

Ann Erickson completed her degree at Reed in 2003, with an interdisciplinary major in Physics and Chemistry. She continued her education at Stanford in Applied Physics, in the field of superconductivity, where she gained an appreciation of experimental physics. After graduating in 2009 with her Ph.D., she worked as a materials scientist at a solar cells startup company, followed by a stint as a postdoc at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel in the same field. Returning to the U.S. in 2014, she moved into the semiconductor manufacturing equipment industry with a position at Lam Research Corporation, in hardware development and design, where she still works today.

Ann married in 2008 to Tommer Wizansky, a software engineer, and has two lovely daughters, aged 5 and 1.5. She is enjoying the challenges of balancing work and family, and sometimes regrets not pursuing a career in baking. Her oldest wants to be a zookeeper when she grows up, and the toddler just wants to continue being a baby for as long as possible.

