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Prior to her position with Blackboard, Dr. Hardy spent over 25 years in public higher education, most recently serving as Assistant Vice Provost for Technology Education Initiatives at the University of Texas at San Antonio. During her tenure with UTSA, she completed a two-year Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) appointment at the US Department of Labor, where her work primarily focused on the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program, and the use of online and technology-enhanced education to reach adults and the workforce. She also completed a one-year IPA appointment with the Office of Adult and Vocational Education (OVAE) at the US Department of Education in Washington, DC, where she provided expertise and guidance in the area of online higher education and the opportunity it provides to low-skilled and other adult workers, while continuing her work with the TAACCCT grant program at the Department of Labor.

From 1997 to 2010, Dr. Hardy served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at The University of Texas System and Executive Director of the UT TeleCampus. Under her direction, the UT TeleCampus was honored with dozens of state, regional and national awards from such organizations as USDLA, UCEA, TxDLA, WCET and the International Association of Business Communicators for courses, programming, communications, and faculty excellence. The UT TeleCampus was (and continues to be) recognized nationally as a model and benchmark for multi-campus, collaborative online education.

Dr. Hardy received her PhD in Instructional Technology from The University of Texas at Austin. She was a founding member and is past president of the Texas Distance Learning Association (TxDLA). Currently, she serves as Chair Emerita with the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA), where she has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1999 and served as president in 2004/2005. She is the founder of the popular USDLA-sponsored International Forum for Women in E-Learning.

Dr. Hardy was inducted into the USDLA Hall of Fame in 2009; the Texas Distance Learning Association Hall of Fame in 2006; and received the WCET Richard Jonsen award in 2005, among other recognitions. Dr. Hardy has served and continues to serve on various editorial and advisory boards, and has delivered hundreds of presentations, keynotes and workshops on distance education, online learning and leadership.