She spoke truth to power.

She shone light, fearlessly, into the darkest corners.

She called it as she saw it, with great humor and unusual kindness.

Her words below, written in 1993, resonate anew as we look back on a transformative half-century:

“So keep fightin’ for freedom and justice, beloveds, but don’t you forget to have fun doin’ it. Lord, let your laughter ring forth. Be outrageous, ridicule the fraidy-cats, rejoice in all the oddities that freedom can produce.

And when you get through kickin’ ass and celebratin’ the sheer joy of a good fight, be sure to tell those who come after how much fun it was.”

—“The Fun’s in the Fight,” column for Mother Jones
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Dear Members of the Class of 1966,

I am excited to welcome you back to campus in May.

I look forward to the energy, fun and shared history you’ll bring as you celebrate your milestone 50th Reunion. Alumnae tell me that they are drawn to campus year after year by a powerful sense of place. The Smith campus remains a vivid reflection of some of your most transformative years, when you discovered your intellectual passions and built the friendships that sustain you to this day.

When you arrive in May, you will see a campus that has grown and changed to meet the needs of today’s students, yet remains very much as you remember it. You’ll find new landmarks like the Schacht Center for Health and Wellness, adjacent to Scott Gymnasium. You’ll see Ford Hall, our state-of-the-art science center. You’ll notice refurbished spaces like Wright Hall, which has been transformed to accommodate our new academic centers, and Cutter-Ziskind, which boasts a beautiful new courtyard that I encourage you to enjoy while you’re here. We are also in the very early stages of reimagining Neilson Library. Working with architectural designer Maya Lin and the international design firm of Shepley Bulfinch, we intend to make the new Neilson a destination library, one that accommodates the needs and expectations of twenty-first-century students and scholars.

The years you spent at Smith were marked by profound cultural changes, often led by fellow Smith women. Perhaps you remember President Thomas Mendenhall greeting you at First Assembly in September 1962 with a message to use your Smith education to be “useful and, if possible, happy human beings.” Maybe you were inspired by Betty Friedan ’42’s The Feminine Mystique, which was published in your first year. Or perhaps you joined your fellow housemates in watching weekly episodes of The French Chef with Julia Child ’34, which debuted in 1963.

With your classmates, you led movements that reshaped our world. You organized marches and sit-ins in support of civil rights. You defied stereotypes. You broke barriers, and, in so doing, changed the course of women’s lives. Your actions then continue to inspire our students to this day.

This book is a collection of your history. It tells your stories as women from a defining generation, and it brings to life in very personal ways Smith’s mission of educating women for the world. I hope you find inspiration in its pages.

I look forward to seeing you in the spring and walking with you in the alumnae parade.

With best wishes,

Kathleen McCartney
President, Smith College
Fifty years ago this May we graduated from Smith with many paths ahead of us. Some of us had clear ideas of where we wanted to go and what we wanted to do; others had no clue. However, we all had the benefit of a superb Smith education and the support of our friends from Smith. And so we soon began to choose a way.

In our class, we have educators, lawyers, doctors and more. Most of us married and had children, as well. We were a transitional generation. The Women's Movement was just beginning. Many classmates who thought they would repeat the pattern of their mothers and marry and have children did so. Some of them, eventually, also chose careers. Others knew from the beginning that they would not choose the path of their mothers and grandmothers, and went directly to graduate school or into the workplace.

Our class produced many outstanding leaders. Five of them have been awarded the Smith College Medal, established in 1962 by Smith’s trustees to honor those who “exemplify in their lives and work the true purpose of a liberal arts education.” The list is distinguished and reflects a wide variety of accomplishments: Aileen Adams (1993), Susan Low Bloch (2005), the late Molly Ivins (2001), Gail Kern Paster (2013) and the late Glenda Copes Reed (1982).

We are very proud of them. I feel very strongly, however, that every one of us is worthy of a medal. We all have accomplished important things; we all have triumphed over difficult times; we all have made significant decisions. This book is a record of the kaleidoscope of choices we have made over the last 50 years.

Karen Sargent Sirkin
President, Class of 1966
The really important thing is not to live, but to live well. –Socrates

In honor of our 50th reunion, many generous classmates took the time to reflect on our lives. At this writing, 200 from Smith and 100 from Princeton have responded.

This summary focuses mainly on the Smith respondents. Its framework derives from the landmark work of George Vaillant on positive aging — why some people flourish in later life, finding happiness and purpose, while others do not. Vaillant's ideas about how to grow old with grace derive from three distinct longevity studies that tracked the lives of a group of highly intelligent women from diverse backgrounds born in 1911; a group of Harvard men born in 1921, and a group of non-delinquent inner-city males born in 1930. He identified six factors that predict healthy aging:

- Not smoking;
- Adaptive, resilient coping styles — humor, altruism, suppression (seeing the bright side), creativity and anticipation (planning for future difficulties);
- Absence of alcohol abuse;
- Healthy weight;
- Stable love relationship, and some exercise.

How, then, are we doing 50 years after graduation? Quite well, it appears!

Coping Styles in 1966 and 2016

We from Smith see ourselves now, compared to 1966, as less naive, more contemplative, a little more good-humored, more forgiving, less sensitive to criticism, more creative and productive, more intellectually curious, more likely to see the bright side and happier with life. As in 1966, we see ourselves as less competitive and a little more altruistic than do our Princeton counterparts. The highest ratings then and now are for being intellectually curious and happy with life.

Family and Friendships

Ninety-five percent of Smith respondents report being heterosexual. About 70% are married to or in a committed relationship with a man, 13% are divorced or separated, 10% widowed and 7% single. Of those with a spouse or partner, nearly 90% have been in the relationship for at least 20 years and more than 50% for 40 years or more. We consider our committed relationships to be fairly happy, and most are at least fairly satisfied with our sex lives.

On average, we have about two biological children. A majority have two to three grandchildren. No respondent yet has a great-grandchild. We report a highly connected and meaningful relationship with at least one of our children.

We have seven or eight close friends on average — especially important for those without a spouse or partner. Several report 40 or 50 close friends. Most of us see or talk with at least one close friend often. More than our Princeton counterparts, we report receiving help from our friends.

Employment and retirement

Only 18% of the Smith women (and one Princeton man) label themselves full-time homemakers. Nearly three-fourths of us worked fulltime. We were employed for an average of 31 years in a wide variety of fields, from law and medicine to teaching and real estate, from yacht brokerage to high finance, from hospital chaplaincy to the performing arts. Most spend some time on volunteer work, commonly between 10 and 40 hours a month.

Most who were employed report a strong sense of accomplishment, a fair amount of mentoring others, strong opportunity for learning and a high level of satisfaction. But about two-thirds report the negative impact of sex discrimination — in promotions, career choices, compensation and balancing work with raising children.

Nearly half of those who were employed are now fully retired. About one-quarter are transitioning to retirement. Asked when they planned to retire, 12 women said “never,” 14 that they would retire when they no longer felt satisfied with working. When asked why they did not want to retire, our classmates said, “I enjoy what I’m doing,” “BOREDOM,” “I want to feel useful” and “financial reasons.”

Nearly 90% of those retired are pleased about this. More than half say they are doing new things. One classmate commented: “When downsized at 42, I basically said ‘screw it’ - and retired. I was incredibly lucky to be able to do so financially. ... I moved to my weekend house, became a volunteer firefighter, trustee of the local historical society, founding trustee of an historic house/art museum, took up 18th Century re-enacting and am a fairly well known 18th Century cook and hearth-cooking teacher, developed a whole new career in the sport of polo - first managing a club, and then managing a training program for kids.”

When asked about concerns about retiring, 45% mention not having enough money. (Only 27% of Princeton men mention this.) The two other most important concerns are not being able to find meaningful activity (33%) and loss of identity (33%).

Two-thirds of our classmates think young women are better off in their careers than we were at their age, citing better opportunities, higher expectations and fundamental changes in society. “When I went to apply for a temp position,” one classmate wrote, “I was asked about academic honors. I listed Phi Beta Kappa. I was told, ‘We don’t consider sororities to be academic honors.’” Another observed that, “Today, there are laws prohibiting the kinds of comments made to me, like ‘What kind of contraception are you using?’”

Almost half of us think that young men are better off in some ways today, worse off in others. A typical comment: “The expectation that they will work as much as they ever did and also contribute to family activities leaves them exhausted and stressed — much the same as women have been dealing with since the ’60s!”

Physical and Emotional Well-Being

Remarkably, most of us (93%) rate ourselves in good to excellent physical health. And most (81%) rate our memory pretty good to excellent. The most frequent health problems we cite are arthritis (47%), cancer (33%), cataracts (31%), back or spine problems (28%), osteoporosis (22%) and hearing loss (21%). Almost one in five has experienced depression or anxiety. Few (3%) report alcoholism or drug addiction. We take an average of 2.5 prescription drugs a day.
About three-fifths of us identify with a specific religious tradition: Protestant (40%), Jewish (14%) or Catholic (5%).
About 84% have signed wills and powers of attorney.

Dealing with and/or Anticipating Loss

In the past 10 years, close to 80% of us have experienced the death of a close friend or relative; nearly half have dealt with a serious health problem of a close friend or relative. Almost 30% have functioned as a primary caregiver. Almost all (95%) report that we have coped at least as well as can be expected.

Many have engaged in end-of-life planning. We (85%) have signed wills and powers of attorney and discussed end-of-life plans with spouse or partner. About two-thirds have discussed these plans with children or friends.

Overall, we rely on a variety of coping mechanisms. Most (85%) have at least one close, stable relationship that helps us, usually including our spouse or romantic partner (78%), close friend (78%), doctor or counselor (32%) or a beloved pet (20%). About one-third engage in prayer and about 20% practice yoga or meditation. We are generally optimistic during uncertainty and distress, which means we tend to see the bright side. The worries that keep us up at night have more to do with the security and stability of the world than concerns about ourselves or loved ones.

Religion and Spiritual Beliefs

About three-fifths of us identify with a specific religious tradition: Protestant (40%); Jewish (14%) or Catholic (5%). About 40% do not practice any religion, although even they often find meaningful spiritual activities. As one classmate put it: "Though I have become an atheist, I have long belonged to one church, where I do some volunteer work ... I work (sing) in another church and have recently put in MANY hours there on a search committee for a new music director. So I have both feet planted in the Christian world even though I am an admitted non-believer. ... I am glad to have reminders of how I want to live my life, but I don't say the prayers or the creeds."

Politics, Causes, and the Media

Fully 78% of us call ourselves Democrats, compared to 56% when we were undergraduates. Just 11% of us now identify as Republicans, compared to 18% in 1966. One in ten considers herself an Independent, compared to 16% in 1966. Two-thirds call themselves very liberal or liberal, 15% centrist and 15% social liberal/fiscal conservative.
A large majority (86%) voted for Obama in 2008 and 2012, and half are inclined to vote for Clinton in 2016; 18% are for Sanders and 15% don’t know. Most (90%) are at least as active politically as five years ago — voting, funding causes or candidates, writing letters to politicians or editors, campaigning, participating in rallies. Twenty classmates have been elected to political office.

We consider the top seven most significant events or changes over the last 50 years to be: 1) greater workplace opportunities for women and sexual equality in general; 2) the civil rights movement; 3) human-caused climate change; 4) the rise of Islamic fundamentalism; 5) 9/11; 6) the gay rights movement; 7) the Vietnam war.

Today, we are most concerned about six issues: 1) income inequality, erosion of the middle class and poverty; 2) environmental regulation and global warming; 3) Middle East conflicts and the rise of ISIS; 4) gun control; 5) our dysfunctional Congress; 6) money in politics.

A majority support the Affordable Care Act, same-sex marriage, campaign finance reform, medical marijuana, higher corporate taxes, stricter environmental rules, greater financial regulation, the right to choose and mandatory background checks. Half oppose stricter immigration policies. Primary sources of news: newspapers, internet, public radio and television and network television.

We read a lot! About 54% read more than 20 books a year; 38% more than 30. The three we mentioned most often: Being Mortal, All the Light We Cannot See and To Kill a Mockingbird. Our favorite movies? Forrest Gump, Sophie’s Choice, Schindler’s List, the Graduate and The Lives of Others. We enjoy a wide range of musical genres, including classical, Latin, jazz, blues, bluegrass, country, hip-hop, rock and roll, opera, folk, gospel, Motown, show tunes, Celtic, chamber music, Afro-Cuban and the Grateful Dead.

**Views on Smith**

More than half of us would go to Smith again. One-third are not sure, and 10% would not. The most common reason given against choosing Smith was preference for a coeducational experience. Some lamented lesbianism. One wrote, “I would consider the treatment of Christine Lagarde to be a significant negative.”

And the positive aspects? Smith is a small single-sex, liberal arts college; has strength in science and engineering, a highly intelligent student body, a reputation for academic excellence, strong faculty and a strong alumnae network; produces highly successful graduates, and is taking in more international students. About half are unsure about whether the admission of transgender students (formerly male) is a good idea (20% say no). Most do not think Smith should go co-ed.

It was my privilege to manage the 1966 Class Survey with Lanny Jones (Princeton ’66). You will learn much more during Reunion Weekend. Meanwhile the words of T. S. Eliot, from Little Gidding, come to mind: “We shall not cease from exploration/And the end of all our exploring/Will be to arrive where we started/And know the place for the first time.”

Nancy Kropp Grote
University of Washington
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Kathryn Adelberg Greenhouse died on February 15, 1987, of cardiac arrest.
After graduating from Smith, Kathryn studied at the University of Pennsylvania's School for Social Work. She then served as a medical social worker at Philadelphia General Hospital, where she created a drug treatment program for mothers-to-be and their children.

She was survived by her husband and a son.

Abimbola Alabi (Bola)
House: Morrow

Abimbola Alabi died on June 2, 1964, of complications from surgery, in Boston, MA.

Bola, as she was known, was born in Nigeria, and attended the Reagan Memorial Baptist Girls' Secondary School in Lagos, which was run by an American woman missionary. She was a top student, and the school, with her family's blessing, encouraged her to come to the United States for college.

"Bola and I were both in Morris House freshman year, and we were both in the same section of the rigorous French 11D course," writes Barbara Tuggle Fetting. "I had attended segregated public schools before arriving at Smith, and Bola was the first black person I ever got to know well. She taught me so much. She was the antithesis of what I had expected a woman from Africa to be, not one bit humble or shy."

Other classmates echo that sentiment, celebrating Bola's "warmth and joy" (Priscilla Neral) and "deep and infectious laugh" (Lois Hoffman Thompson). "Spending time with her was a delightful education for me," writes Caroline McGrath Staples. "Laraine Leberfeld Fergenson recalls: "Her roommate was from Alaska, a place that interested me. Bola thought it amusing that I had so many questions about a part of America that seemed to me as remote and exotic as Africa." Gertrude Hellmann Ginsburg chuckles at her memories of Bola and her friend Edna Akwiwu in Jordan House: "The warmth, the talent, the bravery of these two, whom one would find, with the television blaring on 'soaps,' knitting, plaiting and gossiping while studying their French."

Bola did encounter some obstacles in Northampton. Constance Zack recalls that she and Bola "were two of the very few students who could not pass the dreaded Smith College swim test — swimming five lengths of the huge Smith College pool and then, with your body clinging to life, staying afloat in the deep end for ten whole minutes with no chance of cheating. Our punishment was a remedial swimming course where we were taught a special side-stroke technique, which did the trick. We were so happy to pass that test!"

Bola died just a few weeks later. Her death shocked and saddened those who had known her, and had a profound and lasting effect on many classmates. Tru Ginsburg says her loss "has moved me in many of my career and personal choices." Josephine Northrup Chromy writes, "Her death has forever changed me. I am an adamant supporter of a woman's right to choose because of her." And Nancy Rose Chiswick, recalling Bola's "huge smile," writes that her death "inspired me to work for women's health care."

Nancy adds: "I remember how brave I thought her for coming so far away from home. I have often thought of the tragedy of losing her so young, when she might have made such a difference, both for her homeland and also for the world."
Smith broadened my horizons, taught me to ask better questions and to question easy answers and introduced me to a treasure trove of friends and role models. –Katherine Young McGhee

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Activities and Interests: Besides the drum-making and participating in drum circles, I am an AVID organic gardener — fruits, vegetables and multitudes of flowers. I am a longstanding ticket holder with the Boise Philharmonic and, for a shorter time, Idaho Shakespeare.
Career: I was in publishing, mostly college textbooks, for twenty-two years. Employers included Stanford’s Hoover Institution of War, Revolution and Peace; University of California Press; Mayfield Publishing. I had my own business, PinPoint Marketing, for eleven years. In Idaho I have done appointment setting in three high tech companies, the Better Business Bureau and now with JEX Staffing.

I was married for twenty years to Richard “Dusty” Rhodes, who grew up in Amherst, but whom I met in California. We have two children, Wendy and Spencer. The divorce was amicable and I have spent a number of holiday dinners with him, his second wife and my kids. I have not remarried. Wendy lives in Virginia and works with the FBI as a liaison between IT and the departments. Her son and daughter are my only grandchildren. Spencer lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and is a web designer.

In the winter following graduation, I flew to Cairo to see if the romance I’d had in Geneva had any future with Rudy, now attached to the Austrian Embassy. Although our relationship didn’t develop, there were some interesting adventures, one of which put us in the middle of modern history. On a day trip to Alexandria, we took the less-traveled desert road and passed an abnormal number of military tanks driving south. Ten days later, now back in the US, I read that Egypt had attacked Israel. We had seen the early stages of the Seven-Day War.

Another trip was to Hong Kong and then Beijing during the Tiananmen Square protests. We were there when the first set of troops was called in, local soldiers who refused to fire on students. Two days after we left, new troops were called in from Mongolia, strangers in Beijing with no misgivings about opening fire.

In 1989 I formed PinPoint Marketing, which I ran for eleven years. The company did very well until 9/11, when everything went south. I declared bankruptcy and lost both my company and my home. In 2002, I moved to Idaho and started over. I have worked in a number of positions here, all in high tech.

I had become involved with the Native American community, and when I made my first Native American drum, I was immediately asked to teach classes in California. Over ten years, my students made more than a thousand drums throughout Northern California. My drum circle of eight years included an important session on the Friday following 9/11. It was standing room only.
I resumed drum-making classes two years ago and now lead a drum circle again. My passion for nature has led me to organic gardening; I routinely harvest more than 300 pounds of fruits and vegetables, as well as all kinds of flowers.

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**Hester Bakewell (Sandy)**

Hester Livingstone Bakewell died on October 14, 2008, at home in Arlington, VA, of aggressive ovarian cancer diagnosed after she had survived breast cancer for 16 years.

Sandy was born in Hartford, CT, the daughter of Hester Adams Bakewell, Smith '34. Holly Harrison Gathright writes: "Hester invited me as she made her debut at a Debutante Ball in Hartford over freshman year Christmas break. I don't think she was happy at Smith but she looked lovely and was happy that evening." In the end, Hester chose not to stay at Smith. She went on to graduate with honors in 1969 from the University of Connecticut, and later earned a master's degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

For 12 years, she managed Seven Corners Animal Hospital in Falls Church, VA. "My life is full," she wrote in 1982, three years after a divorce. "I'm reaching for more work ... with teaching dog obedience, with keeping cats out of trouble, with computer programming courses, guitar lessons and church participation. I love it all." The computer studies led to a career change: For 15 years more, Sandy served as a programmer for companies, including General Electric, near the District of Columbia. She bred, raised, trained, owned and showed Belgian Malinois dogs, including two internationally accredited champions of whom she was especially proud: GRCH Allee Sablee Traveler and CH Tribal's Apache Scout.

Sandy was survived by two brothers, a sister and William Cunningham, her companion for 20 years.

