and least well represented at the most research-oriented institutions

# Hot Topic in 2012









### CONTROVERSY

# *The Atlantic*'s 'Women can't have it all' manifesto: The backlash

A former aide to Hillary Clinton sparks a passionate debate over an age-old question: Can women fulfill their professional ambitions *and* raise a happy family?

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### Why? First There's College...

### **CMU Orientation Day:**

- Bio students told:
  - "Homework, sleep, exercise, call Mom 1x/week

### CSE students told:

 - "Homework, shower at least 2x/ week"

And women seem to run the clubs, homework groups, activities







# And this happens in college AND work



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- "You're so pretty, you don't belong in this Eng class"
- "You're so pretty, you can't belong in this Eng class because you clearly spend more time on your makeup than you do on your homework"
- "You must major in Bio"
- "You must major in Bio because you're a girl"
- "Here's a book of poetry"
- "Here's a book of sexy poetry. You should sleep with me"
- ...and myriad crude colloquialisms with strong sexual connotations

# Gender Discrimination =/ Sexual Harassment



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- Culture of gender insensitivity can create an atmosphere that seems to condone sexual harassment



# Impact of Venture Capital

# The U.S. Venture Capital Industry Is Small...





Source: AIMA, Investment Company Institute, Thomson Reuters, NVCA

# Venture Capital Builds Companies from Scratch...





High Tech	Retail / Services	
Sun inter CRACLE	THAT WAS easy:"	
Life Science	Cleantech	
Genentech IN BUSINESS FOR LIFE Allscripts	A123 SYSTEMS	

# ...All Over the United States





Source: PricewaterhouseCoopers/National Venture Capital Association MoneyTree™ Report, Data: Thomson Reuters

# Venture Capital Has Created Sectors & Value





### Venture Invests Across Industries







# Venture Performance

# Venture Returns Are Down but Slowly Recovering





# VC Fundraising – Industry Becoming Right Sized





Source: Thomson Reuters and NVCA Note: 2012YTD denotes Q1 2012

# But...Reduced Capital Improves Returns



Venture Returns and Capital as % of GDP



Venture Returns Cyclical Capital Lags Returns...Cannot Time Market Back in Balance as % of GDP



# Scale Venture Partners

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# How: We Invest





# How: Cloud Storage Example





## Who: The ScaleVP Team



### Expertise and Thought Leadership

- Organize Around Sectors
- Individual GP/ Partner Focus
- Outbound Calling, Research, EIR
- Website and Blog

ScaleVP Team

### **Investing Culture**

- Team Approach with Individual Accountability
- Shared Effort; Multiple Attribution
- Consistency & Evolution

# **Consistent Track Record of Exits**



### \$15.3B in Value Created in 41 Exits in 12 Years (17 IPOs)



Financial Data as of 9/30/12 Pro Forma



# Thank You