

Pathways: Personal and Professional

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I am from Rhode Island. Hurricane Bob hit when I was 10. I thought it was awesome.

In my senior year, I was in a car crash. I missed a lot of school, and I did my college applications left handed.



1998 - 1999: Colby College

Gained: Debt, Future Husband, Start of a Network



Also became an
atmospheric
chemist.

Me

Colby was not for me.
My next stop: UBC, Vancouver



I shared a house with 5 women. Now they are:

- 1) Climbing guide
- 2) Doctor
- 3) Sustainability Specialist
- 4) Math Teacher

2000: Study Abroad:



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE



2001: Mount Washington Observatory

(A little science, and lots of snow games)



May 2002: Suddenly I graduated.
So I moved back to the U.S. and I
started applying to graduate school.



Then I needed back surgery (remember the car accident). So
I needed health insurance, so I started school in January!

2003-2004: University of New Hampshire

I worked on air quality issues in New England, and I enjoyed harassing presidential candidates.



2004: I started a Staff Scientist Position at the Mount Washington Observatory



Effective environmental policy is rooted in good science. Here I am with NH Governor Lynch!

2004: First big field campaign.
(Sorry, I can only find this B&W photo.)



These guys are awesome....but
more women would have been
more awesome.

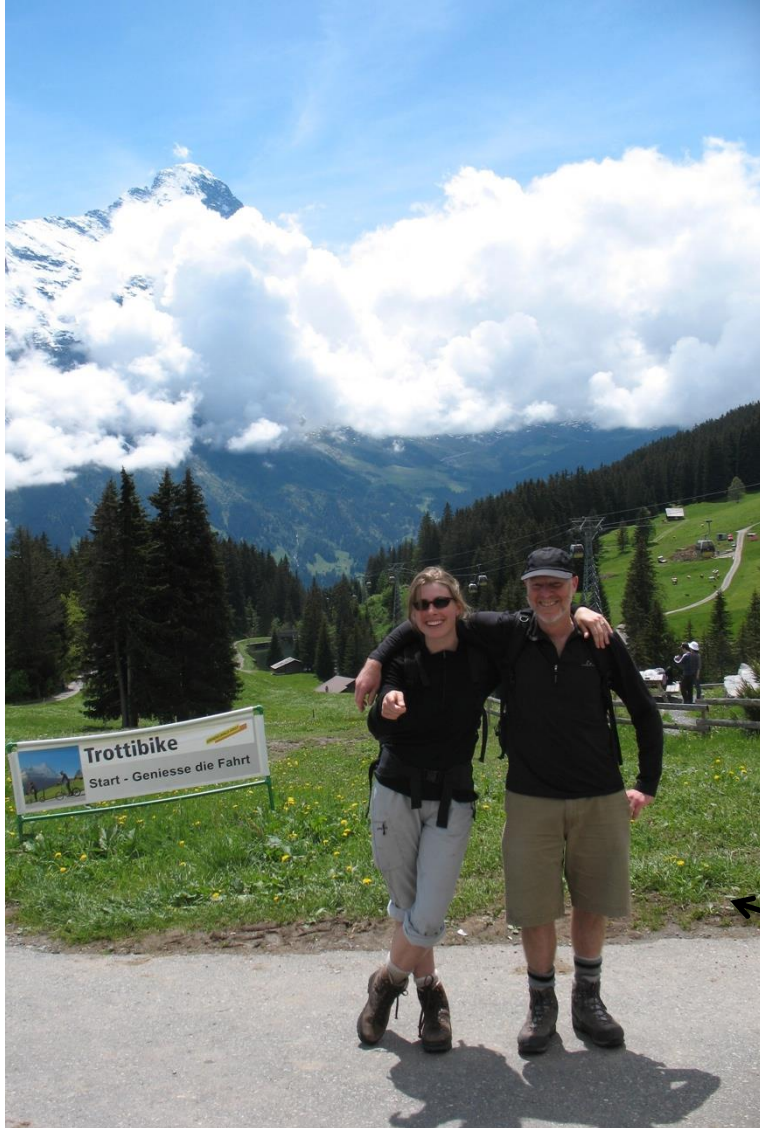
From left to right: The team of scientists from the Observatory and University of Virginia: Allen Smith, Alex Pszenny, John Maben, Fischer, and William Keene.

2006 – 2010:
PhD at the University of Washington.



I might be smiling, but my hands were numb a lot,
and I worked so hard that I ended up with mono.

Your education is a marathon, not a sprint.
Grit will take you so many places.



Work Trip

Fun Trip

2010 was a big year: I moved to Boston, I finished my PhD, and I got married!



2011: I start a position at Harvard.
You can't see that I am pregnant!



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2012: My daughter Freida was born!



I interviewed for my current job, when she was 5 weeks old....that was crazy, but I got the job 😊

In 2013, we moved to Fort Collins.



New job + 2 year old = messy but happy house.

2015: My daughter Joan was born...my group started field work 4 weeks later.



I work on air quality and **am always part of** amazing teams.



I continue to learn and then teach about air pollution and its impacts.



Kids have helped me become a better science communicator and remember this work matters.



inspired by my mom who ever Day
makes our world a Beder place
Sun beating down on my
red hot face. I know in the
the coldest place snow
is melting. As Ashes
rain down I know the world
will never Be the
Same. By JOAN