**Jane Ballentine**

House: Northrop

**Sally BASSETT Dickeson**

House: Clark

- **Major:** Art

Sally Bassett Dickeson died of lung cancer on February 4, 2016, as this book was in production. She submitted the following essay just two months before her death:

This is not the essay I imagined writing. Having been diagnosed recently with Stage 4 metastatic carcinoma, I have been in Cape Cod Hospital for the past two weeks as we try to get my right lung functioning and pinpoint the primary source of the cancer. This is my fourth encounter with this disease. While it doesn't get any easier, it doesn't have the power over me that it once did.

It is probably not surprising that I am in a contemplative space. I have had an enjoyable, diverse
life full of wonderful experiences. Most of my lessons have come from adversity, for I have battled several addictions and am an incest survivor. Then there are my miscellaneous tilts with cancer, and I have also battled depression most of my life.

I have been blessed with a wonderful group of friends including Smith Clarkies. Although Smith provided a wonderful education, it is my friendships that I treasure. I believe to love and be loved are the greatest gifts one can receive, and I am grateful to have experienced both.

I love to explore different cultures, meet people, and learn. My first trip to Europe was as a Smithie. I was in the travel industry for many years and at that time traveled a lot with my husband. I took full advantage of each opportunity and have seen major parts of the world. Egypt, China, Israel and Vietnam were memorable trips.

Throughout my life, painting has provided me with a great means of expressing my creativity.

Currently, I am engrossed in portraiture, trying to capture the essence of each individual, but I also love landscapes. Cape Cod, with its unique light, provides numerous challenges. I recently took up jewelry and am enjoying making beaded necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

I am a naturally curious person and life offers any number of interesting and exciting avenues of exploration. All things engage me. One of my favorite memories is of hand feeding and helping to raise three zebras in Montana back in the nineties.

Although I am not a religious person, I consider myself a very spiritual one, and my beliefs have guided me, given me comfort and encouraged me to practice gratitude for each and every experience that has brought me to this moment in time.

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Children: Helen Eddy, 1979; Sarah Eddy Watts, 1982

Volunteer Service: Conservation Council of New Brunswick — secretary; Volunteer Centre of Charlotte — vice president and weekly volunteer; Friends of Ross Memorial Library; Laubach Literacy Council; New Brunswick Nature Trust, steward
Activities and Interests: Sailing, cross-country skiing, music (member Shiretown Singers, women’s choir)
Career: My longest job was 14 years as a fish inspector for Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans until the inspection branch joined the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. I was a specialist in shellfish safety, but I also had responsibility for inspecting processing plants and investigating consumer complaints. Previously I had worked as a biological technician, a tree planter and as a medical-research technician at various agencies for various lengths of time.

Susan and Wayne, Northern Territory, Australia
October 2015
I try to imagine the world my granddaughter will occupy. On the foundation we helped build, she can stand — and reach through glass ceilings and dream herself into whatever she will.

—Glenna M. Hazeltine

My journey to Canada began with a surprise phone call shortly after graduation. The Boston office of the Grenfell Mission in Newfoundland and Labrador offered me a job as a clinical lab technician, a summer job I’d been doing since high school, and I took off on an adventure. I spent the summer in St. Anthony, Newfoundland, but returned in the fall to Boston and three years in various medical research labs, hiking in the White Mountains nearly every weekend and participating in anti-war activities. The political scene was depressing, and I really wanted to move back to Canada. I also realized that there were probably ways of spending more time working outdoors if I got away from medical research.

I found a job in the zoology lab at the University of Manitoba and immigrated in 1970. As an immigrant I was only able to find short term jobs, so, while waiting for citizenship I studied for an M.Sc. in zoology. I found a project the province would support — on the population of leopard frogs in a large marsh on Lake Manitoba — which allowed me to spend three summers chasing frogs through the marsh. During one of the short term jobs, I met Wayne, whom I married in 1973, and, yes, we still are married.

Tired of summers in field camps and longing to be nearer the ocean, we moved back to the east coast, where we bought a fixer-upper house five miles from St. Andrews, New Brunswick, and raised our two daughters. Our working lives have been varied and rewarding. Wayne built us two boats, the larger of which we sailed to Cuba 11 years ago, living aboard for a year. He has since taken up blacksmithing and has built a new shop for that. I worked for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on herring populations, acid rain studies, and for 14 years as a fish inspector, specializing in shellfish safety.

I’ve spent the years since retirement volunteering, traveling, gardening, singing, skiing and sailing. We also now have three young grandchildren, one in Halifax and two in the Yukon. I thought I had left Smith behind forever but have attended four mini-reunions of Baldwin classmates and have reestablished friendships. Two of my closest Baldwin friends have died in this time, but many of the rest of us are trying to get to the 50th reunion.

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Career: I am a landscape/garden designer with my own practice in New York City and environs. Prior to changing to this career in 1986, I was a banker with Citicorp.

As a banker-turned-landscape-designer, I believe that "a picture is worth a thousand words." Here's a graphic depiction of my life since Smith:
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S/P Occupation: Law professor
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S/P Graduate School: Harvard Law School, LL.B., 1968
Children: Nancy, 1970; Mary Sarah, 1972; Louise, 1977
Volunteer Service: Church, 1970 to present; husband's political campaigns, 1974 to present
Honors and Awards: Honorary Founder, Beacon Academy
Activities and Interests: Swimming, gardening, quilting, singing, cooking
Career: After a disastrous start working at New England Telephone (bureaucracy, rigid rules, etc.), I got my teaching degree at Tufts. I taught English and Social Studies at a Newton Middle School, then switched to independent school (Park School) as an administrator and ended as teacher/administrator at Beacon Academy, a school for underserved city kids.

Fifty years ago I was concerned about not having a "ring by spring" (and no prospects on the horizon). I had a job in Boston but an uncertain career, and I had just begun walking without crutches, having broken both legs in January on a blind date at Mount Snow. Not very promising in May 1966. Happily all three situations improved within three years, and I've fulfilled many of my dreams since then.

The basics: I married Lisle Baker, raised three daughters, spent 35 years working with middle school students and survived three bouts of breast cancer and a stroke. (While my first bout was at 41, being a cancer survivor doesn’t define me, and I rarely think about it except at annual checkups). Along the way I also devoted some time to exercise, hobbies, volunteering, always hanging the laundry outside but rarely keeping a neat and clean house.

Since retirement in June 2015, I've begun to reflect on what I value most in my 70 years. Not surprisingly, family comes first. I was fortunate that my parents lived well into their eighties and were very much part of our lives; our children remember them fondly. My father, who loved Father's Weekend at Smith, especially delighted in conspiring with our oldest daughter to be subversive at home.

While I probably complained too much about driving kids to soccer practice, piano lessons, and stores for last minute attire/prop needs, I almost always could count on Lisle to help out due to his flexible schedule as a law professor (Suffolk University). There were times when the girls were in three different schools, our vacations did not coincide and sharing the telephone (no cell phones then!) was a big issue, but we managed to hang together with stubborn determination, love and a few counseling sessions. ... And now we're rewarded with grandchildren! I am Gran/Granny Apple/GeeGee (hard G).

Finally, Facebook: In spite of its potential perils,
it is a wonderful tool personally and professionally. Staying in touch with extended family, friends, Smith classmates and 170 city kids who comprise Beacon Academy alumni is important to my well-being. My life has been especially enriched by all the alums, who trust me regardless of our differences (I am old, white and suburban), and I treasure my connections with them. I only wish I had experienced cultural and racial diversity earlier in life.

Smith’s diverse student body today is my ideal.

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Honors and Awards: Neighborhood Press Association, various awards for arts column Muse News
Activities and Interests: Reading, writing, knitting, study and practice of raja yoga

After Smith I came to Minneapolis with a teaching assistantship in sociology at the University of Minnesota, followed by a couple years as a research assistant studying the New Careers program, which helped low-income people attend college. From there I migrated to Head Start — beginning as a social worker, I helped my “clients” take over the program for themselves and then spent a year as a teacher in the Year Round program before moving on to be a sociologist at a local research institute.

In 1971 I met my yoga teacher — Usharbudh Arya, a Sanskrit professor at the U who was teaching meditation classes at night attended by hundreds in those idealistic hippie days — and found the path my life would take. Raja yoga seemed to me to have answers to “life’s perplexing questions” (as our local radio philosopher Garrison Keillor put it), and I am still studying it. Eventually my teacher became a swami and was given the name Swami Veda because he was among the world’s foremost authorities on ancient Vedic philosophy. He was also a great teacher who spent his life setting up meditation centers in 25 countries and advocating for world peace until his death this past July. With his encouragement, I went back to graduate school, switching from sociology to journalism/ed psych and completing a study on the effects of meditation in treating chemical dependency.

A divorce brought some changes in my life — a house of my own and varied jobs, including cook and baker at a vegetarian restaurant collective, bookkeeper/accountant, program evaluator, freelance journalist and community organizer. In 1999 my father came to live with me, and the demands of caregiving clashed with my work. With my neighbor
I'd been slowly building a cabin near the North Shore of Lake Superior in my spare hours, and it came to a choice between the house in Minneapolis and the cabin. I chose the cabin and sold my house. There was no place here in Grand Marais for my dad, so he moved to a wonderful assisted living home in Minneapolis while I moved to my unfinished cabin — hardly more than a plywood shell — where I lived for ten years without walls, floors or indoor plumbing until it was finally renovated. I worked as housekeeper, guardian ad litem, newspaper correspondent and secretary to a sewer district — mostly part time — until retirement in 2013, when I also visited Swami Veda's ashram in Rishikesh, India.

Retirement? I am now trying to finish a memoir about that trip and help with the editing and publishing of Swami's old lectures. Retirement means doing what I choose to do, not what others tell me to do.

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Arlene Belsky (Joy)

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Arlene Joy Belsky died on December 14, 2001, of breast cancer.

One of Joy's Tyler housemates, Margot Mayer Burwood, remembers her as "upbeat and happy." Stephanie Gerard found her greatly entertaining: "Such a funny girl was Joy! Her look, her Texas/Jewish accent! Such a character, wouldn't have been great on Saturday Night Live!" Linda Siegel Zengerle agrees, adding: "When Joy told me something, I knew I could believe it." And Margaret Naeser, who spent junior year abroad with Joy in Germany, at the University of Hamburg, was struck by Joy's "deep interest in plants." It turned out to be a passion she pursued well after graduation.

Classmate Marilyn Schwartz Lloyd wrote a memorial for Joy in the Smith Alumnae Quarterly: "She was endowed with a brilliant mind, a fine sense of humor and the ability to make what she said or wrote interesting. She was a grassland scientist-scholar-activist-feminist, publishing more than 45 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters. We were roommates in 1962 and friends for 40 years.

"She joined the Peace Corps in Kenya after college and convinced me to join her to teach there. She received her master's from the Yale School of Forestry and her doctorate from the University of Washington, where she met her husband, fellow ecologist Bob Amundson. For 10 years, she studied the grasslands of Africa under national research grants. Her final position was as a scientist-advocate for the Oregon Natural Desert Association. A scientist and fighter until the end, she and her husband traveled throughout the United States while she submitted to clinical trials in her fight against breast cancer."

After her death, the board of directors of the Sierra Club passed a memorial resolution. It read, in part: "All of those who worked with Joy — or who were touched by her in even the smallest way — will miss her tremendously. But her presence lives in our hearts and in the land she loved and sought to help heal."

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S/P Occupation: Video Producer
S/P College: Yale, B.A., Political Science, 1969
S/P Graduate School: Clark University, M.A., Government and International Relations, 1973

Volunteer Service: Secretary, Washington National Opera; Advisory Director, The Metropolitan Opera; Trustee, Center for Hearing and Communication, New York City

Honors and Awards: Department of State Distinguished Service Award
Activities and Interests: Opera, music, travel
Larry and I met on a blind date to play bridge, a skill acquired at Smith, of course. One regret is that we met too late to have children. Our current life is one rich in travel and culture. We are involved in arts organizations both in Washington D.C., our home city, and in New York, where we have a part-time residence. I remember a course on opera I took at Smith. It has led to a life-long passion for this art form.

A Smith education gave me all the tools I needed to succeed in academia, government and philanthropy. Tools alone, however, are not enough to guarantee a happy, fulfilled life. For that one needs an open mind and a bit of luck. I strive for the former and am grateful for the latter.
If a marriage survives the loss of a child, it can survive almost anything. We try to live life a little better having had her in our lives. –Kathryn Gardner Sommers

Volunteer Service: I have served over the years on the boards of my children’s day care center and of my synagogue. I currently serve on the board of Jewish Family and Children's Service, chair a committee there and serve on several other committees. I also volunteer with committees at my synagogue that support people who are ill or bereaved.

Activities and Interests: My husband and I travel several times a year. I enjoy biking, walking, cooking and reading. I am one of the organizers of my book group. I go to my gym five or six mornings a week. I take a variety of classes through my synagogue.

Career: I earned a Ph.D. and worked for more than 25 years in the arena of social policy research and administration. Prior to going to graduate school, I worked briefly in publishing and low income housing development.

Following graduation I entered a doctoral program in social work and sociology at the University of Michigan. Unfortunately, I was frustrated with the work, as though I were trying to put Band-aids on gaping wounds. When I left Ann Arbor, I moved to Boston and worked for a number of years in publishing, then in low-income housing development.

In 1968, I married Benjamin Perlman, who had just begun teaching mechanical engineering at Tufts. In 1974 after my daughter Elizabeth was born, I returned to graduate school, this time at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, so that I could learn how to influence policy, not just apply those Band-aids. My second daughter, Deborah, was born four years later, the semester I completed my course work. At the Heller School I focused on public policy and the family, receiving my Ph.D. in 1985.

Having written my dissertation on programs for pregnant and parenting teenagers, I worked in that field for three years, as the director of a consortium of agencies based at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Although I developed a new, federally-funded program, the consortium was de-funded, leading me to move into a new area of social policy, behavioral healthcare, in which I specialized until 2012, when I retired. I worked initially for a statewide trade organization that represented behavioral healthcare providers, then for a large provider organization and finally for a small consulting firm that specialized in supporting change management and quality improvement efforts with public agencies and private providers.

My husband retired from Tufts after forty years and now works part time at the US Department of Transportation Research Center. Our daughter Elizabeth (Tufts, B.A., 1996; Simmons, M.LIS., 2002), a librarian, lives in Hamilton, New York, where her wife serves as a chaplain at Colgate University. They have two small children. Deborah (Haverford, B.A., 2000; UCLA, M.P.P., 2006) lives in Washington, D.C. and works in international development.

For the past fifteen years my volunteer work has been focused in the Jewish community, with my synagogue and especially with Jewish Family and Children's Service, a $30-million agency that works throughout much of eastern Massachusetts. I have served on the committee that advises its Department of Evaluation and Learning for several years, chaired that committee since 2009 and served on the board since 2009, currently as clerk of the board.

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Activities and Interests: Historical reads, homemaking, gardening
Career: Happily retired, mother of five wonderful sons, grandmother of a baker’s dozen, born-again and an enthusiastic student of the Word of God

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Spouse/Partner: Gene McHam, 1978

S/P Occupation: lawyer
S/P College: Miami University, B.A., English
S/P Graduate School: Columbia University, J.D.
Children: Emily Lambert, 1974; Julia Wilk, 1976
Activities and Interests: Tennis, reading
Career: I am a college professor working full-time as an art historian at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

Looking back, it’s been a wonderful life with only a few bumps. After graduation, I went to Florence for six weeks on a Michelangelo seminar with James Holderbaum. The experience confirmed my desire to continue in Renaissance art history and to teach. I even became a specialist in Italian Renaissance sculpture as he was. I finished an M.A. at the Institute of Fine Arts, in 1968, while working at the Frick to support myself and got married to a medical student I’d met on a blind date. We then moved to Cleveland where he did his internship, and I got a job teaching at Kent State, unfortunately, at the very time of the Vietnam War protests and the student murders. My first daughter was born there.

We moved back to NYC for his residency, and I found part-time teaching in CUNY, first hired by Mervin Jules, formerly of Smith. I also finished a Ph.D. and gave birth to a second daughter. The marriage broke up soon thereafter, and, at about the same time, I was hired at Rutgers University where I have taught ever since. For about eight years I was a single mother; it was a scramble to be there for my kids, have a demanding job and commute to New Brunswick. I was lucky to make my own hours, and I had supportive friends. I dated but was happy to
remain on my own. Then, much to my surprise, I met
my husband Gene at a specialized academic confer­
ence in North Carolina. To our mutual amazement,
we discovered that we lived eight blocks apart in
Brooklyn — a sign. We married a year later, twenty­
eight years ago. Gene became a wonderful father to
my girls, and I had the pleasure of knowing his three
children.

I’ve loved teaching. It’s exhilarating to be around
young adults, although if I never hear the words
‘like’ or ‘awesome’ again, I’ll be happy. I also very
much enjoy doing research and writing, but my
favorite professional activity is to look at works of
art. Gene and I have traveled often, especially to Italy
and France. He’s as avid a student of history and art
as I am. My daughters have been all a parent could
dream, and I adore them. I even have three grand­
children and five step-grandchildren; I think the
world of them and just wish they all lived closer, and
I could see them more often.

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S/P College: State University of New York Maritime
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Children: Elizabeth Ives, 1973; Nathaniel Ives, 1974
Grandchildren: Eleanor, 2005; Stella, 2015

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Honors and Awards: Several art awards for my land
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Love
Activities and Interests: Painting, gardening, reading,
cooking
Career: Trained as a clinical child psychologist, I
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Department and then in private practice for over 27
years. Moving to Maine in 1999, I took up my other
love, visual art. Since then I have been a profession­
al artist, showing and teaching in MidCoast Maine. I
have written and illustrated two books, “Rad Art: A
Journey Through Radiation Treatment” and “Daniel
and His Starry Night Blanket: A Story of Illness and
Sibling Love.” The second was self-published in
August 2015. My goal is to get it to the families it
could help who are on a harrowing journey through
a child’s catastrophic illness. The books are written
under my art name, Sally Loughridge.

The request to write an essay quickly took me
back to Smith and the excitement of having the
leisure (although it did not feel like leisure then) to
explore many new ideas. Yet writing an essay sum­
marizing 50 years is daunting. My life has been full
and fulfilling, despite a marriage ending in divorce,
the sudden death of my second husband and
most recently having breast cancer. I am now
remarried and happily living in Maine pursuing
a new career as a visual
artist. My children
Elizabeth and Nathaniel
are both parents and
doing well in their pur­
suits. The joy of having
two granddaughters is
immense, although I
worry about the world into which they were born, its
endless conflict and our negative impact upon the
climate and environment. I know that for my grand­
kids and all children, a liberal education is one key
to their survival, fulfillment and contribution to the
world.

Art connects me to nature, directly and intimate­
ly, but also in a more spiritual way. I have painted
since early childhood. Still, my heart is never far
from the families I worked with as a clinical psychol­
ogist in Vermont, where I often used drawing and
painting as a way to connect with anxious or resist­
ant children.

When I was in radiation treatment after surgery
for cancer, art helped me cope with intense feelings.
Immediately after treatment on each of 33 consecu­
tive days, I created a small painting in under 20 min­
utes, hoping that this process would help me both
express and better understand my emotions. Later,
after I was urged to share this visual log with others,
it became a book, Rad Art: A Journey Through
Radiation Treatment, published by the American
What a large part luck plays in life. When and where you are born, who you parents were are things you can't control. I have been very fortunate. –Karen Sargent Sirkin

Cancer Society in 2012. I subsequently gave a series of talks on the restorative power of art, in whatever genre, and used my book as an example.

Recently I returned to a children's book I had begun to write about a young boy's development, reflected in the changing use and need for his security blanket. Because of my own heightened sensitivity to cancer and empathy for those going through it, I changed the book's focus to the story of a very small child whose big sister struggles with cancer. From my own education and experience, I know the degree to which the problems of one child impact all the other members of the family. I loved painting this family as I imagined them bravely, creatively facing challenges during their daughter's illness. Daniel and His Starry Night Blanket is available on www.amazon.com and my website, www.sallyloughridge.com.

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Edith Blumenthal McCharen died on May 21, 2010, of colon cancer.

