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"Managing Work Life Balance and Being Resilient"

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At the beginning of our careers we develop professional goals and enthusiastically "Do It All". Sometimes events occur beyond our control and life becomes unbalanced. Having a dual career household, re-entering the workforce after a leave and being temporarily unemployed are events that change the balance. Caring for a family member with a serious health crisis is another event. In this roundtable, I share the processes and lessons learned from family medical leave, personal leave, job transitioning and adapting to different corporate cultures.

Brenda Luderman earned a PhD in Electrical Engineering. Her thesis studies at the University of Rochester included Finite Element Methods for solving Semiconductor Transport models. In the last 25 years, she has worked as a circuit designer for Motorola, Intel and Texas Instruments in the areas of Product Development, Design Automation and Embedded Memories. She has co-authored several peer reviewed conference papers. Before following her spouse to Dallas, she was an industry mentor for 10 years supporting UT Austin's Women in Engineering Programs. For 5 years, she trained volunteers and led K-12 classroom visits for the Central Texas National Engineering Week outreach.



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