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nell University — Many people who are considering pursuing academic  
careers in science worry about how to balance career with family. One  
challenge is the two-body problem, where partners are searching for jobs  
that are reasonably close together. Another challenge, particularly for  
women, is children: many women worry about whether they can have  
children as well as successful careers, and if so, when might be the best  
time to have them. This panel discussion will bring together five women  
who span a range of stages in their faculty careers and who all have  
children. Several of them have spouses who are also academic scien-  
tists. They will discuss practical strategies that they have adopted to  
address the challenges of career and family, as well as their views on  
what departments and institutions can/should do to help.

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