Cutter housemate Ella May Thomson Wulff writes: "Although Edie was a math major, and I majored in botany, both science related, in most other things we were opposites. Edie was outgoing, a party girl; I was introverted. Edie stayed up late; I went to bed early. She loved to drink; I am a teetotaler. Edie was good at bridge ... I refused to learn to play bridge. Yet somehow, we clicked. We always had something to talk about, and both of us were lost if we got stuck during dinner at a table full of art history majors.

"Edie quickly went through all the math courses offered at Smith and then took graduate math courses at UMass. She graduated from Smith magna cum laude, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and won a National Science Foundation fellowship."

After earning her doctorate in mathematics at Louisiana State University, Edie taught at Northern Illinois University. Her initial interest in pure math led to an interest in computer operating systems, and after leaving the university she worked in Silicon Valley for a number of years. After a divorce, she moved to Florida to be near her parents, and for ten years served as an IT consultant for GTE (now Verizon). "Edie was a bubbly yet earnest person with a lot to offer the world," writes Ellas May Wulff. "Her idea of fun was taking apart the control on a defunct electric blanket to see how it worked. If she were at Smith today, she would undoubtedly be an engineering major."

A year after being downsized by Verizon, Edie was diagnosed with the cancer that eventually killed her. She endured four operations, but finally chose to enter hospice care, dying less than a month later.

She was survived by her parents and two sisters.

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Spouse/Partner: Thomas Randall Holahan, 1969
S/P College: Yale University, B.A., English, 1963
S/P Graduate School: Yale University, M. Phil., Philosophy, 1970; Yale University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 1972
Children: Dana Elizabeth Holahan, 1974; Erica Crawford Holahan, 1976; Kerry Jessica Holahan, 1979
Since leaving Smith I have done graduate work in music, urban education, paralegal studies and the teaching of English as a Second Language, and have had a plethora of volunteer experiences, sometimes raising significant sums of money and sometimes just getting good ideas off the table and ridiculous ideas out the window. I have listened to and performed music, traveled (in the US, China and Chile several times, Europe, Russia), moved within New Haven three times and just sat in the backyard reading, mostly history.

On consideration, only two parts of these 50 years really matter to me: one is my children and grandchildren, and the other is the death of my husband, Tom. My children are a source of pride, exasperation, financial drain, excitement, celebration, collaboration, astonishment, education, comfort, gourmet food, creative energy, musical ensembles, fatigue, blessings and continual wonder. I am thankful that my granddaughters provide much the same, except on a smaller and noisier scale.

Tom was entertaining, occasionally helpful and super intelligent. He hated to travel or cook. He would read all day or talk about sailing. He fought for peace and justice in New Haven, taught science and philosophy. He was always on the edge of severe depression or outrageous mania. His death forced me, and to a lesser extent, forced our daughters to regroup in ways we had not expected or prepared for.

I established a fund in his memory and try to follow some of the paths he carved in New Haven. He wanted to repair the world. With help from my children and grandchildren, I have been involved in this effort, too. We have grumpy days and cheerful ones, but I am hopeful that the laugh-filled days will prevail.

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Spouse/Partner: Michael M. Wilson, 1967
S/P Occupation: Proprietor MacLaren Wine Specialists
S/P College: Ohio State, B.A., Linguistics, 1971
Children: Bennett Chamberlin Wilson, 1973; Molly Wilson Gassaway, 1977
Grandchildren: James MacLaren Wilson, 2004; Quinn Chamberlin Gassaway, 2009; Miles Coleman Gassaway, 2012

Because I love my Morrow House classmates, I shall not embarrass them by not writing. I have been so fortunate in my life, with wonderful parents who supported me, and wonderful friends who tolerated me and made me laugh. I have had the blessings of an appreciative husband and delightful children who wonder why I went to "that lesbian college."

Compared to those who have attained academic stature through their talents and efforts, I am humbled. My admiration for them is unbounded. Though I feel I have been outstanding in my chosen fields, I realize that this is probably not what Smith had in mind when they accepted me.

I am not the ambassador to anywhere, nor is my husband. My children didn't go to Ivy League schools. We are all healthy and happy with our spouses and beautiful, bright grandsons. I continue to work because I love the daily contact with people and because I love the satisfaction of making people happy. I also like having the extra dollars to indulge our desires for travel. (We were to be in Paris this week but had to cancel due to the attacks.)

I mourn the death of my roommate, Carrie Lewis. Ours was a wonderful, if checkered, relationship. We thought we were so damn funny with our Lily Tomlin schticks, and I guess we really were. And that was just the beginning. We had two years of entertainment and yet we managed to graduate.

I treasure, above all, the extraordinary friendships that endure from my years at Smith. They are a huge part of what I am today. Much love to you all.

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Sarah '92, Hannah '99, Jo '66

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Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: David L. Thornton, 1966
S/P Occupation: Teacher, Journalist
S/P College: Eastern New Mexico University, B. A., English, Theater, 1961
S/P Graduate School: Eastern New Mexico University; Middlebury College
Children: Sarah, 1970; Hannah, 1977
Grandchildren: Soren Lundquist, 2009; Rosemary Davis, 2015

Volunteer Service: Cambridge (NY) District United Fund; Cambridge, NY Outdoor Concert Series;

We will celebrate our 50th in September, 2016
Cambridge Veterans' Memorials — committee to construct, raise $5; also gardener; Literacy Volunteers of Southwest Florida; Researcher/Narrator for patriotic concerts by American Patrol Band, Ft Myers, FL

Honors and Awards: NDEA grant Syracuse University 1968; NEH grant Columbia University 1987; Greater Capital District Golub Corporation Teacher Recognition Award: four-time recipient; Yearbook dedication: Hoosick Falls Central School 1998

Activities and Interests: Lap swimming, tennis, Sunday NY Times crossword (have missed fewer than ten since Smith years), reading fiction and nonfiction


Fifty in Fives

1966-71: Marriage to David Thornton; start of teaching career; death of father; birth of Sarah (Smith '92)

1971-76: Wife, mother, educator; continuing graduate hours for teaching certification

1976-81: Great 10th reunion; birth of Hannah (Smith '99)

1981-86: Continuing as wife, mother, educator; pride in the graduation of one my students from Smith

1986-91: Series of very scary TIA's; began the AP program at Hoosick Falls Central; became reader for AP U.S. History exams; death of mother

1991-96: Sarah's graduations from Smith and University of Washington Law School; sudden onset of rheumatoid arthritis

1996-2001: Hannah's graduation from Smith and M.S. from Florida International; retirement after 34 years of teaching; became College Board consultant; began life as a "snowbird"

2001-2006: Retirement with lots of tennis, swimming, volunteer work

2006-2011: Retired from reading AP exams but still administering College Board workshops; grandson Soren born 2009 (Sarah and Erik); became permanent Florida resident

2011-2016: Hannah's marriage where my husband led the proccessional playing (among other things) "Gaudeamus Igitur" on the tuba; College Board consulting; birth of granddaughter Rosemary 2015 (Hannah and Daniel); Smith 50th!

And since I started this memoir with my marriage, I will end it with the fact that Dave and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary in September, 2016.

And that's my fifty year journey in a nutshell. I can truthfully say that I have been a decent and loving mother and wife. I also loved teaching and was pretty darn good at it. I am now 72, and I firmly believe I have earned ALL my wrinkles.

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S/P Occupation: Bird Biologist

S/P College: Ohio Univeristy, B.S., Zoology, 1963

S/P Graduate School: U. of Southern Florida, M.S., 1970


Grandchildren: Oliver Updyke, 2005; Solvi Updyke, 2008; Lucy Sheldon, 2014

Volunteer Service: Herring Ponds Watershed Association, Chair of Membership

Activities and Interests: Birding, travel

Career: After I had raised my three children, I began work, at the age of fifty-nine, at a 40-year old conservation sciences organization, the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences in Plymouth, MA. Manomet runs one of the oldest bird-bandmg stations in America and is a leader in shorebird conservation in the Americas. My job as executive assistant included writing many operating grants a year for the organization, organizing...
meetings, recording board minutes, running a brown-bag lunch series and helping with stewardship activities (field trips for donors). I loved my job, my colleagues and discovered that I had a latent ambition to do as well as I possibly could. Who would have guessed all this after sixty?

Because I am recovering from a total knee replacement only five weeks ago, I am confined to quarters while my bird biologist husband is in Mexico for the week leading a workshop. My husband and I love to travel and bird, so my new knee will be a huge help in that regard. In our six years of marriage, we have traveled to many countries chasing birds.

Regarding the Smith years, several things come to mind. First, I roomed with sophomores and so did not get to know my own classmates as well as perhaps I could. Second, I struggled academically in my first semester, like so many others from small towns. I recall that whole period as a kind of paralysis — how to take notes, how to use the library, how to write a paper, how to study for an exam. Nevertheless I adjusted after the initial disaster and felt I was cruising by the end of my sophomore year. At that point I went to Rhode Island School of Design where I quickly discovered that I did not enjoy doing visual things for the whole day. I left after one year, married, worked at a small town newspaper, had a daughter, then went back to finish my undergrad degree at Boston University. A final thing about Smith that remains with me is the quality of the courses, particularly the beautifully-crafted art history course. I judged all future coursework by this standard.

The middle chapter of my life revolved around raising my family of, by that time, three children. We lived mostly on Bainbridge Island, WA, where my husband worked for the Port of Seattle. There were many challenges, but my sister had advised me to "follow your star," in terms of finding my own interests in WA. Of the several evening courses at U Wash in Seattle, a ferry ride away, I loved physical anthropology, but I also took courses in ornithology and wildlife management. Later on, I took a year-long extension course in Wetland Sciences and Management. All of these sustained me.

Chapter Three of my life: In 1995, after nineteen years of marriage, my husband and I divorced, a life change that opened up new doors for me. I decided it was okay to leave the boys, now fledged, to go back East to be more involved with my daughter and her family. I found a fantastic job that somehow made sense of all the natural history courses I had taken. I fell in love and married a great partner, Brian. Most of all, my life became intentional once I learned that I was in charge of reaching my goals.

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Ellen Borie (Lendy)

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Major: Mathematics

Ellen Borie died on June 9, 1970, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Her sister, Edith Borie (Smith ’64), wrote the following:

Lendy was driving to Charlottesville, VA to visit our aunt and uncle, when a car coming at a much-too-high speed went out of control and hit her head-on. She died a few days later without ever regaining consciousness.

Lendy graduated from Smith summa cum laude and spent the following year at the University of Manchester on a Fulbright Fellowship. Diana Gould White, also a fellow, recalls her "wonderful, wry sense of humor," a sentiment echoed by Laraine Leberfield Fergenson, who recalls that humor at work on Rally Day shows.

At the time of her death, Lendy was working on a Ph.D. in mathematics at Harvard. We didn't see much of each other, since we were both busy at widely separated locations, but we had common interests, since I was active in theoretical physics, a form of applied mathematics.

Lendy always had a talent for getting the best out of other people. As Josephine Manigault Chromy wrote, "She always had a smile and a kind word." Morris housemate Florence Einhorn Farber called her "very smart in an unpretentious way." She was an avid participant in sports — "a wickedly good tennis player," writes Judith Johnson Ramaglia. "No one could have asked for a more generous, inspiring and unassuming team leader," writes Pamela A. Schwarz.

Lois Hoffman Thompson, who named her daughter Ellen with Lendy in mind, called her "the perfect combination of athlete and scholar. Susie Bodine Holahan met Lendy as a freshman, working on Float Night: "She was, even then, on her way to
I look back without bitterness or regret at an immensely satisfying life ... a life of rewarding work and a rewarding private life — my keys to happiness. — Gail Kern Paster

being a singularly special talent in the field of mathematics." A fellow math major, Nancy Mendell Role adds: “Although she was far more talented than I was, she was always willing to work with me. I am sure that she would have been a successful academic had she lived, and a great role model.”

I asked James Callahan, an instructor at Harvard when Lendy was there (now professor emeritus in Smith's mathematics department), for his reminiscences. He wrote: “She was the only woman I recall in that first year. She was very respected by her peers. While there, I took up squash, and got beat soundly by her a couple of times. I wasn't that bad; she was very good.” Later, he learned that Lendy had persuaded Smith to hire him.

Our stepsister, Helen, remembers Lendy's fairness: “She never made me or others feel dumb in spite of the fact that she was so intelligent.”

When I told her of Lendy's death, Professor Alice Dickinson, her Smith mentor, said simply, “What a waste.” But perhaps not entirely. Our father and I decided that Lendy's share of his estate should be donated to Smith. Mrs. Dickinson suggested that the mathematics department could use financial support for students who needed it. The result was the Ellen Borie Fund, which to this day supports deserving mathematics students.

Yvette Bouchard

Yvette Bouchard died on May 30, 2014 of cancer, at home in Round Pond, ME.

Yvette was born and raised in Marblehead, MA. To housemate Margaret Naeser, she seemed a bit exotic: “Yvette was one of the first people I met, the first day in Ziskind House. Her room (shared with Nancy Dowd) was directly across the hall from mine (shared with Carrie McGrath Staples) on the 3rd floor. I remember thinking I have never heard English spoken this way! Since I was from Virginia, she undoubtedly found my accent to be quite different, too. I remember her always having a sophisticated, French-style haircut.”

At Smith, Yvette majored in art and studied printmaking with Leonard Baskin. After graduation, she attended the Yale University summer school of music and art, and studied creative arts at the New York University Graduate School of Education.

She and her husband, Eric Michelsen, followed their artistic dreams, which took them west for a period — to Flagstaff and Sedona, AZ, and to Santa Fe and Pecos, NM — then back to Cape Cod, MA. There, they owned and operated a framing business and art gallery, where they showcased their own work and represented a dozen other artists. They moved to Maine in 2006 and opened another version of the gallery. Paula Protze Titon recalled: “Yvette reentered my life when I moved to Maine. She and Eric, both accomplished artists, were running their own framing business in Waldoboro, where I now live, and we began to see each other occasionally for coffee or lunch. Betsy Walker White would join us too. Sadly, Yvette was diagnosed with a nasty cancer a few years after I moved here and despite a valiant fight succumbed to it. However we had some lovely lunches reminiscing and catching up before it came to that.”

She was survived by Eric, her husband and partner of 30 years, and also by a sister and two nieces.

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Volunteer Service: In Houston, I was a member of Women of Vision, a group that raised funds annually for World Vision's work in El Salvador. In the countryside, WV administered micro loans to help women start small businesses. It built wells and brought clean water and sanitation to villages. I sponsored a child and visited El Salvador to see the work of World Vision firsthand.
Skiing with Tucker in Aspen

Honors and Awards: A series on the Norwalk (CT) Crisis Center for battered women won honorable mention for the Westport News.

Activities and Interests: In 2008 I went to the Middle East and was fortunate to tour Syria before the recent civil war. I saw the Roman ruins of Palmyra, now captured by ISIS, Homs, and Damascus. The country seemed impoverished even then, in stark contrast to the beauty of neighboring Jordan. Now there is a crisis of refugees.

Career: For eleven years after college, I worked at Newsweek and Saturday Review in New York City. Later I worked at the Westport News (CT) as writer/reporter.

Looking back, I feel the time has flown. Our class has witnessed amazing changes: from the women's movement, the march on Washington to today's instant global internet communications.

After Smith and a crash secretarial course, I worked at Newsweek and Saturday Review in New York for 11 years as researcher/reporter. At Newsweek, I was able to interview the Beatles when they launched Apple, jazz great Charles Mingus, pediatrician Benjamin Spock, Mrs. Bob Hope and Alex Haley, author of Roots. It was a time of change when Newsweek's women employees sued for, and won, equal opportunity to become writers and editors.

When my son Tucker was born, my husband and I moved from New York to Westport, CT, and I was fortunate to have time at home when the two children were young. Westport was a great place to raise them, with good schools, town soccer leagues, tennis and beach school.

In 1990 I went back to work for the local Westport News as writer/reporter and wrote six articles a week. It really was fun. There were rabid raccoons in Weston, dogs that fell through the ice and were rescued by local heroes. There was a women's crisis center and a decorators' show house by Martha Stewart to benefit Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

In 1993, after a divorce, the children and I moved to Houston, TX, where my family was. The children went to nearby St. John's School, and I worked for a local paper.

Currently Tucker, 38, lives in Los Angeles and works for Veev Spirits LLC, a carbon-neutral spirit brand, which donates a percentage of sales to rainforest preservation. My daughter Kelly, 35, is in Cambridge, England, and works for the United Nations Environment Program. She completed a masters of biodiversity from Oxford. For UNEP she compiles reports for such organizations as CITES on endangered species and helps document wildlife trade for the E.U.

Recently I have been enjoying traveling. I went on an African safari to Tanzania and the Serengeti, where we saw towering giraffes eating the tops of trees and elephants bull-dozing them down. Living in tents, we had one bucket of hot water for a shower. We saw the black rhino, each with its own guard, in the Ngorongoro Crater. I also journeyed to India: to New Delhi, Jaipur, the Rathambore tiger preserve and the holy city of Varanasi. Fascinating!

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S/P Occupation: Retired
S/P College: Calif. State Univ, Humboldt, Arcata, CA, B.S., Wildlife Biology and Land Management, 1971

Career: Peace Corps Volunteer — two years; teacher for eight years; real estate attorney for 37 years, in U.S. and in Latin America and the Caribbean; Active volunteer at schools and church for many years; Emeritus member of the National Peace Corps Association; Founder of two local Returned Peace Corps Volunteer groups as well as past president of a third; founding member of the Association of Nicaraguan Investors and Developers.

Fifty years — what a lot has happened, yet 1966 seems like yesterday. Looking back on my stream of memories as I journey through the last 50 years:

The turbulent ’60’s and ’70’s — Marriage; graduation from University; Peace Corps in Colombia; life in rural California; first child; living in a commune; living off the land; called hippies; teaching; divorce; remarriage; acquiring two stepchildren; music inflicting my mind — Zeppelin, Dylan, Janis, Ian and Sylvia, Rod Stewart, Clapton, Beatles, Cash; marches against Vietnam with black armbands and peace symbols; first Earth Day; graduate school; law school; law degree; entering corporate life; corporate relocation to Colorado; beekeeping; bread making; beer making; backpacking; renewed passports; travel; second birth child — now we are 6.

The steady urban life ’80’s and ’90’s — briefcase carrying, suit-wearing corporate attorney, steadily advancing, made some firsts in the corporation — first female VP; first female regional counsel; first female regional director, but never breaking the glass ceiling; mentoring; corporate relocations to Southern California, New Orleans, US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico; children off to college; children’s weddings and divorces; first grandchild; exchange students; PTA; Girl Scouts; active in church; taught CCD; on board of directors for schools and for National Peace Corps Association (NPCA); started two different regional Returned Peace Corps Volunteer groups and president of three; last grandparents die; first parent dies; dance and piano recitals; soccer meets (state champions); wrestling matches; crew (rowing) son almost made the Olympics; travel.

The on-going 2000’s — corporate relocations to Florida and Nicaragua; more children’s weddings; five more grandchildren; first grandchild starts college; husband retires; I retire from corporate life but start a consulting business; volunteering at schools; on the Emeritus Board of the NPCA; founder of the Association of Nicaraguan Investors and Developers; two more parents die; personal relocation to Ecuador to be near youngest daughter and family, including three grandchildren; yet again soccer and T-ball and piano lessons; travel; best of all the senior discounts.

This stream of memories make me think, do I have regrets? Yes — I never learned to play the guitar and I haven’t finished my novel yet. But there is still time! The memories remind me of the 50 years of joys — my health and my husband’s health, my family and friends and our travel.

