



Loving the journey: How to take advantage of unexpected turns in your career

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I've got a plan, and I sticking to it!

- Unlikely!
- Things that might influence your plan
 - Fall in love
 - Kids and their needs
 - Aging parents
 - Not thrilled with your employer
 - Significant-other needs to move
 - Economy changes
 - Needs of employers change, so job is gone
 - Tapped to take on a different role for your employer





1. Accept some chaos in the early years

Experimenting with choices early in your life

Unexpected events early on

- Significant-other entered life
- Jobs/graduate school opportunities in two different cities
- Bored to tears with that first job!
- Graduate school showed that I love to teach
- First child, retiring mentor, and spouse job all at once!
- When your mentor does not agree with your passion



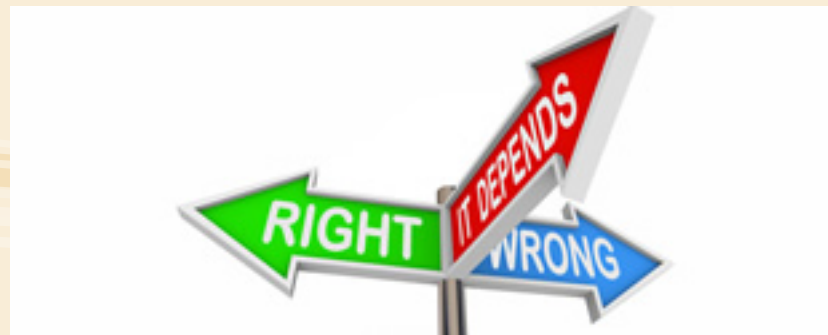


2. When you are tapped to be a leader

Taking on challenges you had not asked for

Just when I was getting settled

- When the dean calls
 - Don't be afraid to study new things
- What if others are jealous?
- Being the first woman
- Standing by your ethics
- Taking on frustrated or hostile people





3. When life gives you lemons

Make lemonade!

Balancing career choices with life challenges

- My ideal job does not exist in the right place at the right time
 - So create a new ideal!
 - Be willing to change priorities in your life over time
 - Family
 - Career
 - Location
- What are the differences between private colleges, large universities, and community colleges?
 - Find the way to make a positive difference no matter where you are



If you ever want to chat about unexpected turns and life choices

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