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Pam Becker has been employed at Eastern Michigan University since 1993; she is an Assistant Professor and the undergraduate Technology Management program coordinator in the recently formed School of Technology Studies. She was the primary researcher and developer of this program which was approved in 2001 and had its first program graduates in 2004. She was instrumental in the development of unique 3+1 Articulation Agreements with area community colleges, which enable students to transfer technical Associate of Applied Science degree programs and general education coursework into the Technology Management program without loss of credit hours. Her primary research interests fall into this area with her most recent publication being *Developing a Technology Management Curriculum from a Perspective of Strategic Intent* published in the Journal of Technology Studies in 2003.

Pam has been in the forefront of online education having designed and developed the technology management curriculum with the intent of complete online programmatic instructional delivery. She is also interested in hybrid instructional delivery format which combines online course delivery with face-to-face instruction and is currently modifying program coursework to accommodate this method. Much of her research has related to online delivery methods and more recently hybrid course delivery. Her primary goal is to provide the optimal learning environment for adult learners and she was awarded the EMU-FT Outstanding Teaching Award in 2004 as a result of her efforts.

In addition to teaching within the Technology Management program, Pam is also involved in assessment and accreditation activities, she co-authored departmental National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) accreditation reports in 1994 and 1999, and the North Central Accreditation report in 2000. She also co-authored departmental program review documents and Technology Management program review documents. She serves on the Master of Liberal Studies Advisory Board, the Community College Relations Advisory Board, and is the Chair of the Technology Management Advisory Board. She received the MLS Dedicated Service Award in 1999 and continues to serve the university community.

Pam Becker received her Associate degree from Washtenaw Community College. She received her Bachelor of Science in Administration from the University of Michigan with dual majors in Managerial Economics and Finance, and Marketing. She completed this while being employed full-time at General Motors Corporation. When the General Motors Willow Run Facility closed Pam decided to pursue an academic career and continued her studies at the graduate level. She now holds a Master of Liberal Studies in Technology from Eastern Michigan University with concentrations in Technology Management and Adult Education. Pamela is now close to completing course work in the doctorate program in Educational Leadership at Eastern Michigan University and her dissertation will focus on undergraduate Technology Management curriculum.

Pamela has an extensive background in computer utilization in academia and business. She has developed educationally based web sites for Detroit Edison's Energy and the Environment program and Eastern Michigan University's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Project. She has co-authored several articles on computer use and issues and has made presentations on these topics, including "Using Computer Mediated Communication to Enhance Learning", "E-mail: Business and Legal Issues", and "Online Courses: Strategies for Effective Development and Management". She has been the recipient of two Eastern Michigan University Technology Fellows Awards.