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Honors and Awards: Advisory board, Dalbar Financial Services Communications; member, Financial Women’s Association of New York; past member, Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association ad-hoc Investor Education Committee; participant – North America Securities Administrators Association 2014 Exam Development Program

Career: I’m an an executive with diversified experience: known for utilizing expansive industry knowledge to develop working partnerships to develop client-driven solutions. I've developed deep expertise in spearheading multiple initiatives with cross-functional teams; and am a strong
We loved the parenthood stage, but this stage, as grandparents, requires me to look for superlatives, there is so much joy in it. —Judith Bronstein Milestone

catalyst in effecting positive change by leveraging collaborative relationships. Over the years, I’ve developed an ability to conceptualize and communicate complicated ideas to both the firm’s internal and external clients. Began my career as sales assistant at Merrill Lynch in 1967 and have worked at Thomson McKinnon, Prudential Securities, Smith Barney and Morgan Stanley.

I’ve enjoyed working in the financial world for almost fifty years and have seen — and been part of — many of the massive sea changes in our industry. During the past half century, I’ve served on the Board of the Village Light Opera Group and performed in a variety of operettas from Gilbert & Sullivan to Victor Herbert. I’ve also been fortunate enough to have experienced a wide variety of travel adventures — snow-shoeing in -ten-degree weather in Canada; hiking in the Italian Lake District; glamorous cruises; rappelling down cliff sides; riding camels on the Tunisian coastline; herding cattle on horseback in Colorado on a working cattle ranch.

My life has had sadness, with the death of my mother from cancer, two years to the day after JFK was shot, and the untimely death of my younger sister, but it has also had the unexpected joy of “inheriting” my sister’s daughter as my own, along with two adorable grandchildren. And because of Oliver (our perfect star child, who just happens to have autism), I’ve seen the world through a magical filter of trust and beauty. He has changed me, changed how I see others and changed how I see the world.

Because life is a grand adventure, I still wake up each morning with anticipation of the surprises the day has in store. And every autumn, when New York City starts to turn yellow, orange and red, I’m sure I hear the bells announcing Mountain Day and long to relive those magical times.

I almost forgot to say that another way to capture the liveliness of the last half century is this: I lost sixty pounds, kept it off and gained a life.

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Children: Dylan, 1990

Volunteer Service: Political activist, mentor for writers/actors and currently mentoring children in after-school programs
Honors and Awards: Two Emmy awards for Daytime TV writing; one Writer’s Guild Award for Daytime TV writing; numerous nominations
Activities and Interests: Everything and anything that presents itself
Career: Actress (theater, TV, film); Writer (theater, TV)

The most important aspect of my life, to me, the ability and the willingness to accept change, ability to let go and keep open hands to accept the next thing that comes along. I credit that to my education, as much as anything. To be eternally curious, to suspend judgment as to what is “right” or “important.” To welcome discomfort, because it usually means I’m growing. To even welcome failure because it usually means I am challenging myself to grow.

I planned to enter law school after Smith. Instead, having been seen in an amateur theater production and recommended to Helen Hayes, I found myself a member of the Helen Hayes Repertory, with my first job being three months in Bermuda. Every time I started to think about a different path (social work, for example), an acting job would come out of the blue. I was spotted while playing an “extra” on a soap, and a year later I was highlighted in TV Guide as a known actress. After six years on TV, I longed to get back on stage and so I walked away from what could have been a lifetime career to go back to Shakespeare and Shaw.

In the ‘80’s, my then husband, also an actor, and I went to Los Angeles. I worked in primetime TV, guesting in such shows as Dallas and Hill Street.
Blues and The Jeffersons. I did theater, joining the Ensemble Studio Theater and dabbled in writing, just for the fun of it. Someone saw some of that dabbling, and in 1983 I was offered a contract writer's job on a soap opera. Change. Eighteen years later, I took early retirement from writing, with a healthy pension and lifetime health insurance and am back in the world of non-profit theater in New York City, writing, acting and producing.

My personal life has had its share of changes. Briefly married in 1969 to a man who was a terrible husband but has become a wonderful friend, I remarried in 1974 and was happily married for 27 years. We adopted a child in 1990, after much heartbreak of miscarriages and infertility. I have greatly enjoyed geriatric parenting. After our divorce, my son's father and I have parented with good will and open hearts.

I'm now starting a new chapter, which is writing a radio podcast drama. It's called The Armitage, so look for it. We're still in the early stages, but ready to pitch it to producers. Oh, and ten years ago I learned, through a genealogy search, that I am descended, on my father's side, from a slave on one of the Madison plantations in Virginia. Ah, diversity!

I love New York City, and I don't feel "retired." Too busy. I have a guest room that is often filled, but if you're coming my way, see if the beds are empty!

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the demolition of the Sumner School building at 17th and M. My other major accomplishment was securing approval to establish a competitive, "academic" public high school, Banneker High School, which is going strong.

After leaving the Board of Education I worked for two years for the American Bar Association as head of their Juvenile Justice Project until Lex's work for the Treasury Department took us to Paris for two years. Upon return, we cared for Lex's mother, who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, in our home. Meanwhile, we had two teenaged boys. It was a tough period for everyone.

I headed the International Law Section of the American Bar Association for several years but, when that ended, I went to paramedic school and became a lactation consultant as well. Working at Children's Hospital in their NICU for several years was the favorite job of my life.

Since then, we have made several trips to Myanmar in conjunction with Lex's work at the Brookings Institution. I am on the Board of Directors of the Pre-Collegiate Program, in Yangon, which has sent students to Smith and other top colleges in recent years.

Our children have prospered, and, of course, nothing brings us more joy than our four grandchildren, the youngest of whom is finally a girl. She is clearly destined for the Smith Class of 2028!

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Grandchildren: Ella, 2002; Adam, 2006; Oren, 2012

Volunteer Service: Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation;
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Honors and Awards:
Rema Lapouse Mental
Health Research Award
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Prusoff Award (Yale);
Hamilton Award
(American
Psychopathological
Association)

Activities and Interests:
Hosting concerts with
other musicians at my
home

Career: I have a Ph.D.
from Yale in epidemiology
and public health. I am currently Distinguished
Professor of Psychiatry and Preventive Medicine at
Stony Brook University and do research on mental
health in clinical and community populations.

I have lived the American dream. My parents
came here as refugees, losing their immediate fami-
lies. My two brothers and I were raised in public
housing and attended terrible public schools in our
blue collar town. I was destined to become either a
typist or a piano tuner, according to a vocational test
we took in high school. But my older brother had a
friend who went to Smith, and he decided that his
sister was going there as well. My mother says I got
into Smith because the admissions officer was
impressed with her determination!! And maybe she's
right. Anyway, by sheer luck, my mother got a resti-
tution check from Germany right after I got accepted, and that's what enabled me to enroll.

At Smith, I worked for a virologist who steered me to Yale, where I got my Ph.D. in epidemiology (I fell in love with epidemiology — who knew?). I also met my daughter's father there. We then headed to Stanford, where I did a postdoc, and my daughter was born. My first job was on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh, where I grew up — at least professionally.

After ten years of rich experiences, I moved to Stony Brook as a full professor and settled in for the long haul. Fast forward and my daughter, who has her Ph.D. in organizational behavior and studies gender differences in negotiations in the workplace (!) joined the faculty at Stony Brook, too. As far as I know, we are the only mother-daughter duo here.

I've had a wealth of extraordinary experiences, from meeting the man, who unchained the mental patients in Cali, Colombia, to working for 15 years with the leading human rights activist in Ukraine to breaking the ice with a Ukrainian colleague by playing four-hand Schubert duets with his wife. My first large-scale research project was on the psychological aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident (remember that?). It was followed by a similar study of Chernobyl evacuees in Ukraine. And that led to an op-ed on CNN/opinion and several meetings in Fukushima, which is not a place I would have otherwise visited — and it's very beautiful.

At Stony Brook, I also embarked on a long-term study of people admitted to psychiatric hospitals, a few edited book projects and lately studies of physical/mental health problems resulting from the World Trade Center implosion. I spend a lot of time writing but not about myself.

My three grandchildren live nearby, I have a beautiful Steinway and host house concerts with exceptional musicians. I remain friends with former students who have gone on to huge careers. I'm reasonably healthy. The bottom line is that there were down times and up times, but all in all, I am lucky in life.

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S/P Graduate School: U. Penn, M.S., Physiological Psych, 1967; U. Penn, M.D., Medicine (Neurology), 1971; U. Michigan, Intern, Medicine, 1972; Yale University, Resident, Psychiatry, 1977
Children: David, 1974
Grandchildren: Ella Kinsey Milestone, 2007; Chloe Tatum Milestone, 2010


Activities and Interests: Aqua aerobics, travel, crossword puzzles, world news and foreign policy, women's issues

Career: Current — UCLA teaching; retired as senior VP from CNN after 21 years; in early careers, worked for federal government and the Universities of Pennsylvania and Michigan

Looking back over fifty years is a challenge. It's been an adventure and privilege to share this journey with Ron, whom I met after my freshman year and married after graduation. All things being equal, this is not only our 50th college reunion year but our 50th wedding anniversary — both amazing markers. Our best work — we always said — was our son, Dave, who now, forty some years later, is a wonderful adult, father and our friend. Life has become even richer the last ten years with the addition of his wife, Alexis, and their two wonderful daughters, Ella and Coco. We loved the parenthood stage, but this stage, as grandparents, requires me to look for superlatives, there is so much joy in it. Several years ago, we moved to California to be closer to our family, and that proximity has rewarded us all with a strong everyday relationship.

Of course, our generation has benefited from the expanded opportunities afforded by the women's movement, and I was lucky enough to have several
interesting jobs, topped off by an exciting career. Twice I have worked in academia, first right after college in administration and now again teaching at UCLA. In between I did some research for the government, but my big job was with CNN, where my fortunes and the company's prospects grew over two decades and gave me a window on all the big news stories of my time.

While I was working, I had only limited opportunities to do public service, but right after "retirement," I was asked to serve on the U.S. Advisory Commission on the Arab and Muslim world and help think through some of the issues posed by the upheavals in that region of the world and their impact on our country.

To my great surprise, Ron and I have lived in seven states, eleven homes and three regions of the country. I once imagined I would return to Philadelphia or some place in the Northeast, but instead I have lived twice in the Midwest, spent most of my life in the Deep South, retired to the Far West. Throughout all this moving, no matter where we went, I have found wonderful Smith friends and connections, and this has reinvigorated my relationship to the college.

I served ten years on the Board of Trustees and chaired the Medal Committee, both of them roles that have given me a close view of the college I so admire. As a bonus, I have been part of several Smith trips over the past decade and made friends from different Smith classes and generations.

Looking ahead, we hope to keep our health, stay close to family and friends and tend our garden by the sea. Our Pacific sunsets are a great metaphor for this stage of our lives: hot, orange and fading ever so slightly into the horizon.

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Marital Status: Divorced

Volunteer Service: Calvary Episcopal Church: Altar Guild; bookstore (2005- ); bookstore board (2010- ); Education for Ministry, co-mentor (2015 )

Honors and Awards: Beta Phi Mu, 1982

Career: I found my true career later in life, after many years of graduate study of early modern European history. After obtaining my MLS from the University of Pittsburgh in 1982. I spent eighteen and a half years as a medical librarian, most of it at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh.

I worked first at Simplicity Pattern Company, then at the American Bible Society and then the Business Council for International Understanding. In 1970 I met my future husband (now ex-husband) and began graduate work in early modern European history at Hunter College and then at Columbia, earning an M.A. from each. After Columbia, I went to the Graduate School of CUNY. Although I passed the Ph.D. orals, I never wrote a dissertation and earned no degree there.

We moved to Pittsburgh in 1978. While married, I became familiar with the world of medicine, living through my husband's last year of medical school, internship and neurology residency. This was important in the direction my life took next. Our marriage, begun in 1972, ended 12 years later, in 1984.

While filling in for a vacationing librarian at a local hospital, I realized a love of library work and knew I wanted to become a medical librarian, in particular. Under the guidance of my BFF, Ellen Gay Detlefsen '68, I went to the University of Pittsburgh's School of Library and Information Sciences, and earned my M.L.S. in 1982. In this librarian-rich area, I was happy to find medical librarian positions at Forbes Regional Hospital and then at West Penn Hospital. I loved working in hospitals and filling the information needs of their clinical staffs.

My life in Pittsburgh, a wonderful, friendly city of neighborhoods, has been enriched by my friendship of 37 years with Ellen (known to her Smith housemates as Gay) and Ellen's husband, Charles Reynolds III. Through them I became addicted to Thousand Island Park, NY, a wonderful summer community on the St. Lawrence River, where my sister and I owned a summer cottage from 2002 to 2015.

Pittsburgh has enriched me, especially in my attendance and volunteer work at Calvary Episcopal Church. Completing the Education for Ministry program designed by the School of Theology of the University of the South and becoming a group co-mentor has been important to me.

The death of my sister, Julia Brooks '75 on July 4, 2014 has been a great sadness. I was glad I was able to be there for her, to use my familiarity with
Since 2009, I have been employed by FEMA as a Disaster Reservist. This makes my normally peaceful life pretty exciting. I never know when I will deploy. –Barbara Elston Measter

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Marital Status: Single

At graduation, I assumed my future would include marriage, children and perhaps a job related to art. Wrong! Instead I traveled, got a fancy M.B.A., worked as an executive at a large corporation and ended up where I started, in my childhood home in Tenafly, NJ. Here's how it went:

1960s — Lived in Copenhagen, working at local travel agency. Lived in Cambridge, MA working in local travel agency (into early 1970's); lots of trips around the world; hiking in New England;

1970s — Got M.B.A. from Tuck School, Dartmouth, Hanover NH. Lived in Stamford, CT and worked for AMF. Lived in Bronxville, NY and worked for Otis Elevator. Hiked and skied in NY area.

1980s — Lived in Somerville, NJ and worked for Ethicon, a division of Johnson & Johnson.


2000s — Retired from J&J. Had own consulting business. Moved back to Tenafly to care for aging parents. Hike and ski in NJ.


Overall, this has been a wonderful life. I have been blessed with good health, with career and financial success, a terrific extended family and loving friends. I've enjoyed many adventures in the outdoors and traveled to many interesting places. Maybe a husband and children would have also led to a happy life, but seeing other people with divorces, problems with kids — maybe not.

I believe that everything works out for the best in the end.

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S/P Occupation: Cardiologist
S/P College: Harvard, B.A., Biology, 1963
S/P Graduate School: Columbia Medical School (Physicians and Surgeons), M.D., 1966
Children: Jason, 1976; Amanda, 1979
Grandchildren: Isaac Nathaniel, 2014

Activities and Interests: Travel, tennis, reading, handcrafts, grandson, NYT crossword puzzles, and did I mention my grandson?

Career: I've always been in some aspect of the book business, first at Little, Brown, then at Houghton Mifflin, and, after a long hiatus to raise a family, I've been working at the largest indie book store in New England for 15 years. I love it!

To begin with a cliche, I can't believe it's been 50 years since we graduated! I don't feel 70, I don't act 70 and my health is excellent (knock on wood).

After graduation and two years at Johns Hopkins for a Masters in French, I ended up back in Boston working for Little, Brown in the editorial department, reading hundreds of unsolicited manuscripts
My wonderful grandson, Isaac, with a hydrangea

and rejecting most, and then for Houghton Mifflin, doing the exact same thing. This was a field that I knew I would love from the beginning, and I was right. In the meantime, I got married to Benet Kolman, Harvard '63, Columbia P&S, and, wonder of wonders, we're still married after 43 years. He's a wonderful (retired) cardiologist, a recently-published author of a book of short stories and most importantly, a terrific husband, father and new grandfather. Our son Jason (Harvard, Harvard Law) and his wife Olga (Dartmouth) made us grandparents for the first time when they had Isaac Nathaniel last year, and we've had a fabulous time with him. Our daughter Amanda (Eckerd College) lives in DC with her fiancé and works at the Smithsonian American History Museum, which gives me a reason to go there very frequently.

It's funny that I should shift so quickly from my work in publishing to family because that's what my life has been like. Once we had our children, I chose to be at home with them, which gave me great joy as well as a few gray hairs. It's only when they were about to leave home that I returned to the book business, this time as a bookseller at a very large indie bookstore in Newton, MA, where I've worked for the last 15 years. I hope to continue this career as long as people keep reading real books!

I'm very worried about world affairs right now, about what the future holds for our children, grandchildren and beyond. I'm not thrilled about some of the actions coming out of Northampton lately, but I don't feel this to be the appropriate forum to go into detail. I hope future junior-year-abroad students' greatest worry is the 20 pounds they gained from delicious French pastries rather than if those bakeries are safe to enter. I hope that future generations will flourish and become whatever they desire to be without outside forces hindering this goal.
in Minneapolis & Seattle, singing in a community choral group for 25 years, reading, jogging, golf, tennis, yoga, general travel with John and community volunteer work


I have had a rich and happy life since Smith graduation in spite of some major upsets. I'm a survivor and proud of it.

After Smith, I received my M.S. in Library Science from Case Western Reserve University in 1967. I had a fabulous job as a reference librarian at MIT's Rotch Library for Architecture and Urban Planning, while my husband, Paul, was studying for his Harvard M.B.A. We moved back to Cleveland, OH in 1969 where I enjoyed a job as reference librarian at The Cleveland Institute of Music. Paul, who, sadly, died in 1994, had left me in 1980 when our daughters were six and nine, not what I ever expected. (He said I would be better off without him.) Today, I believe that he was bipolar but tragically unwilling to reach out for help. I raised two spectacular and caring daughters who have brought me tremendous joy and pride. They did have a good relationship with Paul, for which I'm very thankful, and most importantly, they knew how much he loved them.

As a single mom, I found a new career with regular hours, good benefits and wonderful people at McDonald Investments, Inc. (NKA UBS Financial Services Inc.), from which I retired in 2012 after 32 years. Daughter Hillary (Middlebury '93) and her husband, Andy, have my two busy grandsons, Theo (9) and Henry (6), and they love life in Minneapolis. Polly (Northwestern '96) and her husband, Camron, enjoy Seattle with my two lovely granddaughters, Sigrid (11) and Louisa (9). I've always participated happily in community volunteer work, in addition to singing for 25 years with a wonderful community choir.

It took me years to find a good man, but, at 60, I met John Proctor, a recent widower and high school classmate of my younger brother. I joyfully moved in with John in 2011, and we have a happy life together, not married, just living in sin. John was diagnosed with Parkinson's shortly after I moved in, but he still runs his own company and travels around the world to fly fish. He is a fighter, and he will not let it get him down.

I am truly blessed and thankful for all life has given me, and I so appreciate the education Smith gave me, which has helped me survive and succeed these past 50 years.
Our innocence was lost on 9/11. The idea of an enemy who did not value life as we knew it was challenging to us all. For me, this was life-changing. —Christina Quinn McMichael

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S/P Graduate School: Univ. of Montana, M.A., Forestry, 1967
Children: Bill Peacock, 1972; Jane Peacock, 1974;
Sally Peacock, 1977

Volunteer Service: Local animal shelter; Montana Wilderness Association; Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance; Old Trail Museum board; Teton County Central Democrat Committee
Activities and Interests: Gardening, book club, politics, cross-fit, hiking, camping, quilting
Career: After teaching high school history, coaching and raising three kids, I found Montana and have been here ever since. For the last 20 years I have been involved in a backpack outfitting business with my husband, organizing and leading trips in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Now retired, we travel, visit grandchildren and dabble in local volunteer projects.

A product of staid suburbia, from a Republican Junior League-type family — I threw it all off and ended up here in Choteau, Montana, in a town of 1,700, on the prairie just east of the Rocky Mountain Front. Lucky me!

A week after graduation, I married Bill Peacock, Princeton '63 and Harvard Law School '66. We moved around during his Marine Corps stint, then lived in the Bay Area, Washington DC and St. Louis as his jobs changed. During that time, I taught history and PE at a variety of schools until children started appearing, at which time I settled into motherhood until the youngest was in kindergarten. By 1986 the marriage had disintegrated, and I became a single mom of three young teens. Fortunately I had a solid teaching job, and we were living in St. Louis, where I had a family network. Marathon running helped keep me sane during this tumultuous time and kept me fit for the next chapter in my life.

