



Gene Meieran received his B.S. Degree in Metallurgy from Purdue University in 1959 and his Doctor's degree in Material's Science from MIT in 1963. He joined Fairchild Semiconductor R&D in 1963, specializing in analysis and characterization of semiconductor device materials, and joined Intel in 1973 as Manager of Package Development. In 1985, he was appointed as Intel, second Fellow, He was named Senior Intel Fellow in 2003.

Gene taught courses at the University of California, Berkeley and at Stanford University, and has given seminars and invited talks to numerous domestic and international universities around the world. He has about 60 technical papers, and was awarded three international awards based on his work in semiconductor device technology. He served as Director of Research for MIT's Leaders for Manufacturing program from 1993 to 2000.

In 1998, Dr. Meieran was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, and in 2004 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree from Purdue University. He has served on several National Academy committees and industrial committees and councils.

Gene started collecting minerals in 1949 in Norway, his father's homeland, under the guidance of then head of Paleontology at the Oslo Museum, Dr. Gunnar Henningsmoen. He has assembled numerous educational as well as aesthetic cases of mineral specimens for display at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, spear-headed the extraordinary "American Mineral Treasures" exhibits at the 2008 show, and is a co-author of the American Mineral Treasures book. In 1991, 1996 and 2004 he was awarded the Paul Deseutels Trophy for his displays at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show; previously (1991 and 1996) he also won the Walt Lidstrom "Best of Show Specimen" award.

Gene's proudest accomplishment in the mineral domain is the saving of the two large topaz crystals on display near the Hope Diamond at the Smithsonian Institution, from being cut into X-ray monochromators. As a graduate student at MIT, he interceded with the owners of the crystals the day before they were scheduled to be cut, and as a result, the crystals went on loan to the Smithsonian and were eventually donated to the Museum. A third crystal from the lot was also saved, and now resides in the Harvard Mineral Museum display.



Sharon grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. She graduated from UC Berkeley with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Economics, and attended law school at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. Sharon engaged in different practice areas of law, including general complex civil litigation, intellectual property law, and volunteering in children's advocacy, as a counselor on a child abuse prevention crisis line, in family law, and in class action litigation on behalf of children in areas of health, education and juvenile justice reform.

Sharon subsequently attended UCSF medical school in San Francisco, where she met her husband, Fred (who was previously a professional musician). They did residency in Emergency Medicine together in Cincinnati, where their two children were born, and returned to the West Coast to raise their family. They live in Southwest Portland, and their children continue to attend Portland Public Schools. Sharon served as co-president of her children's elementary school PTA board, and served additional years as board member.

Sharon practices emergency medicine in the Portland area, and has used her experience on the front line caring for those in crisis to inform her policy and advocacy work in mental health care, substance abuse prevention, police use of force, coordination of services for the most vulnerable, and reproductive healthcare, equity and justice.