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Questions:

1. What are the most important factors in picking a graduate school/program?
2. What are the costs vs. benefits of going directly to graduate school vs. going into the workforce after college?
3. How do you balance your career with your family? Is it possible to advance very far in one's career if one has a family?
4. What are your thoughts on the issue of gender bias in institutions of science?
5. How does one obtain skills for a non-traditional career when one is generally not taught those skills in graduate school? (e.g., how does one learn how to be a product manager while being trained to do research?)
6. What does scientific consulting entail? How does one get into it? Is scientific consulting more of a full-time occupation or a side project?