In 1993, I went West on a National Science Foundation summer workshop at the University of Montana in Missoula. The topic, incorporating principles of wildlife biology in the high school curriculum, had nothing to do with social studies, but leaving the Midwest for a month was too fantastic to pass up. I discovered Montana — the mountains, clear air, Glacier Park, exciting people, no heels, no stockings — and met Bill Cunningham, an environmental leader and back country trip leader, who lived in Missoula.

Polly hiking in Death Valley while working on a guidebook project with Bill.
The next year I returned to Missoula. My two older children came too, so we made a family jaunt of it. Through the university, I had signed up for a week-long backpack led by Bill, and at age 50 my career of running meant I could handle the Rocky Mountains just fine — and Bill and I took off on the trail of life together.

I returned, dutifully, to St.L, and informed my headmaster at Burroughs that I would resign in June. I sold my house, consigned all those old wedding presents, had a garage sale and moved to Missoula with the dog. My youngest, Sally, graduated that year, so we all departed simultaneously.

For 20 years, Bill and I have led backpacking trips in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, written guide books for Falcon Press and traveled the world together. My children and grandchildren love visiting us in Montana. Until I turned 65, I had seasonal jobs here in Choteau with the developmentally disabled at the assisted living home and the nursing home, and I feel connected to the community.

What a trip it has been. In retrospect, I see that it was Interim that made the difference in my life. It taught me to make decisions without a syllabus, which is what life is all about.

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Volunteer Service: Board member, M. Patricia Cronin Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Awareness; board of overseers, Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Mentor for Partakers’ College Behind Bars program, supporting inmates getting a college degree while in prison; tutor, MathItRules!, Boston Partners in Education; tutoring program for 2nd graders in Boston public schools
Honors and Awards: M.B.A. with highest honors
Activities and Interests: Criminal justice reform, animal activism, public schools, ovarian cancer, alcoholism

Katharine Caldwell

House: Emerson
Major: French

Katharine Caldwell died on May 27, 1996, in New Haven, CT.

Ellen Kuhbach Lucas writes: “Kathy and I went to high school together, spent our junior year at Smith in Paris and continued to stay in touch for a while after 1966. She was a very pretty girl and had a shipboard romance with a handsome fellow en route to Paris.” Jenifer Levenson Harris was also on board and shared a cabin with Kathy. “Kathie was very sensitive, very intelligent, very scattered. She had so many interests, and her thoughts never slowed down. We decided to room together in Paris, but Kathy had difficulty getting along with the lady who was the head of household. She moved on to another French household, and I think was happier there.”

Classmate Katharine Townsend Svenson remembers Kathy’s “beautiful smile” and how much fun she made at sociology class. And Ellen Roop Fisher, Kathy’s freshman roommate and lifelong friend, writes: “I remember her help in translating French songs during college so I knew more clearly the sentiments I was singing about! When I met her family, I discovered that her mother and mine had been at Vassar together.”

Following her graduation from Smith, Kathy earned a master’s degree in French from Teacher’s College, Columbia University. After completing her degree, she lived in both New York and New Haven. “The last time we spoke, Kathy called me at work and was sounding a bit discouraged,” Ellen Lucas writes. “I miss her cheerful voice, and was sorry to learn when she died.”

Kathy was survived by her mother and a brother.
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S/P College: Univ. of MN, M.S., Forestry
S/P Graduate School: Princeton Seminary, M. Div.
Grandchildren: 10 grandchildren ranging from 3 to 22

Volunteer Service: I have been a life-long volunteer with organizations that feed and shelter persons on the margins of society, refugees, the elderly. Currently I work as the point person for the Sedona Food Bank and volunteer as well at a Jesuit-run feeding program for immigrants in Nogales, Sonora. I have helped resettle refugees from Poland, Vietnam, Haiti, Central America. My Spanish from Smith days has been well-used though the years. I have been very active in church work my entire life.

Honors and Awards: International Rescue Committee Distinguished Medal for service with women refugees in the Balkans during the 1990 wars in Bosnia and Croatia

Activities and Interests: I love to knit, both for family members and for charity. I make Peace Dolls for Women for Women Knitting for Peace, prayer shawls, gifts for newborns. I always have at least three projects on various needles. Equally important is a local book group that I run for about 15 members, male and female. Photography, improving my Spanish fluency, and most of all traveling when I can are all imprint hobbies now that we call the Southwest home.

Career: My career was in social justice ministry through various church-related organizations as well as through relief agencies.

I well remember our graduation day when the Smithies celebrating their 50th reunion paraded across the lawn. I thought to myself: “Those old ladies. I would never come back when I was that old.” Well, here I am, and were it not for the college graduation of my oldest grandson, I would be one of those old ladies, from the class of 1966. I am sorry to miss it.

Many times I have found myself thanking Smith College for helping me find my voice and for instilling in me the power of “yes.” I married the week following graduation — in retrospect, a mistake. I was too young and too spoiled to be anyone’s partner, let alone wife. Twenty-one years and four children later, that marriage ended in divorce. While my children are the most important legacy of those two decades, divorce left a big scar. I went on to seminary at Boston University, where I focused on Mission.
Studies. Following graduation I worked for the United Methodist Church as a co-pastor for a Haitian congregation in Boston. My French major at Smith came in very handy, because I had to lead worship in two languages, French and Creole.

In 1994, I started the work I am most proud of, seven years working with refugee women in the Balkans. I traveled to Croatia, Bosnia and Hungary a dozen times. As I had taken my children to Haiti several times, I also took two of them on missions to refugee camps in Croatia and Bosnia.

As part of the Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children, I started a solidarity project to send knitting yarn and needles to refugees. As the women overcame the trauma of war, they picked up needles and yarn from generous donors across North America. They knit their sorrow into socks that we sold to give them pocket money. These two projects, The Knitting Project and Rainbow Socks, were hard work, involved lots of travel and public speaking and, once again, helped me find my voice as an advocate for women who had lost everything.

I re-married in 1991 and will soon celebrate 24 years of a good marriage to a motorcycling retired Presbyterian pastor named Stu Cameron. We have lived in suburban Boston, western Maine and for the last eight years in Sedona, Arizona. We work our Food Bank with Navajo ministries and serve meals to migrants in Nogales, Sonora. Family tops our priority list in our elder years. I am now living with a rare blood cancer, Waldenstrom’s Macroglobulemia, that has slowed me down but has made me deeply grateful for each new day.

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Marital Status: Formerly Married
Children: Jennifer, 1967; Kevin, 1970; Philip, 1977

Volunteer Service: Once I retired, I was able to contribute to nonprofit organizations important to me, including Farmington Valley Chorale, and Oak Hill (which cares and advocates for those with disabilities).

Activities and Interests: Choral singing, natural history, birding

Career: After a decade raising my three children, I was fortunate to be hired as a writer for a small woman-owned communications consulting firm. We managed communications projects for many large and small firms in the Hartford area, where we were often the only women in the room. I then joined Cigna HealthCare as a communications consultant, eventually becoming director of sales communications, then director of marketing communications. I retired in 2008 after 24 years with the company.

As with many of you, my life has been a mixture of joys and challenges. My greatest joy has been my children: Jennifer, 48, Kevin, 45, and Philip, 38.

Jennifer, who received her B.A. in Economics from the University of Connecticut, is a director in the Reinsurance Division of Travelers Insurance Co. Fortunately for me, Jennifer and her husband, George Adams, live only 15 minutes from me in East Granby, CT, so I see them often.

Kevin, who was born with severe intellectual and physical disabilities, is now living in a wonderful group home managed by Oak Hill in New Hartford, CT, about half an hour from my home in Simsbury. The caretakers there are dedicated beyond belief, and I am so grateful for their love and support. I often bring Kevin home for visits.

Philip received his Ph.D. in history from Harvard, specializing in early America. He is the Historian and Curator at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, now being built near Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Since he moved to Philadelphia, I don’t see him nearly as often as I’d like.

Among the challenges I have faced and survived are breast cancer and divorce. However, caring for a child with severe disabilities has been the most significant challenge of my life — physically, emotionally and financially. Yet caring for Kevin opened up a different world for me — a world of other families, caretakers, advocacy groups and supportive people. Some have become my closest friends, and all have enriched my life.
After I retired, I fulfilled a lifelong dream and purchased a small, seasonal home on Cape Cod. As a child, I had spent many summers on the Cape visiting my grandmother, a full-time resident. So the Cape became another home place for me. I now spend most of the summer there and some of the spring and fall as well. It’s great to have a place my kids want to visit.

For the past 30 years, I have enjoyed singing with the Farmington Valley Chorale, a 100-member group of men and women that performs major choral works with professional soloists and orchestra. Our recent concerts include: Brahms’ German Requiem; Honegger’s King David, Mendelssohn’s Hymn of Praise and Handel’s Esther. I have been on the board of directors of the chorale for the past eight years, handling membership, and then publicity and communications.

Mary CARROLL Marsden

House: Park
Major: Theatre

Mary Carroll Marsden died on September 7, 2004, of complications from kidney cancer. Mary was born in Bay Shore, NY, and raised in Amityville. After graduating from Smith, she acted professionally in repertory theater and at the Adelphi Summer Theater. As a graduate student at Adelphi, she acted and designed costumes for the opera workshop. She sang as an alto soloist at several Long Island churches, where her husband worked as an organist and choirmaster. She also became a ceramic decorator, working from a home studio after studies in Arizona, Michigan, Canada and Stoke-on-Trent, England.

Gayle Evans Brookfield writes: “Ethereal, talented, artistic, sensitive and beautiful woman, Mary Carroll. I have come to know you in ways we never expected, and I treasure the memory of our young friendship. I wish you were here, dammit.”

Mary was survived by her husband Donald, her mother and a brother.

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S/P Occupation: Retired
S/P College: Dartmouth, B.A., 1965
S/P Graduate School: Tuck Dartmouth, M.B.A., 1968
Children: Ned Seel, 1972
Grandchildren: Zach Seel, 2002

Activities and Interests: Water color painting
Career: Oh, my, 50 years went fast. Married. Kid. Masters in city planning. Work. Law school. Work. Retire, to continue to live well with my then and now husband, Tod. Move to Jackson, Wyoming to fly fish, hike and look at the mountains. Travel to check off bucket list agenda. Get older and colder. Give up winter in Wyoming for Savannah. Ahhhh -

Retired Megan looking at the Tetons in Wyoming
There are only two parts of these 50 years that really matter to me: one is my children and grandchildren and the other is the death of my husband. —Susanna Bodine Holahan

Smith was a place to fuel my curious mind. It schooled me in things I already loved, books and people, confirmed some of my dislikes, eradicated some of my fears, science and math in the forefront, and left me open to discovery for the rest of my life.

I espouse the fifteen-year theory of growth. Fifteen years as a part-time mom, then kick them out of the nest. Fifteen years as a city planner, and what was exciting became mundane. Law school for an intelligence recharge. Practicing general law with both a “white shoe” big firm and a brilliant small practice attorney revived me. I loved it all, until I didn’t.

Fifteen years after law school and with an offer from my already retired husband to move west, we left the New York metropolitan area for the wilds of Wyoming. We met some fascinating old “Wyomingites,” traveled wild spaces in search of trout, marveled at wild animals and large vistas, until our bodies said “too cold.” Now we will have one leg in Savannah, Georgia, in gracious, laid-back living, and one foot glorying in our log home on the hill in Wyoming.

I hope my fellow reunioners will try to share some time with us.

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S/P College: Oberlin, B.A., Sociology, 1962
S/P Graduate School: Washington University, M.S.W., School of Social Work, 1964
Children: Amy, 1969

Activities and Interests: I’ve been working with clay since I took a Four-College class in the Ceramics Department at U.Mass, Amherst in 1966. I’ve built my own studio and kiln while living in Vermont and have worked for many years at the Harvard Ceramics Studio, pursuing mostly functional work with an occasional foray into sculpture.

Career: My career has focused on visual arts education for many years. I’ve taught art to elementary and high school students, directed a summer visual arts institute for high school students, trained prospective teachers at the college and graduate level, supervised student teachers and evaluated visual arts programs.

Somehow, bullet points seem appropriate to sum up the important endeavors and events in life, which has been rich and full but has passed all too quickly.

• Building a house in the woods of Vermont with then husband, Sam Clark (Amherst, 1967). He was and remains a remarkably generous and patient teacher. The skills I learned as a novice carpenter, electrician, plumber and jack(?) of all trades I still use often.

• Being an active participant in the exciting political ferment during the 1960s and ’70s. I contributed my ideas, energy and passion to the antiraw and women’s movements, and I still follow and identify with progressive causes, both national and international.

• Deciding, after a brief stint as substitute teacher, to pursue visual art education as a career. It was the perfect fit, allowing me intellectual and emotional challenges every day as I worked to create developmentally appropriate art experiences for young children. I hope I provided them with the opportunity and skills to express their thoughts, feelings and experiences about their increasingly complex world.

• Running the presses of New England Free Press for three years. I maintained the equipment of this medium-sized printshop, developed an ongoing interest in graphic design and participated in editorial decisions, including our decision to be the first printer and distributor of Our Bodies, Our Selves.
• Seeing daughter Amy decide to enter the teaching field, and sharing her delights and struggles as she worked in a range of urban settings, both privileged and less so; also seeing her find a musical home with the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, performing and spreading the tradition of African-American gospel music under an inspired director.

• Meeting and building a rich and satisfying life with my spouse, Mary Bewig. We work, travel and enjoy the pleasures of daily life together, and I’m grateful for her ongoing supportive presence in my life.

• Being able to travel to both familiar and less-explored parts of the world — England, Norway and Sweden, Italy, Austria and Hungary, Mexico, the Galapagos, Rwanda — and looking forward to discovering new landscapes and cultures until we’re not able to stand up anymore.

• Running a one-room bed and breakfast in our guest room through Air BnB, which has brought the world to our door for the past six years.

• Having a wonderful place to work with clay: the Harvard Ceramic Studio. I’m able, now that I’m retired, to find stimulating teachers, good companions and the opportunity to develop my ideas and skills there on a daily basis.

• Enjoying family time with our former spouses, their current spouses and our children and grandchildren.

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Children: Eric Klaussmann, 1973; Liza Klaussmann, 1976
Career: Currently Managing Director for the Northeast for Christie’s where I have worked for 30+ years (based in Boston)

Anne CHARBONNEAU Ralin

Anne Louise Charbonneau Ralin died on May 12, 2008.
Sandra Putnam reports that Anne was one of three 1962 graduates of the Northfield School for Girls who attended Smith. “My memories of her start with watching her excel at singing at Northfield, which I expect she continued at Smith,” Sandy writes. “She was gentle, graceful and very talented. While we had our choice of schools very much in common, we never really talked. It was my loss, and a source of regret.”

Anne was survived by her children, Rebecca Chirevas of Bronx, NY, and David Ralin of South Pasadena, CA, by one grandchild, Perah, and by two brothers and two sisters.
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Children: Elizabeth Farr Carey, 1972; Edith Chase Carey, 1974
Grandchildren: Sadie Arnold, 2004; James Arnold, 2006; Luca Fitzsimmons, 2012

Volunteer Service: Active in a variety of arenas over the years in serving the elderly and the community. Of interest: as a House Fellow to Albright House in the early ‘70s, I set up a program to serve the residents of a nearby nursing home where my aunt, Mary Ellen Chase, was living at the time. Other activities: educating institutions re chemical dependency and the family, including the Smith College medical staff; serving on the board of directors of one of the first EAPS (LCL) for alcoholic attorneys founded by Boston-based Hale and Dorr.

Honors and Awards: Speaker/facilitator at regional and national conferences for Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA); Association of Work-Life Professionals (AWLP); National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); and The Cambridge Forum. Also, facilitator for the Boston College Center for Work and Family two-day Organizational Influence Curriculum for work-life managers in companies nation-wide.

Activities and Interests: Home interior design and décor for self and others; service to others in whatever capacity, especially in 12-step recovery; tennis and professional tennis

Career: My career in the corporate sector: designer, developer and manager of Employee Assistance and Wellness program and deliverer of core management training for NYNEX and other companies seeking to create more flexible, supportive, productive work environments. Clients included Chase Bank, the Ford Foundation, Texas Instruments, Xerox, Kraft Foods. I currently design and deliver seminars on “soft skills” for corporate EAPs served by United Health Care, Anthem, Humana, Ceridien and LifeCare. One topic: sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace. My earlier career: teaching English and Latin in public high school in VT and serving as coordinator for volunteer programs for a Vermont service agency founded by a Smith graduate!

I will keep this simple and count to ten:

1. A life-long effort to develop Emotional Intelligence (EQ): the awareness of my emotions and the ability to manage them, the capacity to understand and manage (NOT control!) the emotions of others (skills lacking in my upbringing and education) AND to teach attendant skill sets in the workplace as a mental health/organizational development professional.

2. Daughters I adore: one a school psychologist and the other a singer-songwriter, who somehow survived quite beautifully my struggles to chart my way in life.


4. 4-leaf clover I must have picked along the way to have had such a fulfilling life.

5. Places I have lived: Middlebury, VT; Dedham, MA; Denver and Boulder, CO; Wiscasset, ME and Ojai, CA — the first and currently in a late 19th century redwood cottage.

6. Things I value:
   - My sobriety of 37 years
   - Family
   - Supporting others
   - Integrity
   - Willingness to stand in the fire of whatever kind
   - Speaking up for truth and justice

7. Seventh heaven: lifelong friendships.

8. Things I love doing:
   - Being with my daughters and their families
   - Snuggling with my grandchildren (I am “Jammie”)
   - Creating welcoming homes
   - Being with friends
   - Serving others
   - Loving my cats
   - Dancing to rock and roll
   - Playing and following tennis

9. Lives of my rescued cats ... once I had six!

10. A rating I give the most important endeavor of the past nine years: giving hope and emotional support to those in need at the clinic “9 Lives” in New York City, which I founded in 1984.
My transition from Smith to the University of Chicago felt like leaving a peaceful, sun-dappled pond and getting tossed into the ocean during a storm. –Ellen Roop Fisher

and financial support to an Oscar winner (documentary film on civil rights in 2004: The Children's March), the victim of a land grab by the Thacher School (where my father served as head of school), a small water company and the county, when he found abundant water on his 288-acre ranch adjacent to the school. The filmmaker is Robert Hudson; he is now working on a film about this old boy power play.

Addendum:
My career in the corporate sector has focused on creating environments in which employees feel happy, healthy and satisfied, resulting in happy, satisfied customers and clients, profitability and shareholder value. In short, it is all about how happy cows give more milk!

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S/P College: Cornell, B.A., Economics, 1968

S/P Graduate School: Yale University, Ph.D., Economics, 1972; University of Paris-Dauphine, Honorary Doctorate, Economics, 2007

Children: Suzanne, 1983

Volunteer Service: Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, Cambridge; executive committee member; Discovering Justice/Federal Court Education Project, Boston; past member, board of visitors; Young Audiences of Massachusetts; past secretary of board, associate council member; The Winsor School, Boston, past council member; co-editor Parent Newsletter, Volunteer

Honors and Awards: Presented curriculum workshops to administrators in the Cambridge public schools; moderator of conference on Writing Teacher Performance Evaluations at Harvard Graduate School of Education; conference speaker at In-Service Teacher Ed. conference at SUNY

Activities and Interests: I am in three book groups and love it. I am also a book and fossil collector. I write poetry. I value giving time to my friendships. My husband and I share a deep interest in art and over the years have visited countless museum and gallery exhibits and enjoyed collecting works on paper. We share a commitment to learning about and supporting basic scientific research.

Career: I taught and supervised student teachers at Bridgewater State College, Simmons College and Harvard College. In the Boston public schools, I taught English and film at Hyde Park High and West Roxbury High and later served on a city-wide K-12 team helping veteran teachers. I became assistant director of staff development for the Boston schools. I co-authored a women's studies curriculum at EDC and consulted on an English textbook series.

