



The Ambition Decisions: What Women Know About Work, Family, and the Path to Building a Life

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Interviewer: Heidi Keibler Stevens

Co-authors of *The Ambition Decisions*, 1993 graduates of Northwestern University, and Pi Beta Phi sorority sisters. Ms. Schank is a Public Interest Technology Fellow at New America; Ms. Wallace is a freelance writer. Ms. Stevens is the “Balancing Act” columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*.

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At a crossroads in their own careers, authors **Hana Schank** and **Elizabeth Wallace** began to wonder what happens to women's ambition in the years after college, and what became of their women friends with so much promise from their college days. They decided to go back and interview over forty classmates and sorority sisters from **Northwestern University** to find answers.

These interviews became a 7-part series in *The Atlantic* last year, garnered over half a million views, went viral across social media, and spoke to women around the globe. Expanding on the reach of those original essays, and adding new interviews with old friends, *The Ambition Decisions: What Women Know about Work, Family, and the Path to Building a Life* looks deeply at the narratives and trends they uncovered.

Ms. Schank and Ms. Wallace's new book is written for a new generation of working women, or anyone at a crossroads. It pinpoints the variables that influence women's big decisions, and it provides the tools to make those decisions easier. Tackling perennial topics like the shifting of ambition, the non-negotiable elements of mothering, and the idea that marriages can balance only a finite amount of ambition, *The Ambition Decisions* points to questions women should ask themselves as they hit major career and personal decisions and debunks many of the myths that are part and parcel of our conventional wisdom about women and ambition.

Ms. Schank is a **Public Interest Technology Fellow** at **New America**, a think and action tank led by **Anne-Marie Slaughter (FAN '15)**, and a frequent contributor to the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and the *Washington Post*. **Ms. Wallace** worked for fifteen years in print magazines, including *Vogue*, *Nylon*, *Seventeen*, *Us Weekly*, and *Lucky*, and is now a freelance writer. She has been published recently in various magazines, including *Lenny*, *Domino*, *Architectural Digest*, *Man Repeller*, *Healthline*, *Parenting*, and *Redbook*.

Ms. Schank and Ms. Wallace will be interviewed by **Heidi Keibler Stevens**, the popular "Balancing Act" columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*.

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