### Faculty & Family

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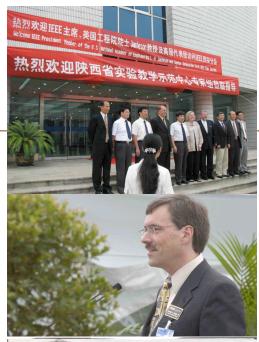
#### **Outline**

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- > Personal strategies
  - Time management
  - Integrating work and family
- > Institutional strategies
- > Influencing policy & climate



#### **About me**

- > Professor: Dean of Engineering, IEEE President
- Wife: Married 21 years,1.5 years with Indiana-California jobs,husband at Purdue
- Mother: 18-year old daughter, born after I was a full professor, starting college in F07
- Daughter: Only child, several years caring for aging mother





### Personal Strategies: Time Management

- > Spend money, not time
  - Cleaning, laundry, yard work, meals, transportation, ...
- Arrange reliable childcare
- > Be creative with summer childcare for school-age children
  - Co-hired a Child Development major for several summers
- > Be realistic about elder care
  - Moved mother nearby
- > Parallel process
  - Think/plan while watching videos, driving
- > Develop time management strategies that work for you



# Personal Strategies: Integrating Work and Family

- Develop & nurture traditions and rituals
  - Holidays, "dinner and a West Wing," lunch w/ my husband
- > Build in flexibility
  - Some holidays have flexible dates
- > Plan family travel
- > Take advantage of business travel
  - Scotland, Australia, Greece, France (2), Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Ecuador, Finland, Russia (2), China
- Take advantage of technology
  - Phone, email, IM, (videoconferencing?)



# Personal Strategies: Integrating Work and Family - cont.

- > Talk about work at home
  - Integrate, don't segregate
  - Make it accessible
- Look for/create opportunities to include family in work programs/activities
  - University camps, sports, outreach programs, contests, research projects
- > Be open/honest when you're temporarily stretched
- Set and honor your priorities
  - Key dates, events



### Institutional Strategies: Purdue

- > Provost's bridge program for dual-career hiring
- Stop-the-tenure-clock policy
- Childcare
  - University lab school
  - Expanded childcare (including infant care) facility;
    graduated fee scale
- > Teaching reduction for new parents
  - Currently negotiated between faculty and Head;
    proposal for systemic reduction under consideration



### Institutional Strategies: Purdue - cont.

- Diversity hiring
  - 33% of recent CoE faculty hires have been women
  - Identified as a strategic priority; oversight process created and implemented
- Diversity workshops
  - Gender & multicultural, included as an expectation in offer
- College of Engineering M-F 8-5 policy for meetings



## How senior women (and men) can influence policy and climate

- Advocate department/college/university policies wrt hiring, tenure, childcare
- > Recognize/reward advocacy leaders
- Include families/children in key events (e.g., award & recognition events) when appropriate
- > Talk openly about family responsibilities: lead by doing
- Recruit supportive male faculty to speak for family-friendly policies and climate
  - Improving the climate for women improves it for everyone