Paul, Suzanne, Barbara in November 2015
There is the deeply valued satisfaction of family and friends. There is the enjoyment of books, discussions, my own writing. There is the harmony of nature and art. There have been challenges, among them breast cancer with node involvement at 45, when our daughter was little. Prognosis was guarded, and I fought fiercely for survival. I also reacted to having had a mother who, unusual back then, was a full-time physician, by deciding to pull back on my career to do volunteering and have more time with my child.

My husband’s career has been as professor and chair in the Economics Department at MIT. Over the decades, I have been active in the life of the department and as a long-time volunteer at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at MIT. Until we moved to Manhattan eight years ago, most of our friends and interests were defined by academia. The nourishment of an academic environment will always feel like home, and it’s fun. My academic husband is wise and witty, and he makes me laugh; there’s no one I would rather listen to and talk with. His support has been my pole star. We share profound delight and pride in our daughter.

In New York, we have new friends with other professions and pursuits, and they have enriched our lives with the breadth of their cultural activities. It’s also the first time I have lived where Judaism is often the central focus for my fellow Jews. In a university setting, there is a broader mix of religious backgrounds and cultures. We are in Manhattan because Paul became president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, which supports science and economics. We’ll return eventually to our home in Boston. I married late and had one child, Suzanne, Yale ’05. She worked as an assistant producer in Hollywood, then as a teacher and is now in graduate school in art in Los Angeles. She is a joy.

Perhaps because I had a teaching career, went to graduate school, made new friends with whom I supported the women’s movement, lived in a commune and traveled, I quickly lost touch with college friends and Smith. Taking a break from work, I went to Harvard for a doctorate. I enjoyed grad school more than college. In NYC, I reconnected to Smith through a terrific book group formed by five new friends from the class of ’66.

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Children: James Picariello, 1971; David Picariello, 1975
Grandchildren: Lucena Day Picariello, 2003; Isla Day Picariello, 2006

Volunteer Service: Feldenkrais Education of New England, Inc., board president; Pro Bono Coaching; Mothers for Justice and Equality; Sunray Peace Village, Lincoln, VT, Canoe of Light Strategic Planning Committee; Feldenkrais Guild of North America, Ethics Committee

Activities and Interests: Gardening, golf, understanding/facilitating the neuroplasticity of the human brain/body and our evolving consciousness

My husband, Richard, and I divide our time between our home in Needham, MA and our apartment in Bristol, VT near the U.N. NGO, Sunray Peace Village, which is near and dear to us. Our apartment doubles as my Vermont Feldenkrais studio right over a yoga training center downstairs, where I also teach workshops and trainings.

Having hit our 70s this past year, both of us feel this stage is a time of “Second Genesis” — for me as a certified Leadership Embodiment coach, expand-
ing into the field of "social artistry" defined by its originator, Jean Houston, as "the art of enhancing human capacities in the light of social complexity ... which seeks to bring new ways of thinking, being and doing to social challenges in the world." For my husband, this genesis is currently working part-time as a private driver. Having laid down his trumpet a couple of years ago after a life of playing in various bands, he has resumed playing with the Waltham, MA American Legion Concert Band and performing in concerts all over the greater Boston area.

I also enjoy my private practice at my home studio in Needham, while taking a leave of absence from weekly teaching at Longy School of Music of Bard College and at Lesley University, to resume progress on a book I started a couple of years ago. Its subject: ways to experience brain/body wellness through the Feldenkrais Method® of movement education, designed by the late Moshe Feldenkrais to increase "Awareness Through Movement." This includes healing stories about neuroplasticity (the brain's ability to change and adapt, even in adulthood) from students I have worked with, using Feldenkrais and other approaches over the years.

We love visiting our granddaughters and family near Blue Hill, ME, and our other son and daughter-in-law in nearby Cambridge, MA. No, we aren't ready to retire yet. We are grateful for our continued good health and grateful to everyone in our life, which fill it with blessings despite the challenges our beloved planet and its denizens are facing. Alas, our 50th Reunion weekend conflicts with our granddaughters' grandparents' weekend at their Waldorf school. While trying to figure out how to clone myself to be able to catch up with everyone in person at reunion, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in our class book. Come to Needham or Bristol. Let me know....

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S/P College: Clark University, B.A., Psychology, 1968

S/P Graduate School: Northwestern, Ph.D., Social Psychology, 1972

Children: Michael Chiswick-Patterson, 1979; Emily Chiswick-Patterson, 1983

Grandchildren: Sophie Patterson, 2013; Jacob Patterson, 2015
Volunteer Service: Before kids: mostly for women’s empowerment, such as with NOW and working to pass the ERA. I had a monthly public TV show in PA about women and psychology. During kids: mostly involving their activities, schools, athletic teams, synagogue (VP for Education). After kids left: mostly supporting Democratic women and progressive candidates (grass-roots organizing and fund-raising) including representing my district at Democratic Conventions. Recently: I’ve been on the board of the Smith College Club of Sarasota for the past 15 years — rewarding and great fun.

Honors and Awards: I was one of six local mental health professionals who started a psychiatric hospital in Central PA, including units for children and adolescents; my name is still on a plaque in the entry way! My elections as a delegate to the Democratic Conventions come with a fancy official certificate from the Board of Elections! Best Achievement: our two wonderful children, their spouses, and 2.5 adorable grandchildren (that .5 will hopefully be here by our reunion time)!

Activities and Interests:

I’d like to say that I still play the piano and tend to my garden, but these are getting short shrift these days. I mostly work, plan and participate in Democratic events or visit our grandchildren.

Career: I’ve worked for 43 years as a developmental clinical psychologist. My jobs have included working in a children’s hospital, for a county agency and for a university health center. After our children were born, I started a private practice and expanded it to include ten providers. As a small business owner, I’ve gotten great satisfaction from providing quality care to many individuals and families, mentoring young professionals and contributing as a volunteer in our community.

I’ve heard it said that a 50th reunion essay is a first draft of your obituary or perhaps a storybook for other girls and women.

Nancy was born in New Jersey, the daughter of an immigrant scientist and a pianist from Winnetka. Her parents’ emphasis on academic achievement helped nurture the idea of going to one of the Seven Sisters. Nancy’s parents were very proud of her acceptance at Smith and in September of 1962 they drove her there. They moved her into Wesley House and left. That’s when Nancy realized what she had done.

You see, Nancy had been small her entire life — born small, stayed small. People noticed her because of it, but it was also something of a hindrance. She developed into what some called an “over-achiever.” At Smith, however, even in overdrive, she was barely able to keep up. She did her best, which turned out to be quite average there, but at least they didn’t ask her to leave.

Realizing she wasn’t getting engaged before graduation, Nancy took the Foreign Service Officer exam. Much to her surprise she passed and spent the next two years working for USAID, including stints in Washington and New Delhi. She nailed the oral exam by telling the three old men examiners that no, she would not recommend shore leave without restrictions for sailors coming into port after three months at sea. Clearly, she learned a lot from her time at Smith. However, after two years, realizing that the State Department would not accommodate women having a career and a family, Nancy resigned and returned to Illinois.

There her career plans took a fortuitous turn; she was admitted to a graduate program in developmental psychology. It was the first of at least two times she “got the job” because “she’s the one from Smith, right?” She found work that truly suited her and met her future husband (who lived in a small town) at a psychology colloquium.

Being small was perfect in a world of children who needed a therapeutic ally. Being a small mother was also good, as her children were under voice-control at an early age. She started a small private psychology practice, which is now not so small. She became passionate about women’s rights, taught Women and Psychology, marched in demonstrations, hosted a public television show, lobbied Congress, served the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, the Democratic Party, the Sarasota Smith Club and made promoting the understanding of climate change her highest priority.

Recently a grandmother, she was reminded that good things can come in small packages. But Nancy didn’t feel small any more. It turns out that in a small town, surrounded by children and babies, she came to feel actually regular-sized, and sometimes even big.
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S/P Occupation: Mechanical engineer, rtd
S/P Graduate School: Eindhoven University,
Netherlands, Masters, Mechanical Engineering, 1981

Volunteer Service: Boston Jaycees
Activities and Interests: Bridge
Career: University librarian

For the most part, my life was unplanned, although fortunately happy. I fell, sort of by accident, into my profession as a librarian. After earning an M.A.T. in social studies from Boston University, I started on a degree in librarianship from Simmons while working as a clerk in the BU library. (Teaching had proved NOT to be a success.) From BU I moved to Richard Abel and Company, a large book wholesaler to academic libraries. In 1973 I was employed by the MIT Libraries. However, I never applied there to be a librarian. As a result of a chance conversation with a woman in the ladies room of a conference hotel, MIT called me. During the next very happy 13 years in that great institution, I became head of the Acquisitions Department, responsible for serials, monographs, technical reports, gifts and exchanges and the bindery. I also earned an M.B.A. from Boston University while working at MIT but continued as a librarian.

In 1986, because of a new boss with whom I could not get along, I left MIT at age 42 to travel around the world alone for a year, an amazing experience that was great for my self-confidence. I met my Dutch husband-to-be, Ruud van der Velden, on a train from Bangkok to Chiang Mai in Thailand. Later I accompanied him (he was a project manager for the ice cream division of Unilever) to Venezuela, Ecuador, Holland and now the UK, where we have lived for the past 16 years. I have found librarianship to be a very flexible career, as I have been able to work in all the countries in which we have lived.

There is no way I could go back to live in the USA. England is not perfect, far from it, but I’m appalled at what I see now in the US — the religiousity, racism, the treatment of the very poor, a totally incoherent political system. I could go on and on. Sometimes I despair. It appears that my experiences over the last 50 years, especially living for five years in Latin America, have made me more and more liberal, of which I am both pleased and proud.

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Adversities have become teachers, and I love never knowing from one day to the next what might appear in my life as a stepping stone. –Elisabeth C. Washburn

Career: I formed an architecture/interior design firm with an architect friend when my children were in high school. I doubt whether I will ever retire as I love all the creative problem solving and interaction with all our clients. We have done work all over the country, so it is never boring.

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Volunteer Service: Steamboat Springs, CO: president, parent advisory council; Steamboat public schools, board member; Lowell Whiteman School, board president; Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club; chair, Denver Designer Showhouse for benefit of Children's Hospital

Activities and Interests: Hiking, biking, snowshoeing, travel, music, concerts, theater, time with my wonderful children and grandchildren and just “hanging out”!!
Children: Nicole, 1973; Mike, 1976
Grandchildren: Amelie, 2012; Luna, 2014

Volunteer Service: Brownies & Girl Scout leader and Boy Scout parent committee chair; founded the Boy Scout Merit Badge Center to assist boys with little or no parental support; Encino Park Neighborhood Association; American Institute of Architects, San Fernando Valley Chapter (held all offices including president in 1996 and California Council Representative after that)

Honors and Awards: Member and officer of the Encino Kiwanis Club and current member of Warner Center Kiwanis; for many years attended college fairs and interviewed prospective students for Smith

Activities and Interests: Making things out of wood, crafts of all sorts

Career: After getting a B.Arch. degree at UC Berkeley, I earned my California architect’s license in 1973. I worked for offices in New York, San Francisco, Honolulu and Los Angeles. My most interesting job was as an integral member of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, where I was responsible for venue design. After the Olympics I became a sole practitioner focusing on residential remodels. Today I work primarily on flipping houses.

After my sophomore year at Smith, my dad said it was too expensive and that I should go to UCLA like he did. Instead I chose UC Berkeley because they had architecture. After two years at Smith, I had the courage to enter a “man’s” profession.

It was an exciting time in Berkeley, 1964-1969. We had protests for everything. People’s Park was the most memorable to me. We were protesting something at graduation so I decided to take photos in my cap and gown and skip the ceremony. Now I don’t even know what the protest was about.

By then, I had already “lived in sin” with Joel for almost three years. We got married and moved to Honolulu where I got my first architectural job. A landscape architect finally hired me. We were totally casual at work there, including bare feet in the office. I learned a lot.

After a year in Hawaii, we returned to Berkeley and I got a job in San Francisco with a wonderful architect, Max Garcia, a Holocaust survivor with the tattoo on his arm. After a year there, we moved to NYC where I worked for Adams and Woodbridge — old guys who had designed parts of the Smith campus. In NYC I learned that even the fire department would get paid off for various things. Quite eye-opening to me. After New York we traveled all over Europe in our new VW bus and met many interesting people. Joel was there to do hospital research. Finally, we moved to LA to be near my family.

I worked for three different LA companies before starting my family. I worked until about a week after my baby was due. Back then, we didn’t have to have fetal monitors and architects drew everything by hand. We have lived through the most amazing changes in our world. As a child, I remember jets breaking the sound barrier; my first flight was in a propeller plane. One of my best recent memories is of the disabled plane that landed in the Hudson River and everyone survived.

A year ago I discovered a lump in my breast. This last year has been a lot about that. My hair is now silver and moving is so much more difficult, but I still enjoy designing and building. I am working with my husband and daughter renovating houses. My son is fluent in Japanese and teaches in a Japanese immersion program at a local elementary school. He and his wife have two amazingly smart and cute little girls.

Life is good.

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Children: Heather, 1971; “D” (David, Jr.), 1974
Grandchildren: Brigid Reedy, 2000; John Reedy,
2005; Sofia Rose Sculley, 2009

Volunteer Service: Little Sewickley Creek Nature
Center (guiding middle school); Fen Hollow Nature
Center (house and programs); Botany in Action (at
Garden Club of Allegheny County then at Phipps
Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, from 2000 on
to today)
Honors and Awards: Many, including Garden Club of
Allegheny County and Garden Club of America
Activities and Interests: Gardening, quilting, knitting
Career: Primarily nonprofit education and research
in botany

After Smith, I went to Harvard for an M.A.T.,
then into teaching in Alaska with #1 husband, split
from him, then home and married David Sculley, my
Harvard beau. We celebrate 41 years together — or
50+! We moved to Sewickley, PA in the late ’70s, and
have other family homes for vacations. David was
with H.J. Heinz for 25 years; then retired as president
and CEO. He has since been involved in diverse proj-
ects, including working with Wolfgang Puck on an
online cooking school and the private investment
firm, Sculley Brothers, which he founded with his
brothers in 1996.

For many years I worked in the nonprofit sector
of Pittsburgh with the county-wide Garden Club of
Allegheny County and Phipps Conservatory and
Botanical Gardens. I also worked in village environ-
mental education, teaching adults how to teach chil-
dren. In 1995 I co-founded Botany in Action, which
was designed “to support emerging plant-focused
scientists through research grants and science commu-
nication training.” It grew so quickly that we
transferred it to the Phipps Conservatory, where it
continues. All these programs have been very suc-
cessful, have received awards and are still thriving.

These days I am enjoying watching others and
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S/P Graduate School: Columbia University, College of
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Volunteer Service: Maine Nephrology Society, presi-
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I take strength from the entries in our Alumnae Quarterly from women who are now in their nineties. What admirable and wise women they are! —Elizabeth Yanginski von Pier

We have experienced the loss of grandparents, parents, relatives and friends. There have been unpredicted bumps in the road and changes in health as we age, but we relish our lives and those of our family and friends. We look forward to all the adventures ahead.

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Glenda Copes Reed died on June 14, 2013.

Glenda was born and raised in Hartford, CT, and lived most of her life there, moving to Durham, NC, in 2010.

"Glenda came to Smith as a transfer from Hartford College for Women," writes classmate Leslie Selden Frankel. "She was so smart and personable that she thrived and made many friends. I knew her because she lived at Gillett and our family's towns were near each other, so we shared rides home on vacations."

She had a profound effect on her new classmates. Sharyn Stepner Levine recalls that Glenda was "the person who got me involved in the civil rights movement and got me to translate that interest into action by participating in the reading tutorial program for disadvantaged youngsters in Springfield and picketing certain national chain stores." Michele Stahl Simka writes that not long after transferring, Glenda started a student chapter of the NAACP: "She was the president and I became vice-president. I admired her dedication to the work and appreciated her guidance as I tried to influence events in my hometown area in New Jersey." And Becky Snow remembers Glenda with some regret: "I remember Glenda as the only African-American Smithie I met. We had some classes together and a few conversations. I am sorry not to have seen her again so that I could apologize for being so clueless as to the challenges she must have faced in the white, privileged atmosphere of Smith and the strength it must have taken for her to succeed there."

After graduating, Glenda earned an M.B.A. at the University of Connecticut, and worked for Aetna for many years, ending her career as head of corporate real estate. She served as president of the Hartford
Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., an organization founded in 1913 by collegiate women at Howard University "to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need." She was also an active and devoted member of The First Cathedral in Bloomfield, CT. In 1982, she was awarded the Smith College Medal, given to alumnae who "exemplify in their lives and work the true purpose of a liberal arts education."

"She gave back to the African-American community in Hartford with much volunteerism and community involvement," writes Leslie Frankel. "Her loss is felt greatly by many people."

Glenda was survived by William Reed, her husband of 39 years; by a daughter, a son and two grandchildren, and by eight brothers and nine sisters.

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S/P Occupation: Attorney
S/P College: Hamilton College, B.A., History, 1957
S/P Graduate School: Cornell Law School, J.D., 1960
Children: Deborah Hirsch; Richard Weinstein; Susan Kantor; Rachel Weinstein; Joshua Weinstein

Can it really be 50 years since graduation? The decades have been a rich and colorful kaleidoscope of many vivid memories.

One recurring theme is my lifelong love affair with Smith (OK — maybe not the first six weeks of freshman year), Tom Mendenhall said; "A Smith education is designed to make your mind a wonderful place in which to live for the rest of your life." So true. I love Smith for providing me with intellectual joy, leadership, confidence and incredible friends. Some of these friendships started in the sixties, but many have been forged in the decades since. My service to the college, highlighted by my years as a trustee, has always been stimulating and fulfilling. It is a privilege to serve as co-chair of our 50th reunion.

Not surprisingly, at age 71, my life focuses on our large family. At 24, I met and fell in love with an older man from my hometown, Rochester, NY, who had three children. Sherwin and I were married Woodstock weekend, and it has been a magical journey these 47 years. I have been blessed with a true soulmate and best friend and with lots of laughter. We added two more children to our family, and it has been a full life, now complete with 10 terrific grandchildren and a closeness among all that we cherish. We get together frequently — at our summer home on nearby Canandaigua Lake or in Key Biscayne, where we rent during the winter months. Six grandchildren, from three different cities, go to overnight camp together every summer.

The leadership and confidence Smith instilled in me have seen me through a variety of interesting non-profit positions. I have also served as board chair of the Rochester JCC, Jewish Federation and Geva Theatre Center. I still treasure my role as adviser/mentor to these and other favorite organizations.

For nearly 30 years, I have been executive director of our family foundation, and cherish the chance to help agencies providing critical community services.

The love of learning I gained at Smith saw me through the enriching experience as a Fulbright Scholar in France and the completion of a master's degree in history from Columbia. Fifty years later, it continues with monthly book club, crosswords, travel, film and theater. I am richly blessed with wonderful friends and family who share my interests, including the fabulous long walks I adore. The birthdays
fly by, but in many ways I feel decades younger than my chronological age. My dad lived to be 104, still curious and enthusiastic about learning and life. Hope I will be lucky enough to preserve his joie de vivre.

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S/P College: Northern Michigan University, English

Volunteer Service: Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (crew leader, crew leader trainer and coach); Symphonic Salida! (steering committee); Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas (lands acquisition committee)
Honors and Awards: President's Award, 2012, Great West Financial Services; Century Club, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Activities and Interests: Chamber music (pianist, Ad Hoc Trio), hiking, skiing, birding, horseback riding
Career: A year out of Smith, I worked as a music therapist for a year at a private school for children with learning disabilities, which convinced me that teaching was not a career I wished to pursue. Eventually I made my way into advertising and marketing, working for a series of advertising agencies in Denver, CO as a print project director. I retired as a print buyer for a large financial services company in 2012.

