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**Abstract:** The article discusses some of the challenges faced by women who attempt to bear and raise children while pursuing academic careers. Examples are drawn from the author's personal experience as a professor and mother. Conflicts between professional academic duties and the demands of pregnancy and motherhood are analyzed from feminist, sociological and philosophical perspectives, and questions involving gender inequalities are addressed. It is said that men are often thought to become more responsible at work when children are born to them, while the reverse is expected of women.

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