“An Unexpected Woman: The Inside Story Behind the VLSI Revolution”

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*“*[*Megan Smith*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Megan_Smith) *. . . just moved from a top job at Google in Silicon Valley, where she was vice president of Google X,* [*to the White House*](http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/09/04/president-obama-names-megan-smith-us-cto-alexander-macgillivray-deputy-us-cto)*, where's she's now the country's chief technology officer . . .*

*The topic of* [*women in tech*](http://www.npr.org/tags/221437017/women-in-tech) *is on many minds lately. Every other industry once dominated by men — finance, law, medicine — has come closer to parity. Tech, meanwhile, seems to be going backwards.*

*"I almost call it death by a thousand cuts" Smith says . . . when you look at it in the aggregate, it's really a lot of unconscious bias."*

*Smith, a lesbian who was CEO of Planet Out, managed to get by past people's biases and brought her passion in climbing to lead Google X, the division of Google that rolled out self-driving cars, and becoming U.S. CTO . . .*

*Smith is a gay woman scientist, which could make her a potential outsider on a few levels. Instead, she's as inside as a tech leader can be, even bounding around the White House with ease . . ."*

Self-fulfilling prophecy:

[Robert K. Merton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_K._Merton) is credited with coining the expression "self-fulfilling prophecy" and formalizing its structure and consequences. In his 1948 article *Self-Fulfilling Prophecy*, Merton defines it in the following terms:The self-fulfilling prophecy is, in the beginning, [[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-fulfilling_prophecy#cite_note-SFP-48-1)

In other words, a positive or negative prophecy, strongly held belief, or [delusion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delusion)—declared as truth when it is actually false—may sufficiently influence people so that their reactions ultimately fulfill the once-false prophecy.

Summers’ Effect

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