Like everyone, I've been molded by experience and circumstance and hopefully have attained a realistic view of my place in the world. Right out of high school, I thought I could accomplish about anything I wanted with fairly minimal effort. The competitive setting of Smith soon set me straight. I learned pretty quickly that my intellectual and athletic endowments weren't as special as I had thought, and that I had plenty of classmates who outshone me. Over my four years there, I made some modest achievements in my music major but realized that whatever talents I had would bear fruit only through hard work and persistence.

Out in the "real" world, it became apparent that nobody cared much where I'd been to school or what I'd achieved there. In 1966, many of us found ourselves settling for administrative (secretarial) jobs, while our brethren at the men's schools were joining the ranks of junior management. I distinctly remember being asked at an interview what my marriage plans were: "We hate to hire girls" (!!!?) only to lose them a year later. Accordingly, I found a very modest job in Boston, coped with the daily commute and spent my work hours typing or trying to find something constructive to do. A year later, fulfilling the fears of my erstwhile employer, I left Boston for a seasonal job at a ranch in Wyoming, which was about as far away from the East Coast as I could get, both geographically and culturally. My year at Trail Creek Ranch became a major turning point. I developed a passion for the mountains and the outdoor life. This informed my decision to relocate to Denver, where I lived until my retirement and subsequent move to the small mountain town of Salida in 2013.
Living in the West has colored my choices on everything from the friends I've made and the man I married to my voting choices. It has also been the catalyst for groups I have affiliated with, and some very rewarding volunteer efforts.

Fifty years ago, I was in search of myself, although I couldn't have articulated that at the time. Today I am comfortable with who and what I am, although I don't seem to fit any particular profile. I'm no longer married, never had children, but I found my working life fulfilling and remain passionate about my music-making, enjoy a satisfying lifelong relationship with Daniel Smith and find joy in a landscape that inspires and refreshes me.

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S/P College: New Mexico State University, B.S., Business, 1962
Grandchildren: Aphra Erwin, 1991; Peter Benton Bond, 1999; Thos. Benton Freeman, 2002; Claire Margaret Reynolds, 2002; Aidan Storm Bond, 2003; Wm. Wyatt Freeman, 2004; Katherine Reynolds, 2007

Volunteer Service: Sunday school teacher for 35 years; eldercare manager; art museum and history museum docent/tour guide; history museums board member; Opera Guild board member

Activities and Interests: Travel, reading, hiking, opera, classical music, theater, film, visiting historic sites and national parks, studying archaeology and history, photography

Career: Neiman-Marcus customer/public relations, Dallas; U.S. Senate Education Subcommittee secretary, Washington D.C.; Consulate of Finland staff, LA; Dallas: travel agent, child welfare worker; Taos: dress mfgr. and office manager, art studio assistant, preschool daycare director, plumbing & heating company secretary, property manager

The song of the meadowlarks when they return in the spring.

The scent of wild plum blossoms in the spring, and the rows of white blossoming trees throughout the valley.

The sound of water moving through the acequias in their intricate 18th century-appointed routes to water the land in the months of April through July.

The commanding view from our home of Taos Mountain, towering like an old friend, the light over it changing constantly.

Rainbows to dazzle even the hardest-hearted.

The stars and Milky Way set in their dark firmament.

The distinctive glorious scent of blooming Russian Olive trees in June.

Reveling in the gifts of four seasons, the pinks and whites of spring blossoms, the yellows, golds and reds of fall aspen, cottonwood and mountain oak.

The scent of pinon wood burning in adobe fireplaces in winter.

The dry air and sun-filled days (325 per year) in this high altitude Eden.

Winters with moderate snowfall and without severely low temperatures.

Our master suite bedroom with its 270-degree views.

Breakfasts on our portal, gazing out at Taos Mountain.

Taos as a magnet, drawing friends and family alike because of its fascinating offerings.

Its incredibly interesting (from 13th century) Indian Pueblo History.

Its incredibly rich (from 16th century) Spanish history.

Its incredibly fascinating (mostly 19th-20th century) Anglo history, with figures like Kit Carson, Gov.
Charles Bent, Mabel Dodge Lujan, Taos artists and D.H. Lawrence.

Its art scene, with 60 galleries, eight museums and 20 festivals per year.

Its peoples and cultural traditions — Indian, Spanish and Anglo.

Its two summer music schools and nearby renowned Santa Fe Opera.

The rich diversity of its farmer's markets, craft fairs, music festivals and local theater.

The opportunity to work for internationally famed California/Taos artist Larry Bell.

Where a church home has given me grounding, and where I have ministered to children for 35 years.

Where we have built rentals and created homes for families and individuals.

The opportunity to do and be whatever you desire.

Thank you, husband Benton, for providing me with a home and historical and cultural connections to this place you grew up in.

Thank you, Lord, for placing me here to meet my husband, the love of my life, and to share love with his children, also my children now, and our grandchildren.

"In ALL thy ways acknowledge HIM, and HE will direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6

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S/P Graduate School: Syracuse University, Ph.D., Economics, 1952; Syracuse University, Doctor of Social Science, Maxwell School, 1952

Volunteer Service: President, Atlanta Society of Financial and Investment Professionals, 2004-2005; board member, Atlanta Society of Financial Analysts, 2000-2008; Smith College: special gifts chair, 20th reunion; class fundraising co-chair, 25th reunion

Career: I began my teaching career at the University of Illinois-Chicago. From there I moved to Ohio State, where I met my husband of now over 39 years, John Hogan. We moved to Central Michigan, where I was awarded tenure. Since then I've taught at Rice, Houston Baptist, Illinois-Champaign, Georgia State and Emory. In 1987, I became a Chartered Financial Analyst and moved from economics to finance, teaching M.B.A. courses in investments and corporate finance. I have been active in my local CFA Society, serving on the board from 2000 to 2008 and as president 2004-2005. I received my CFP certificate in 1986.

It seems only a moment ago that Mama and I set off for Northampton. Then I remember that our VW had no gas gauge; that we thought $12 a night for a motel room was beyond our budget, and that I'd actually made most of the clothes in my suitcase.

Time has passed, even if we've not noticed, or would prefer not to.

After Smith, I studied at the Freie Universitaet-Berlin. At the end of 1967, Molly Nolan and I bought a seven-year-old Ford, a tent, sleeping bags, air mattresses and tarps and set off on an adventure through East Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

Following grad school at Wisconsin-Madison, I was off to my first "real" job at Illinois-Chicago.

When my mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, I moved back to Columbus, my home town, and taught at Ohio State. There I met John Hogan; we married in November 1976.

We've lived in Michigan, Texas, Illinois and, for nearly 25 years, in metro-Atlanta, where John was the dean of Georgia State University's Robinson College and I taught at Emory.

John retired in 2002, and I decided to do so also. This was partly because we wanted to travel — our more recent trips have been to central India, Machu Picchu, the Galapagos, Patagonia and the Chilean Fjords; partly because my M.B.A. students were telling me — it was the .com bubble — that, after a quarter century+ in the profession, I didn't understand that this was the "New Economy"; most especially because I had been diagnosed with my first breast cancer.

No longer teaching on a regular basis, I'm involved with my professional organization, CFA Institute, and in providing financial counsel to older women, who are all too often urged to buy products
Law school isn’t supposed to be pleasant, but I know for a fact that the men in my class were not asked to serve cookies when the trustees met. —Susan Froehly Teich

that benefit their “financial advisers” more than themselves.

John suffered a minor stroke in September 2013: fortunately there was no cognitive damage, but his mobility has been impaired. NO regrets about retiring early and traveling!

All in all, it has been, and continues to be, a good life. I’ve learned not to worry so much about the “small” stuff and to save my energy for battles I can — or, in the case of cancer, must — win. As with us all, there have been bumps along the way, but they have taught me to treat each day as a gift and to make every effort to enjoy life to its fullest.

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S/P Graduate School: Bradley University, M.A., Clinical Psychology, 1960

Volunteer Service: Beyond War, Arias for Peace; five-city concert tour; The Peace Alliance (all involving
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**Honors and Awards:** Non Nobis Solum Award — Walnut Hill School (annual award to an alumna for volunteer service in her community)

**Activities and Interests:** Reading: primarily quality fiction, some young adult novels, some nonfiction (biographies and memoirs), armchair travel, periodicals including *The New Yorker*, *daily New York Times* and local newspaper, food, travel and local interest magazines. It's more than a hobby — actually a need, verging on an obsession.

Cooking and food: The food part is an obsession — thinking about it, eating it, reading about it, reading about people who are devoted to food and cooking, saving recipes. Knitting, personal/spiritual growth, choral singing; aging well and end-of-life issues; paper crafts and small book-making; technology and the future; Interests? Too many, hence too much time exploring on the internet.

**Career:** With two master's degrees in teaching, I had a wonderful and varied (though short) 14-year career teaching everything from graduate school (teacher training) to grades 4/5, 7, 8 and seniors in high school the first year out from Smith. I liked the youngest and oldest students the best. When teaching the 4/5 for two years, I was job-sharing and chaired a system-wide committee to develop a new language arts scope and sequence document. With three colleagues, I created The Teachers' Institute, a professional development series of workshops for Boston-area teachers. I managed a foundation in San Francisco for three years; then was a corporate management trainer for four years.

**What I Know Fifty Years Out**

My father's then my first adult lover's deaths resulted in too many years of repressed grief — and suppressed joy.

An invisible marionette has pulled strings repeatedly: I meet significant others right after uttering their names or thinking about them, in places where the other was never expected to be. (A New Yorker appears in San Diego where I was visiting for a day! I'd been imagining him attending a conference that day in San Francisco where I lived.)

An introvert (sometimes wearing an extrovert's costume), I crave quiet for exploring ideas through reading or rich conversation. Unfiltered party talk bores me.

Marriage has been my greatest teacher and challenge.

- Rehearsing and performing with a community chorus is so uplifting and such fun.
- There is never enough time for reading novels and memoirs.
- I long for more senseless fun and uncontrollable laughter.
- Capping 25 years as an almost full-time volunteer by serving on the SC Alumnae Association board the last four years has added unmeasurable pleasure, self-confidence, gratitude and pride to my life.

- Compassion for others has grown in direct proportion to compassion for myself and my acceptance of unclaimed parts within.

- My greatest gratitude is for each soul friend I've been given and each wise one who has helped guide my journey.

- Ushering for theater, symphony, dance, and musical performances of many kinds brings me great pleasure.

- A live-in masseuse in heaven would be ... heaven.

- I value my intuitive and emotional intelligence more than my intellectual, mental intelligence, because I trust my intuition and feelings as the entire product of my education, reading, personality and experience.

- I'm inspired by every effort, large or small, to transform our communities and institutions into more equitable, sustainable, peaceful, caring and kind ones.

- As a breast cancer survivor, living DOES have a "new normal": higher anxiety about a mammogram, deeper gratitude for still being a survivor, flashbacks to moments during treatment, and astonishment at how much of that year I've forgotten.

- I worry a lot about the future. Will Social Security and Medicare see us through to the end? Will I develop dementia or suffer a debilitating stroke? Will Maine approve death with dignity soon enough? Will we elect a President who will be admired by the world's citizens? Will radical terrorists ever be eliminated?

- Living in the present will be a lifelong goal.

I still wish I could be a cabaret or a capella
group singer, jazz pianist, therapist or coach, jazz dancer, travel writer, child psychology researcher.

Having a sense of humor IS all it’s cracked up to be.

(A few of these thoughts are repeats from “What I Know Forty Years Out” — still relevant.)

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Grandchildren: Jack McMahon, 1997; Ryan McMahon, 1999; Will Demmon, 2006; Wyatt Demmon, 2010

Activities and Interests: Reading, city walking, writing novels that feature courageous, resilient heroes and heroines
Career: Founder and president of Dialectics Inc., an organizational development consulting firm; eight years as director of marketing at Bear Stearns, Wall Street trading and investment banking firm; retired just before the fall of the Twin Towers to launch a career as an author

Cuming is a Scottish name that means “courage.” When I was a child, my father convinced me I could do anything if I put my mind to it.

I graduated from Smith College with a degree in psychology and got married two weeks later. My husband went to business school and I became an inland marine insurance underwriter. I was part of an experiment: Could a young woman deal effectively with tough brokers? I did. That taught me to march confidently down the corridors of traditionally male power.

At the same time, I learned to leverage the power of my pen. That started when the chief executive officer of the company started relying on me to draft his speeches. Others followed. Spending time in the executive suite, I witnessed both constructive and destructive power plays.

I put these insights to work when my second husband and I founded Dialectics, an organizational development consulting firm. He died suddenly when I was 34. I had lost my spouse, my best friend and my business partner. I wrote about the ensuing journey in Widow’s Walk, and was invited to appear on Oprah Winfrey’s show and Good Morning America.

I then turned my attention to writing about organizations. The Power Handbook: A Strategic Guide to Organizational and Personal Effectiveness was published in 1982, followed by Turf and other Corporate Power Plays. I moved to San Diego, where I continued running the consulting practice while raising my two daughters.

In 1989, I married again. My husband, an anthropologist, and I ran Dialectics together until a client, a major Wall Street firm, invited me to join its management team. I spent the next eight years embroiled in a world driven alternatively by enlightened self-interest and rampant greed.

I left Wall Street shortly before 9/11. We watched the conflagration from the deck of our apartment in Brooklyn Heights. Daughter Melissa worked on the 89th floor of the North Tower. We feared she was dead. The memory still haunts.

Today we live in the Pacific Northwest on a mountaintop with a view of the water. I spend my days writing. The Stranger Box, a saga of a mother’s betrayal and a daughter’s resilience, was published
My No. 1 cause is anything for women and children, whom I regard as this country's most undervalued and underserved population. Feminist? Damn right! —Jane Taylor McCoy

in 2014. I am working on The Hourglass: Life as an Aging Mortal. When I'm not writing, I walk or work out in an attempt to slow down the aging process.

Mary CUNNINGHAM Walker

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Major: Economics

Mary Cunningham Walker died on December 13, 2006, after a long struggle with multiple sclerosis.

Friends from Cushing House recalled many happy memories of Mary. "She had those bright blue eyes in that heart-shaped face," writes Abby von der Heyde Summersgill. "She seemed to be always on the verge of laughing." Barbara Elston Measter especially remembers her quirky sense of humor. Susan Low Bloch calls her "a wonderfully vibrant Smithie who introduced me to the Beatles. I have been forever grateful for her friendship and am very sorry her life was so short and difficult." And Kathryn Taylor writes about her special talent for friendship and her energetic kindness. When Kay returned as a sophomore to the tiniest room in Cushing, Mary said "follow me," and down they went to the housemother. "Abracadabra! I was assigned a beautiful corner room. Incoming freshmen never knew."

Mary had a lovely soprano voice. She sang in the Cushing octet and in the house production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado as one of the "Three Little Maids From School."

During the first months of Junior Year Abroad, Mary, who had been an AFS Exchange student in Paris during high school, lived with a French family that had its own chateau and made its own wine. She and three others took a trip to the Loire Valley in a rental car, Abby recalls. "We lived on bread, cheese, pâté and wine. On our return to Paris, circling the Arc de Triomphe in rush hour traffic, we could hear the empty wine bottles rolling around in the trunk."

In Geneva, Abby and Mary lived with a Swiss family for one semester. "Although we had a somewhat limited diet, often only cereal for supper or the dreaded endives, the Spanish bonne (maid/cook) made wonderful paella, which made up for other omissions," Abby writes. "We supplemented with 'hot dogs' cooked on a steam spear, inside a French roll. Along with a little brandy in a bar along Lac Leman, we were satisfied." What Carol Nadell best remembers about Mary in Geneva "was that we laughed a lot together."

After graduation, Mary married Bill Swann. He took her down south, where she remained for the rest of her life. She went to law school, was on the law review and had her first child, Christopher. After appellate law work in Washington, D.C. at the Interstate Commerce Commission, she remarried and had another son, John Walker III, and then, at 40, a daughter, Katherine Walker — and was amused when the local press interviewed her "on the pros and cons of being an older mother."

Mary is survived by her two sons, her daughter and three grandsons: Alexander, Andrew and William. They were the light of her life at the end.

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I guess I had Smith in my genes. My grandmother went, my mother went. My older sister and two aunts went. I had never visited the campus but always assumed I too would go. So, I guess I get an F in research, but I loved every minute of my time there. I loved the campus, the intimacy of Chapin House, the freshman suite, sit-down dinners, even the smoker. Did we really have to sign in at 10:30?? Seems amazing now. I bombed my first Modern European History written and quickly learned that it was not OK to be a rote responder at Smith. It was time to learn to write and think, and I loved living with a houseful of smart, fun women.

I left after sophomore year to follow my now-husband of almost 50 years to the University of Michigan. My family of alums, of course, was not pleased, but it was a good decision. A Big Ten campus was an amazing change and, as an Econ major, I often found myself the only woman in a class. I got married right after graduation, and Mike and I have lived in Minneapolis ever since. We have three wonderful married children, three great kids-in-law, and seven amazing grandchildren, all of whom bring fun, a bit of chaos and much joy to my life.

I worked briefly for the Federal Reserve Bank, then stayed home to raise children and do volunteer work for some great organizations, mostly in the education and women's issues arena. With my youngest in high school, I joined my husband's executive search firm and spent 22 years recruiting fascinating candidates and becoming a quick study on myriads of industries and organizations. I retired in 2014 and am just now acclimating to the change. Minnesota will always be home, but we have a house in southwest Florida and have enjoyed the chance to meet new, interesting people.

I love the outdoors, sports and gardening. I like to talk politics and have a hard time finding time to read all that I want to. I am not good at sitting and tend to try to squeeze in more things than I really can. I am, above all, incredibly grateful for the wonderful life I have been given.

I like to prune a shrub, read to my grandchildren, play games with friends, take an occasional trip to a place I have never been, have a glass of wine by the fire and learn something new every day.

I dislike crabby people, my Internet provider, my weight and traffic.

I am worried about our planet, our country, education in America, living to my 90s and NOT living to my 90s. So many issues.

I look forward to reading what all the rest of you have to say and to seeing many of you next spring!!

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Activities and Interests: Travel, gardening, grandchildren (three grandsons live nearby, one in Virginia); two more on the way, both due in the spring

Career: Taught French in the Concord, then Lexington, MA public schools for the six years after graduation; 1973-1978, an instructor in the Department of Education at Simmons College, where I taught courses in Curriculum and Methods in the Secondary School Teaching of Modern Languages and supervised student teachers

The third of five children born to Ann Clifford (Smith '37) and Howard Dana, I was born in Portland, ME, and while most of our childhood we lived in Barrington, RI, we spent part of every summer in Maine. Mom was thrilled that I chose Smith, and even more so when I went to Paris for my junior year. That was a pivotal year for me, becoming truly fluent in another language, which meant that I could then teach it. The years after Smith were full of wonderful experiences teaching high school French in Lexington and Concord, MA. Having summers off, I could avail myself of opportunities to improve my skills through (usually funded) institutes here and abroad.

I met my husband, Peter Mitsakos, while skiing at Loon Mountain, NH. We married in 1972, had three children, Ann, Bill and Christina, and have been living in the same home in Weston, MA, since the night before the birth of the first! While the children were young I did some French tutoring, but devoted most of my attention to raising them and supporting their education — as class parent, serving on the board of a youth ministry group, etc. It has been a blessing to be a part of the Greek Orthodox Church of my husband's heritage. When the children were in elementary school, I was part of a team that ran the Vacation Church School at the Greek Orthodox College here in Brookline. Recently, I have helped lead a prayer shawl ministry to shut-ins.

It has been fun to see our progeny wind up in their respective career paths. Ann has a Ph.D. in Theology and Education and has been delighted to work closely with one of Smith's Religious Studies faculty, Vera Shevzov. She and her husband live nearby, and it's been a true joy to have a hand in raising their three sons. Bill is a software engineer in Oakland, CA, and enjoys as much time as he can backcountry snowboarding; he and his wife Jen are expecting their first child in March. Christina is a school social worker in Northern Virginia, on leave right now raising their 3-year-old and expecting their second in April. We're on pins and needles to find out the gender, because all the others are boys!

