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I grew up on a farm in a small town in south western Nebraska where I had a high school graduating class of four. I then went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where I attained my B.S. in Civil Engineering in May of 1999. While I was at UNL, I worked part time during the school year and full time during the summers as a drafter in the bridge division of the Nebraska Department of Roads. Upon graduation, I moved to Kansas City and took a position with Black & Veatch in the Civil Site Section in the Energy Division. In my 13 years of working at Black & Veatch, I have had the opportunity to work on a wide variety of projects in the Power Industry including combined cycle combustion turbine projects, renewable energy projects (wind and solar), coal plants, and ash landfills. My primary duties include stormwater design, underground utility coordination and layout, railroad track layout and design, and permitting support.

My husband and I met while I was going to UNL. He had taken a job with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in Lincoln and we had a mutual friend who introduced us. We have been married now for 12 years and live in Edwardsville, KS (just to the south of the Kansas Speedway). We have 3 children, Paige (7), John (3), and Ryan (1), as well as a dog named Husker. Since both of us grew up in Nebraska, fall weekends are consumed with watching Nebraska Football. When I am not watching football or chasing kids around, I enjoy bike riding, walking, or finding a quiet corner to read a good book.