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# Caltech (approximate dates)

1891 Founding of Throop University (with women)

1907 Throop Polytechnic Institute (without women)

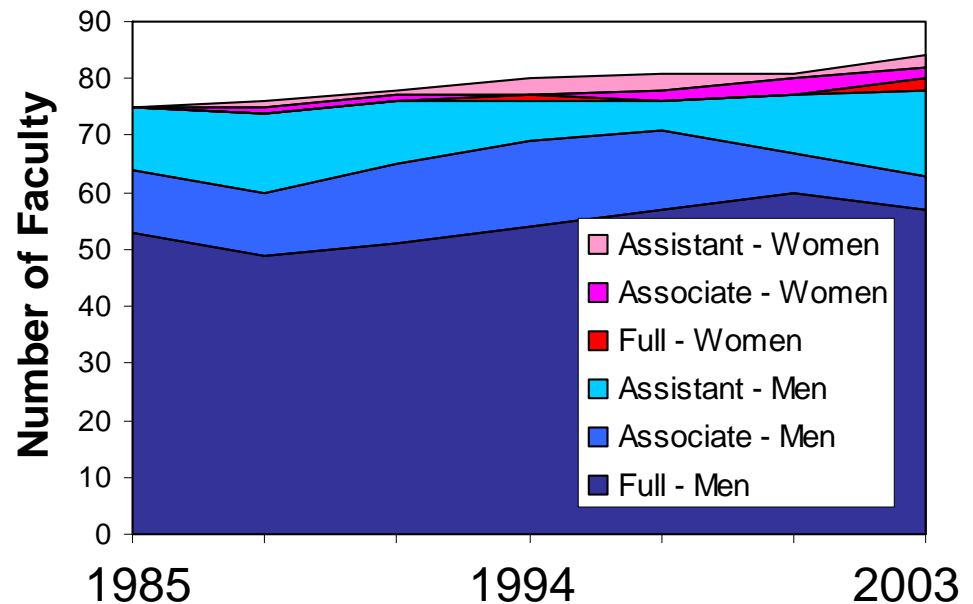
1920 Renamed California Institute of Technology

1969 First woman hired on professorial faculty

1970 Undergraduate women admitted

1987 First woman hired on the engineering faculty

1990 First use of Caltech's faculty maternity policy





Claire, age 11

Pre-tenure

Madelyn, age 8

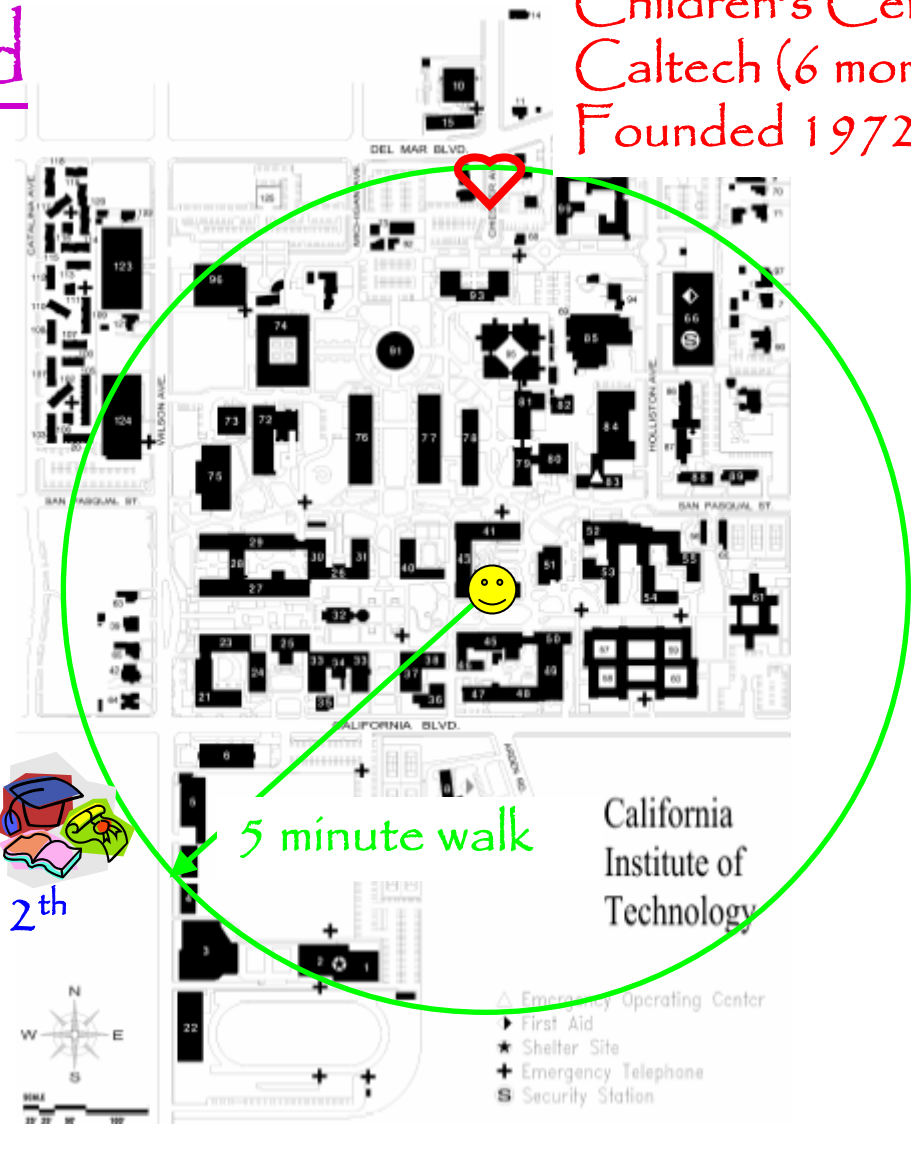
Post-tenure

Both ~ happy, healthy,  
loving, confident



# My World

Children's Center at  
Caltech (6 months - PK)  
Founded 1972



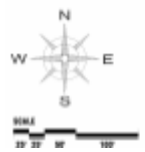
Polytechnic  
School (PK - 12<sup>th</sup>  
grade)



5 minute walk

California  
Institute of  
Technology

- ▲ Emergency Operating Center
- ▶ First Aid
- ★ Shelter Site
- + Emergency Telephone
- Ⓢ Security Station



# Choices and some compromises

- My husband commutes 2+ hours per day
- Saying “No”
- Minimize travel (like this meeting); pre-trip preparations and planning
- Drive a big mini-van and carry a large purse
- Make use of academic flexibility
- Always dinner together, but sometimes it’s eggs and pancakes

Through my daughter’s eyes – Mom works, reads, swims, makes lasagna, drinks Diet Coke, and loves me & my family