FROM ITALY TO CALIFORNIA, MY PATH TO SCIENCE AND THE LESSONS LEARNED

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ARE YOU REALLY A GEEK?

- you like math
- you enjoy thinking
- you are curious
- you are creative
- you like challenges
- you like physics
Challenges and many questions

CULTURAL BARRIERS
LACK OF SUPPORT
LACK OF CONFIDENCE

LACK OF MATURITY
SCIENCE … BUT WHAT? AND WHERE?
GRADUATE SCHOOL OR NOT?

undsci.berkeley.edu
Research in industry

- MORE PRODUCT/CLIENT ORIENTED:
  - OLED FOR DISPLAY
  - ORGANIC MEMORIES
  - NEW MATERIALS FOR NANO FABRICATION

- WORKING WELL WITH TEAMS

- MUCH OVERLAP BETWEEN DISCIPLINES

- OFTEN CHANGE IN DIRECTION
WHAT I DID RIGHT

- Always followed my guts
- Be bold
- Go after what you want
- Inspire and be inspired: a kind gesture to new recruits goes very far
- Knowing my strengths
- Concentrated on personal growth and adapted easily
My personal struggles

- INSECURITIES
- LEARN NOT TO TAKE THINGS PERSONALLY
- OVERCOME THE NEED OF BEING COMFORTED AND PRAISED
- BALANCING PERSONAL LIFE WITH PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS
HELP IS ON THE WAY....

- find a mentor/somebody that inspires you
- find a promoter (different than a mentor)
- be honest with yourself
Thank you

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