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You Can Have it All....in Bits and Pieces

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About Me

- Grew up and studied in US
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 - BS in CS from UMCP
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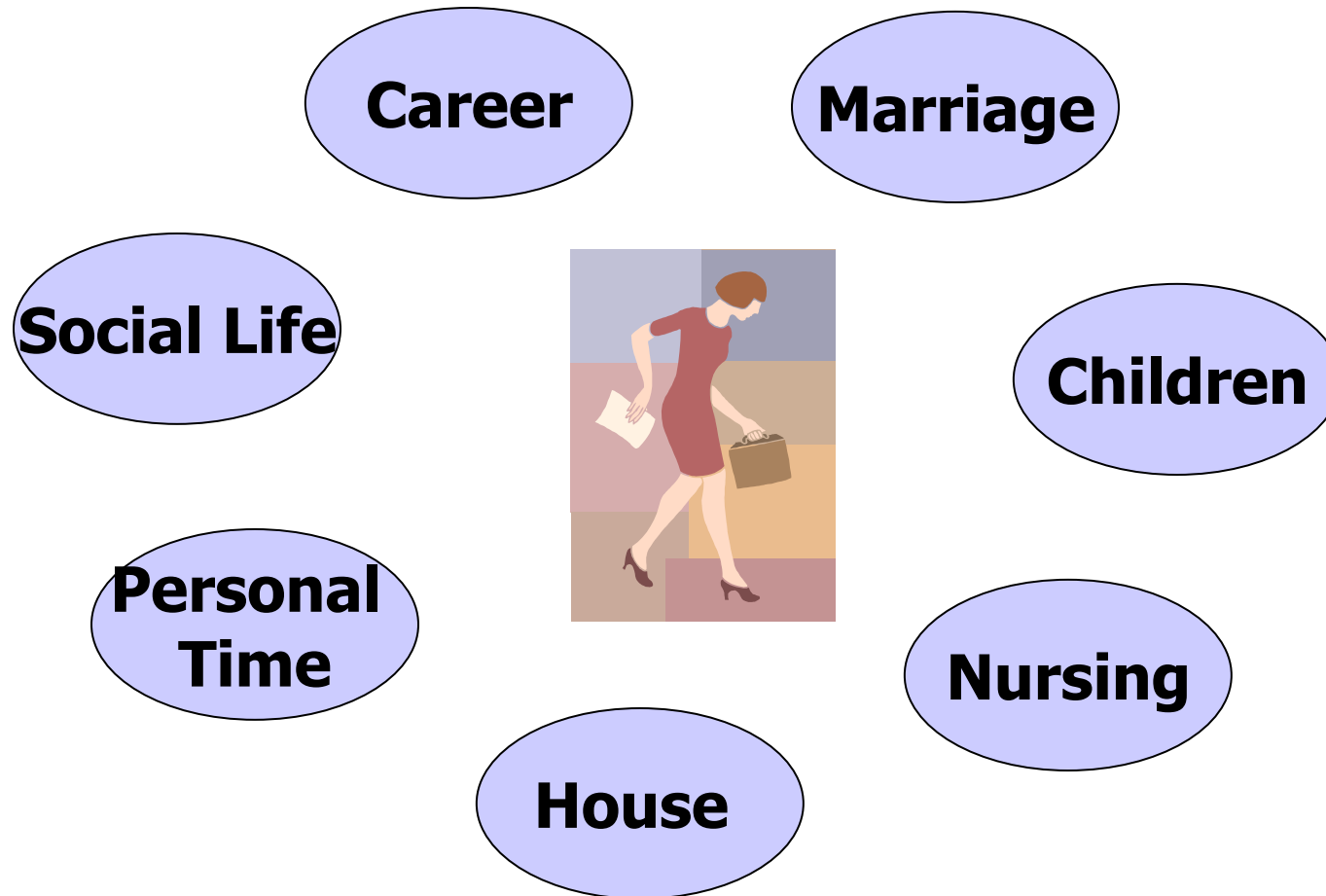
About Me

- Biggest change in my life
 - NOT moving from Harvard to Greece
 - BUT, having children
 - Two boys: four and one year old
 - I nursed my first son until 2.5
 - Still nursing my second
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Can Women have it all?

What does “having it all” mean?

What does "having it all" mean?



Again, what exactly does this mean?

- Enough to simply attain?
 - Check off our to-do list
 - Actually be good at all these categories?
 - Excel at all these categories simultaneously?
 - Yeah, right!! (Keep dreaming!)
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My 3/7 Goal

On any given day, at any given moment, to perform well at say, 3 out of 7 categories

What I've Learned (thus far)

- VERY hard to lecture/work during first trimester of pregnancy
 - Hard to be away from my young children
 - Hard to be functional on 3 hours of sleep
 - Impossible to be functional on 3 hours sleep, three night in a row
 - Daycare is biohazard
 - Use every spare minute
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What I'm Grateful For

- Having children
 - Beware the media and the “before-35” illusion
 - My husband
 - Support from extended family and nanny who agrees with my child-rearing practices
 - My job in academia allows me to combine nursing and working fulltime
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The bottom line

- Can women have it all?
 - Yes...and no
 - My advice?
 - Any advice I will give is too general
 - However, if I had to...
 - Don't waste time
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