Speaker Bio

- ❖ **Dr. Janell Straach** has a diverse background including academic and industry experience. She holds a BS in CS degree from Angelo State University, a MCS from Texas A&M University, an MBA from The University of Dallas and a Masters and PhD in CS from UT Dallas. Prior to her current assignment with Rice University, she was a member of the CS faculty at UT Dallas in Richardson, TX. Before her academic assignments, she worked in industry for IBM and other large corportations. She has taught at the college, university and corporate level.

- ❖ **Dr. Straach's** passion is recruiting and retaining females in technology careers. She is chair of the board of Women In CyberSecurity-WiCyS (www.wicys.org) which is a national non profit dedicated to recruit, retain, and promote women in cybersecurity.