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Dr. Sherry Cooper is in constant demand as a speaker and writer because of her ability to simplify and demystify the complex subjects of economics and finance. Dr. Cooper is also very good at what she does. She received the **Lawrence Klein Award** for U.S. forecasting accuracy in 2010, beating out a panel of 50 economists predicting the four-year period from 2006 to 2009. This was no mean feat, as the period encompassed the U.S. housing bubble, financial crisis, recession and recovery.

Canada's national newspaper calls Dr. Cooper "the megawatt celebrity economist." She leads a highly respected team of economists and has been repeatedly cited as one of the most influential women in Canada. Dr. Cooper is regularly quoted in the financial press and you have heard her often on radio and TV. Dr. Cooper published her third book, ***The New Retirement: How It Will Change Our Future*** in January 2008, and it was a blockbuster bestseller.

Dr. Cooper has an MA and PhD in economics from the University of Pittsburgh and began her career at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. Following five years at the Fed, she joined the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) as Director of Financial Economics and moved to Canada in 1983 to become Chief Economist at Burns Fry.

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