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Dr. Swan's research is in the area of media, technology and learning on which she has authored over 100 publications, several hypermedia programs and two books and given over 200 presentations. Her current research interests center on online learning; in particular, the development of social presence and learning community in online and blended courses, online course design/redesign; ubiquitous computing; and learning analytics.

Before coming to UIS, Dr. Swan was the lead researcher at the Research Center for Educational Technology (RCET) at Kent State University where she guided investigations centered on the integration of technology into K-12 teaching and learning. She started her academic career at the University at Albany where she developed both one of the first fully online master's degrees and an abiding interest in online learning.

Dr. Swan has directed several grants from such organizations as the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the New York City Board of Education, AT&T, the Cleveland Foundation, and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). She received the 2006 Sloan Consortium award for Outstanding Achievement in Online Learning by an Individual and in 2010 was inducted into the first class of Sloan-C Fellows. She also received a 2010 Distinguished Alumnus award from Teachers College, Columbia University, her alma mater.

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