Today’s professor is constantly pulled into numerous directions, simultaneously. How are we supposed to excel in education, research, and service—and maintain our sanity? This talk will highlight the struggles faculty encounter every day as they try to meet their own high expectations in the classroom and in research—and how such expectations have changed through the decades. Intertwined into this perspective will be a career in biomaterials, which also necessitates a diverse skill set to push products to the market to help human health.

In the 50/50 Lecture Series, notable scientists discuss both their research work and their unique career path in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Half of the speaker’s time will be allotted to his technical, educational, and research interests and the other half will be devoted to his career path. The 50/50 lectures are designed to inspire established and emerging STEM professionals to persevere not only by considering the example set by leaders in STEM but by looking at their own career holistically.

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