Department of Chemical Engineering

University of Washington

**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR SERIES**

2:30-3:20 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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*Refreshments to follow in Benson Hall lobby.*

**"Lifelong Learning after You Graduate”**

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**Abstract:**

Though it might sound like a tired replay that you’ve heard before, your diploma is not the end, but just the **beginning**, of your education as a chemical engineer.

On-the-job experience will help you learn how to apply what you’ve learned at university to practical problems. Critical to success in the “real world” is an ability to communicate with a diverse group of professionals, technicians, and skilled trades around the globe.

As you enter the workforce, you’ll learn about business and finance, teamwork and leadership, as well as globalization and ethics. You will be faced with increasing accountability and responsibility. Your knowledge will expand far beyond heat and material balances and thermodynamics to areas of capital investment, marketing, product development, and project management. Today, you are just touching one grain of sand on a great beach of opportunity.

**Brief Bio:**

Dr. Jurgens-Kowal is President of Global NP Solutions, providing strategic innovation training for new product development and project management professionals. Prior to founding GNPS in 2009, she worked in various R&D and managerial roles at ExxonMobil Chemical Company, earning several catalyst patents and providing visionary direction for the portfolio management and licensing programs at EMCC. Teresa lives in Houston, Texas, and volunteers with the Product Development and Management Association (PDMA), the local section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) serving in elected Position 4, and her community church. She enjoys cycling and scrapbooking in her free time.