Board Member Profiles

Kristen Blotz

Kristen Blotz has served on STTI’s Beta Eta-At-Large board of directors since 2011 and has recently joined the Membership Involvement Committee. She received her BS degree in nursing from the UW–Madison in 1998 and is completing her MS degree in nursing administration at Edgewood College. She is currently working at the American Family Children’s Hospital and the Waisman Center as the specialty clinics coordinator. Her professional interests include assisting nurses in the ambulatory care setting as they negotiate their role within changing national health care mandates.

Jennie Corey

Jennie Corey serves on STTI’s Beta Eta-at -Large Chapter board of directors as bylaws chair and on the Leadership Succession Committee. She received her BA from the UW–Madison and her BSN from Edgewood College. She has worked as a cardiovascular critical care nurse for over seven years at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison and recently moved into a position in the Cardiovascular Intermediate Care unit at St. Mary's Hospital. She also teaches clinical nursing at Edgewood College, where she is also pursuing her MSN degree with emphasis on administration.

Sarah Mathews Cronin

Sarah Mathews Cronin joined STTI’s Beta Eta-at -Large Chapter board of directors in 2008 and has served as its secretary since that time. She received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, in 2005, and master’s degree in nursing from the UW–Madison in 2009 with a focus on the adult nurse practitioner role. Previously, she obtained her bachelor’s degree in Russian from UW–Madison in 1993, and a doctoral degree in Russian from Bryn Mawr College in 2000. She most recently worked as a nurse practitioner with Care Wisconsin, has a clinical interest in primary care and home health, and would also like to combine her nursing and Russian backgrounds to work internationally in the future.

Doris Ellison

Doris Ellison is a senior lecturer and clinical instructor at Edgewood College, where she teaches community/public health nursing. She received both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities. She is board certified as a clinical nurse specialist in public health nursing and a member of the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators (ACHNE), American Public Health Association, Wisconsin Public Health Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International.
**Diana Girdley**

Diana Girdley serves on STTI’s Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors as counselor for the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She is a clinical associate professor at the UW–Madison School of Nursing. She received her BS degree in nursing from Ball State University and her MS degree in nursing from the UW–Madison. Her research interests include care of adults and renal disease.

**Colleen Gullickson**

Colleen Gullickson serves on the board of directors for the Leadership Succession Committee. She is a professor in the school of Nursing and director of the Undergraduate Nursing Program at Edgewood College. Her area of expertise and special focus is in geriatric care.

**Julie Hudziak**

Julie Hudziak joined the STTI’s Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors in 2006 and currently serves as vice president and program coordinator for the Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter. She is a 1986 and 2006 graduate of Edgewood College with a BS degree in nursing and an MS degree with a concentration in nursing education. Julie currently is a doctoral candidate in the PhD nursing program at the UW–Milwaukee. Her area of research interest is in the geriatric and end-of-life care patient populations. She is a senior lecturer of Nursing at Edgewood College, teaching in the undergraduate program.

**Sarah Kruger**

Sarah Kruger serves on STTI’s Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors as the treasurer. She is a clinical professor at the UW–Madison in the undergraduate program and concurrently works as a nurse practitioner at a local diabetes clinic. She received her undergraduate degree from Edgewood College and her MS degree in nursing from the UW–Madison.

**Heidi Lindroth**

Heidi Lindroth joined the STTI Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors in 2013, serving as president-elect. She is a nurse clinician at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics in the neurosurgery ICU. A recent graduate of Edgewood College's undergraduate nursing program, she plans to pursue a PhD in nursing. Currently, she is an emerging scholars network liaison through the Midwest Nursing Research Society and active with the American Nurses Association.
Roberta Pawlak

Roberta Pawlak has been a member of STTI’s Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors for eight years, serving currently as president and delegate. She has been a member of STTI for 32 years. She graduated with her BSN degree from D’Youville College in Buffalo, New York, where she became active in the Zeta Nu Chapter of STTI. She received her MSN degree in nursing administration from the University of Buffalo and a PhD in nursing from the UW–Madison in 2012, with a secondary concentration in population health sciences. Her research interests include interdisciplinary care health services for children with special health care needs. She is an associate professor of nursing and director of graduate programs at Edgewood College.

Katie Selle

Katie Selle serves on STTI’s Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors as counselor for Edgewood College, where she is also a senior lecturer. She graduated with a master’s degree in nursing from the University of Iowa with a specialization in education and gerontology. She has been teaching for the past twenty years, the last four of which have been at Edgewood College, and has been involved at varying levels with Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing over the years.

Yulia Semeniuk

Yulia Semeniuk has been a member of STTI’s Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors since 2013, serving currently on the Governance and Strategic Planning committees. She has been a member of STTI for fourteen years. She graduated with her BSN and a minor in business administration from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh in 2000. She then received an MS degree in nursing administration in 2004 and a PhD, with a secondary concentration in prevention science, from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2012, along with a Global Health Certificate. Her research interests include family problem solving and improving parent-adolescent communication. She is an assistant professor of nursing at Edgewood College.

Catherine (Cassie) Voge

Cassie Voge has served on STTI’s Beta Eta-at-Large Chapter board of directors since 2013 as a counselor for the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Currently a clinical associate professor at the UW–Madison School of Nursing, she received her BS degree in nursing from Viterbo University and her MS degree in nursing from the UW–Madison. Her research interests include evidence-based teaching strategies in the clinical setting and symptom management in patients with cancer.
Maria Yelle

Maria Yelle joined the board of directors in 2012 and serves as vice president and research chair. She is an assistant professor at Edgewood College who received her Diploma in Nursing from Saint John School of Nursing in Saint John New Brunswick, Canada. She went on to earn her BSN from the University of Maine-Orono and received her Master of Science in Nursing and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research focus has been exploring the waiting period of lung transplant candidates; her current scholarship is exploring culturally relevant pedagogies in nursing education. She has over eight years of experience in medical-surgical nursing and a concentration in cardiac care in adult acute care population.