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Christina is one of the 21 Leaders for the 21st Century, recognized by Women's eNews for stretching her reach across cultures. With more than 18 years of leadership in operations, IT, and project management, Christina is a dynamic business and civic leader. She is active in the community as a member of the leadership council for the [Northwest Girls Coalition](#), The Synergy of Women, and former President of Women's Business Exchange.

Christina is also a member of the UW Center for Women & Democracy Global Networking Committee and participated in the 2003 Women's Mission to Sweden and the Baltic States and the 2004 mission to South Africa. As a follow up, she is leading "Across Cultures," a business and cultural exchange. This program will host women business leaders from the Baltic countries and the United States with a focus on human rights, access to information, and economic equity. Christina is a professional host for the Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation and the World Affairs Council supporting State Department Visitor Programs.

Ms Bruning worked for Nordstrom and Weyerhaeuser in an IT leadership capacity and as the Manager of Project Management for the [US Library Program](#) of the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). The Foundation's US Library Program was a five-year, \$250 million investment in public libraries throughout the United States, providing approximately 47,000 computers in 11,000 buildings, 62,000 training opportunities, internet connections, and support to increase access to digital information and software tools for underserved populations. Christina led the coordination of activities to achieve the program objectives.

She enjoys traveling, exploring the outdoors, hiking, and cycling.