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SEEKING SOLUTIONS FOR MANAGING THE DEMANDS OF PERSONAL LIFE AND CAREER IN PRIMATOLOGY.

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Women with strong career aspirations often face dilemmas associated with the competing demands of family and career. This is certainly true in primatology, where time in the field and/or in the laboratory may conflict with other obligations. Young women who are now entering primatology, as well as more established female primatologists who are struggling to build or just maintain their research/academic careers in the face of family responsibilities, will benefit from a discussion of how women have handled/are handling those challenges. In this workshop we will share strategies that make it possible to juggle the competing demands associated with our lives as female primatologists. The facilitators will introduce relevant data from current research regarding women in science and the challenges of dual careers in hopes of elucidating the scope of this problem as it affects primatologists. Hopefully, those who attend the workshop will not only explore concrete solutions, but will establish new support networks and mentoring relationships with other women in primatology. Male primatologists who find themselves in similarly difficult positions regarding work-family obligations are of course welcome to participate.

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