

# **Stanford Seminar Series “Real Lives Have Curves”**

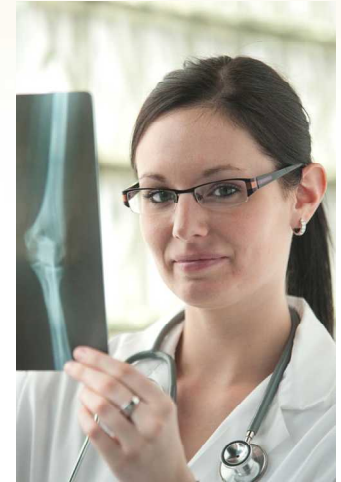
## **Managing the Unexpected**

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# Professional Women doing it all!



**Can you see the unexpected coming?**

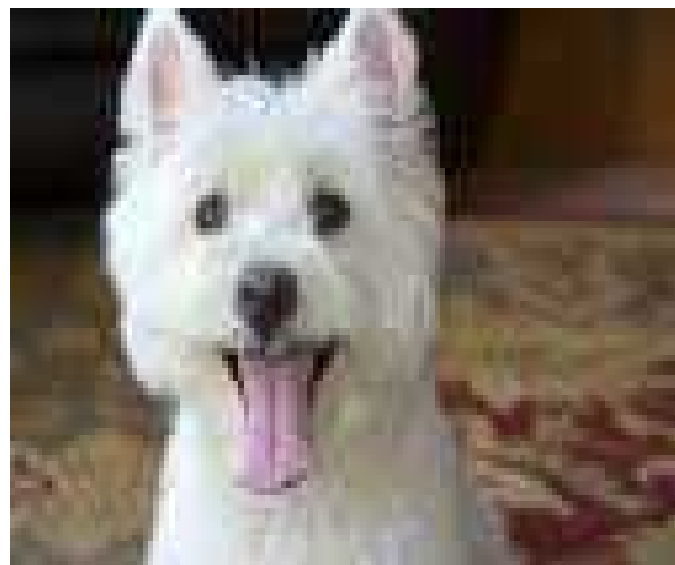




**Unexpected events and changes of direction in  
life happen all the time.**



# It All Depends on Attitude!



# Unexpected changes in career



# DOE Environmental Management Challenges



# There are Disappointments and Struggles



# Unexpected Positives





## **Look for the indicators of entering the “land of the unexpected”**

- **Counter cultural**
- **The new of any type**
- **The new in the eyes of the current—the unusual**
- **Areas with unknown outcome or unclear future**



# Unexpected Turns in Education and Career



# Grad School, Management, Moving on...

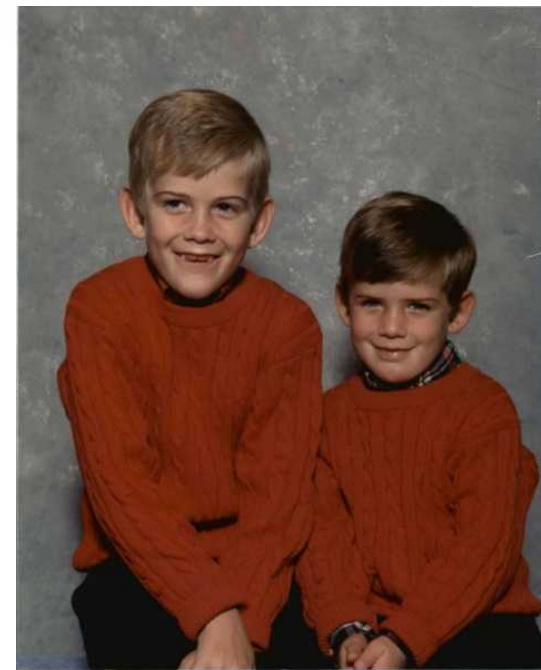


## See the Unexpected in the Moment!

Develop the skills to see things for what they are as the unexpected or unusual. Develop the nose for the unexpected in the moment—life is at a fast pass and decisions are rapid so you must be able to react in the moment.



# Unexpected Changes in my Personal Life





**Make your commitment to your values strong**

**---to be your lighthouse as you deal with  
the unexpected with family and friends**



# Mentoring and Friends




**People are often the source  
of strength and inspiration**



# Major Changes in Life





**Use your life goals as  
the anchor and work  
for the right balance**

**--personal life mission statement**

## **Personal Mission Statement**

My mission in life is to leave this earth better  
because of my efforts.  
I will do this in four domains—national security,  
my community,  
my church, and my family  
I will contribute to national security in my areas  
of expertise  
and contribute leadership, knowledge,  
integration, and systems thinking  
I will make a difference to my community to  
improve education  
of our young, particularly in STEM, and in civic  
organizations  
I will contribute to my church, time, energy,  
resources as called and needed  
I will contribute to my family, love support,  
“being there” for them,  
and remembering everyone on special occasions.



## **Bottom Line—Remember These Rules:**

- **Know when you are entering the “land of the unexpected”**
- **Learn to see the unexpected in the moment!**
- **Live your life from principles and values**
- **People –your source of strength and inspiration**
- **And live by your personal mission statement**





**may your life  
be crowded with  
unexpected  
joys**

(h. jackson brown jr.)





**“I salute you”**