Peter and I have been blessed to have some phenomenal travel experiences and are now loving the life rhythm his retirement brings us — daily walks together and continued community involvement with both town and church. Maine has remained a constant through it all, bringing the blessing of continued connections with my four siblings, who all live in the Portland area. I look forward to seeing you ALL in Northampton.

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I once read that retirement should be viewed as the dessert of life, and one should feel free to sample the whole buffet table. I have. —Cornelia Mendenhall Small

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S/P College: Wabash College, B.A., English, 1965
S/P Graduate School: Kellogg School, Northwestern University, M.B.A., 1970
Children: Carolyn M. Kramer, 1968
Grandchildren: Natasha Shapiro, 2004; Owen Shapiro, 2005

Volunteer Service: Nazareth Housing Inc. board of directors, secretary; Eastern District Civil Litigation Fund board of directors, secretary, assistant treasurer; Federal Bar Council board of trustees, editor-in-chief Federal Bar Council Quarterly
Honors and Awards: Brooklyn Law School, first in class
Activities and Interests: Reading, hiking, travel
Career: Since 1987 a lawyer at Schlam, Stone & Dolan, a law firm in NYC; became a partner 1996; before that, was an editor, writer and paralegal

After we graduated in 1966, I married Ken Kramer. He had just graduated from Navy OCS and we were sent to Panama, where we stayed for three years and I worked for the Navy as a clerk. My daughter, Carolyn, was born in 1968.

In 1969 we moved to Albany, New York (big temperature shock) where Ken went to law school and I worked as a substitute teacher and freelance writer and editor. After he graduated we moved to Brooklyn, where I have lived pretty much ever since. I still live in the house we bought in 1973.

From 1974 to 1984 I worked as a paralegal for the now-defunct law firm, Sage Gray Todd & Sims. Ken worked at a New York law firm. While living in Paris from 1979-1981, I reconnected with Smith, took art classes, traveled and got to know the city. Paris was a great location from which to travel all over Europe and we did, including a magical trip to Lausanne, Switzerland for a Smith in Europe conference.

Ken and I divorced and at 40 I went to law school. I enjoyed the challenge of law school and graduated first in my class. Afterward, I clerked for a federal judge and then worked for a law firm. Since 1993, I have been at Schlam Stone & Dolan, a small litigation firm in New York. My practice has been primarily commercial and bankruptcy litigation. At the same time, I serve on a number of boards.


My daughter Carolyn graduated from Penn. She is a fifth generation lawyer in my family, married and has two children, Natasha, 11, and Owen, 9. They live in Brooklyn too. Natasha plays squash and Owen plays soccer.

I am still working full time, but thinking about retirement. In my spare time I spend time with my grandchildren, read, travel and visit museums. I am in a Smith 1966 book group with Margaret (Beebles) Lawson Shaw, Cornelia (Nealie) Mendenhall Small, Candace (Candy) Drake Wainwright and Barbara
Chasen Joskow. The book group has provided a wonderfully comfortable place to discuss books and life in general.

Mary DeLancey

House: Lawrence  
Major: Mathematics

Mary DeLancey died on May 1, 2009.

Carol Nadell, who lived with Mary in Lawrence House, wrote that they became “particularly good friends” senior year: “Like me, Mary was a passionate bridge player, and we spent many hours (more than we should have!) across the table from each other in spirited but friendly bridge games. She was a lovely, calm presence; nothing much rattled her.”

After graduation, Carol and Mary were roommates in New York for a year. “She secured a highly coveted position at IBM, where she undoubtedly put to good use the skills and knowledge acquired as a math major at Smith. Again, she was fun and easy to be with. After a year, she decided she really didn’t like New York and moved back to California, where she came from. Unfortunately, we didn’t keep in touch regularly after that, although I do remember enjoying her company a lot at a Lawrence House reunion in the early ’80s. I always fondly remember her calm demeanor and understated sense of humor. She was, to put it simply, a very nice person.”

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House: Cutter  
Major: Economics


Grandchildren: Rose Elisabeth Landrum, 2010

Career: Twenty-five years full time homemaker and mom; not a house wife — I was not married to the house, but made a home.

At Smith, I was searching for myself. I am still looking.

The ’70s and ’80s were family times. Three children evolved into interesting individuals. Also I wrote hundreds of poems for pleasure and a journal not for publication.

The late ’90s for Dorinda Derow were dominated by D’s: depression, divorce, drinking and diabetes. Medication for depression and AA dissolved the need for drinking. Time helped the shift to single living and to living with diabetes (type 2 — oral meds, so far) and coping with hypertension. I follow a spreadsheet when I fill my pill pack. Recently I added a pill for early stage Parkinson’s. At times I find tracking glucose levels, blood pressure, carbs and protein and the always recommended diet and exercise overwhelming, but it has kept everything “under control.”

I volunteered editing the newsletter for the local art league and the Unitarian Church when I belonged to it. I also did membership for the art league. My favorite volunteering was as a docent at the University of Missouri Museum of Art and Archaeology from 1991-2012. (Note: 11/17/15 — yes, Mizzou, with football team joining the protesters and resulting resignations of the president and chancellor.) My volunteer work turned into a job (not a career) for the local hospital in Med Staff Services and Outreach. I retired August 8, 2008, the day the summer Olympics started. I watched TV for weeks as the Olympics were followed by the ’08 election. I still relax by watching TV. I try to be selective.

Throughout the years I have done a variety of
pleasurable activities: reading and two book discussion groups; playing bridge and mahjongg; attending plays and concerts and gallery openings; movies, meals and outings with friends. Do not travel much now, but over the years did trips — in the USA and Europe, mostly to cities with diverse historical and cultural attractions.

I see my life in 25-year increments. I was 25 when I got married; was married for 25 years and felt the next 25 were mine. I am now smiling and looking forward to figuring out what I want for the last five of my third 25 and for the 25 that will start at 76 years.

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Volunteer Service: Hospice volunteer services; town committees
Activities and Interests: Sewing; small & microscopic creatures

After graduation I migrated to British Columbia and started graduate school in marine biology. My plan was to discover bold and innovative methods of eliminating worldwide hunger through harnessing the oceans' microbial bounty. Sadly, that didn't work out, so instead in the ensuing years I got a husband, a master's degree, a few years in Nova Scotia, a divorce, several unrelated jobs and a return to British Columbia. Finally, on a whim, I packed up and moved from my remodeled chicken coop up the Fraser valley in Newfoundland to an unheated cabin with a dog-sized hole in the door. And then, at last, life began.

After several anxious months of unemployment, I started work at an offshore engineering outfit engaged in research on sea ice, icebergs and similar matters of interest to oil companies seeking to drill exploratory wells offshore eastern Canada. I started out as gopher and dogsbody, packing scientific claptrap for field trips and finding suppliers for exotic goods and esoteric devices, all of which was an education in itself.

Soon I got little research-related tasks, and before long I had carved out a micro-domain for myself which was the properties and disintegration of icebergs. In support of this and related concerns, I got to travel to Baffin Island, Labrador, the Beaufort Sea, Greenland and the Northwest Passage. I got to spend a week or so in the 24-hour dark one year at the Nanisivik mine with a team installing instruments in the sea ice. We got to see the first faint red glow on the horizon of the sun's return.

I spent a few weeks at Pond Inlet at the inn called the Tununiq Sauniq where we would spend the day doing science out on the ice and the night eating ourselves senseless and drinking orange Tang out of the cooler. Local folk would drift through, many with the sorts of outfits you wouldn't dare to expect, featuring caribou pelts, wolverine ruffs and small children with polar bear fur on the soles of their shoes, which kept them two inches off the ground.

Then Camelot disintegrated and I moved to New Hampshire to work in what I hoped would be a similar line of work. I did get to go down to Antarctica twice and Alaska a couple of times, but it was not the
The Smith community gifted me with warm friendships, an awe for excellence, a zeal for scholarship and a confidence in myself as a woman. —Lilliann A. Noda

same, so I slowly backed away from it all and have finally settled in Vermont, where I currently live with the last of five cats.

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S/P Occupation: Retired

S/P College: Michigan State, B.A., Accounting, 1966

S/P Graduate School: Case Western Reserve University, M.B.A., Business, 1983

Volunteer Service: New Hope Home for Women; Pensacola Museum of Art; Gulf Breeze Will Do

Honors and Awards: Selected for a “People to People” trip to China to compare problems and ideas with Chinese women in management roles

Career: I spent the bulk of my career in financial operations, primarily in the property and casualty insurance industry.

I left Smith for a school with a stronger biology program after promising my mother and grandmother I would return to Smith for my senior year. As often happens, a male got in the way of that and I remained at CWRU and married after graduation. I worked after we married to provide income while he was in graduate school, and by the time he finished I no longer wanted to go to medical school, as I had fallen in love with the world of business finance. Unfortunately, my first husband preferred a housewife and we parted ways.

While working, I went back to school part-time to earn enough accounting credits to take the CPA exam. I spent five years as a tax accountant with a Cleveland firm until returning to school once again for an M.B.A. While at the Weathered School, I heard Peter Lewis, CEO of Progressive Insurance, speak and decided I wanted to work for him. I was hired at Progressive as Financial Operations Manager and spent the rest of my career in the property and casualty insurance industry. I retired as COO in 2000 from a Michigan company that I helped to take public.

My husband and I moved to Florida in 2009 from Nashville, TN. We spend our summers at our island cottage in Georgian Bay and the rest of the year we are traveling the world checking items off our bucket list. At home, I devote my time to volunteer activities and have just finished a light-hearted novel that is now in the editing stage.

I hadn’t thought much about Smith until 2013, when my father died. Among his papers, I found letters I had written home from Smith. Reading them brought back many memories — making the Cushing House badminton team, getting drunk for the first time and spending the night in Susannah Rowley’s room clutching her roommate’s table to relieve the spinning I felt in my head, spending weekends at Dartmouth with a guy I met at a Smith mixer, being asked by a junior to go with her and others to New Hampshire to climb a mountain on Mountain Day, spending three weeks in the infirmary with mono, being bitten by a horse during riding class, rowing on Paradise Pond, raiding the kitchen in Cushing late at night for ANYTHING edible, and many, many more.

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Children: Nathan Yeardley Stowell, 1972; Charles Parker Stowell, 1974
Grandchildren: Maxim Stowell, 2002; Tobias Tom Stowell, 2005; Jackson Tom Stowell, 2009; James Parker Stowell, 2015

Volunteer Service: I have been the spinner and weaver and school tour docent in a local farm museum, a dog show steward, fiber arts judge and member of vestries, fiber arts group boards, kennel club boards, all minor and too many to enumerate. Fifty years is a long time.

Honors and Awards: I won best weaving at the state fair last month and have piles of ribbons from fairs and dogs shows, but I suppose you want something more significant. Okay, no honors and awards

Activities and Interests: Spinning; weaving, particularly historic textiles; embroidery; Temari; collecting antique fiber tools; American decorative arts; sheep-breeding; dog-breeding (Bearded collies); peafowl

Career: Library branch manager in multiple branches

Oh dear, have you no thought for the joys of an unexamined life? I do discuss how my life has been shaped by experiences with my son who is a psychiatrist, an analyst, in fact, but I am not sharing that, nor would you want me to.

I suppose if I must think back, I would think of my biography as having three chapters, starting with the growing up years, in Washington, D.C. This is a blur of schools leading to Smith, followed by library school, which everyone said would be useful. I suppose they were correct, but I am sure there were other interesting options. I did after all enjoy management, particularly crisis management. I did a stint in rare books and then switched to public librarianship which was by far the most rewarding, particularly in communities where folk really needed help.

The second chapter was marriage to an Episcopal priest, which left me with two wonderful sons and a lot of work experience. This chapter ended when God sent him a new woman and a couple of years later I met Jim and the third and best chapter began.

Jim is an architect with a practice limited to historic preservation. We live in a house built by his great-great-grea-grandparents, on a Maryland farm where we have a small flock of sheep. We have shown and bred bearded collies, including one dear old boy who was best of breed at the Westminster Kennel Club show at Madison Square Garden. He sired a lot of puppies and loved the work.

We do a lot of historical things and some Scottish events, and I weave and spin, even using Jim's gggg'm’s spinning wheel. I do museum and fair demonstrations for school children, and love weaving, particularly in retirement.

The only downside is that travel is required to see my sons, one in Moscow and the other in Berkeley, CA. They each have two sons. Whenever I feel sorry for myself, I buy another travel bag, and I am getting quite a collection of luggage. We do have a guest house on the farm, which will be occupied for holidays when my sons and their families do the travel. There is nothing for it but to bite the bullet and collect the frequent flyer miles.

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S/P College: University of Kansas, B.A., Mathematics, 1965
S/P Graduate School: Wesleyan University, M.A.T., Mathematics/Education, 1967; Ohio State University, Ph.D., Mathematics Education, 1973
Children: Karen Thompson, 1974; David Thompson, 1977
Grandchildren: Leo Thompson Ricardo, 2010

Volunteer Service: Tutoring high school students; Upward Bound; parent organizations; mentor to university students studying to become teachers; international friendship organizations; host family for international students
Honors and Awards: Fellowship — Wesleyan University; nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award — Ohio State University
Activities and Interests: Travel, reading, theater, dance, cooking, restaurants, keeping close ties with family and friends
Career: I retired in 2005 after 38 years of enjoying teaching.

At Smith, I felt like an outsider in some ways. I had attended a public high school, and my paternal grandparents were Irish immigrants. In fact, my great aunt had been a maid at Smith. However, my Dad had become a lawyer because of the educational opportunities America offered him. I chose Smith because I thought it had the best English department in the country, and I knew I was academically qualified. For me, Smith continued the chain of educational opportunity.

Another dimension of my Smith experience was the lifelong friendships I formed there. At Northrop House we suffered homesickness together, relished our new independence, cried over President Kennedy’s death and launched ourselves into the adult world in fits and starts.

The academic rigor at Smith was a major influence on me, and later influenced my own teaching. Many of my professors were not only gifted scholars, but also could convey content in engaging ways — Mr. Harward, Mr. Young, Mr. Connolly. But Mrs. von Klemperer was my adviser and my favorite. She knew so much, taught us so much and had such high expectations for us as students. I learned to critique literature and to write much more analytically from her. I wanted to BE Mrs. von Klemperer.

Later, in the Wesleyan M.A.T. program, I taught a wide variety of students, including at-risk students. In fact, I met my husband Chuck Thompson, a math M.A.T. student, at a volunteer tutor meeting. I went on to teach a diverse array of high school students in Kansas, Ohio and Kentucky. At one school, I created a Global Literature class that blended students from the three academic tracks at the school, and we studied literature other than American and English. I also taught at the college level — at a community college, at Ohio State and at the University of Louisville. My students ranged from traditional students to working/commuting students to basketball players to adult returning students. I loved my students, and I felt it a privilege to offer them educational opportunity, just as it had been offered to me.

Chuck and I have two children, Karen and David. We are especially proud that they continue the chain of education — David teaches emergency medicine, and Karen teaches ESL teachers, who teach children who are new to our country.

I am grateful I had the opportunity to have a Smith education and to pass on the opportunity of education to many others.

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S/P Graduate School: University of Michigan, M.A., Education

Volunteer Service: Women’s issues; politics
Honors and Awards: Many mediation awards
Activities and Interests: Reading, traveling
Career: Teach mediation to professionals and law students, provide conflict coaching, conflict intervention in organizations, and am doing more and more elder mediations involving families of elders needing care.

Thumbnail: I am in a 33-year relationship with a man named Smith, whom I live with and never married. I own my own mediation and organizational consulting business. I love my life and my work. I can’t imagine retiring. My father finally retired at age 90, so that’s my image of retirement.

I never had children, and I love my nieces and their children dearly.

When I left Smith, I immediately married Jay Zumeta. We married in NYC and then moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where I still live. Jay went to graduate school, and I got a job doing work as a lackey in social science research at the University of Michigan (UM), the beginning of a long institutional relationship. The only jobs the university was offering women were as secretaries and research assistants.

We spent the Vietnam War years in Bay City, Michigan, where Jay taught and I got a job in state government, complete with sex discrimination and sexual harassment. Welcome to the real world. When Jay returned to UM, I got a job looking into sex discrimination in salaries at the university. In that job I wrote a brief and argued a case before an internal university tribunal, and won it. So then I went to law school. It was the prototype for my life. Do it, then learn about it.

During law school at UM I helped to negotiate for and strike with the teaching assistants (I taught Women and the Law). After graduation, I got a job as a labor organizer and negotiator for the Michigan Nurses Association, and later the Michigan Licensed Practical Nurses Association. And Jay and I divorced, luckily quite amicably.

My next job was with the University of Michigan Institute of Gerontology, where I taught Advocacy and Aging and did my first mediation between two of the faculty members. I was hooked. When the grant ran out, I started my business, Mediation Training & Consultation Institute, where I’ve worked ever since. I met my significant other, Howard Smith, at the same time, so I feel like 1982 was my very lucky year. I’ve had both satisfaction and success in my work, and teach for law schools and professional associations around the country, as well as continuing to do mediation, conflict coaching and organizational interventions. My work keeps me excited, passionate, and committed. My relationship is still wonderful. I’ve had a very lucky life in these 50 years!

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Volunteer Service: Our Lady Queen of Angels, East Harlem, NY; Library of America, board of trustees; Outward Bound USA, board of trustees; Education Through Music, board of trustees
Activities and Interests: Family, literature, music
Career: Worked in publishing and politics; with a partner founded and ran a bookstore (ten years) and then designed and outfitted bookstores for Mount Sinai Hospital and Teachers College; then spent 15 years at non-profits in education providing professional development to teachers and administrators in public and public charter schools; currently volunteer at a parochial school in East Harlem.

It is a huge challenge to remember 50 years of life, much less reflect on them! Beyond failings of memory, there is also reinvention — did it happen as I remember it? Who’s to say?

What I do know is that I have been extremely lucky. I have had two kind and intelligent husbands, I have extraordinary daughters, sons-in-law, stepsons and step daughters-in-law and 11 PERFECT grandchildren. My husband and I are fortunate that we are healthy and have a comfortable, engaged life shared with friends and family.

Jon is a corporate lawyer, fully focused on his practice. Since retiring from full-time work, I spend my time volunteering, taking classes in music, reading and enjoying New York’s concerts, museums and theater. I live near Central Park and often share morning walks there with Nealie Small, among others. During the years of work and raising children, I was rarely able to do these things, which makes them all the more special now.

I did not really have a “career,” but I have had a number of interesting jobs. I worked briefly in publishing and politics. After several years as a full-time mom, I co-managed my neighborhood bookstore and then with a colleague founded an independent bookstore. We published a mail-order catalog that enabled us to serve people in all 50 states. We were not computerized — the inventory was in our heads!!! After ten years, we sold the business and became consultants to non-profits to improve their for-profit entities. Since we thought we had run a “Mom and Mom Shop” for ten years, it was fun to discover that we had expertise to offer large institutions. When my partner and her husband moved away, I went to work for Expeditionary Learning Schools (ELS), Outward Bound USA. ELS provides professional development to teachers and administrators in public and charter schools throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico. I was at ELS for 13 years and have since acted as a part-time consultant for comparable organizations.

Travel has been a theme of my life. I have traveled as an adult with my parents, my children, my husbands, my grandchildren, my friends, my colleagues — ruggedly and luxuriously, for work and for fun. The experience has been an important part of my life’s education, whether exploring the wilderness or other cultures, and hopefully it will continue to be for many more years.

A Smith College “take-away” for me is the value
Every autumn, when New York City starts to turn yellow, orange and red, I'm sure I hear the bells announcing Mountain Day. —Patricia E. Brawer

of women friends. From my daughters (one a teacher and reading specialist, one a non-practicing lawyer) to friends from school, college, work, life — I cannot imagine my existence without them.

Another is the pleasure of being a life-long learner. I find it harder to retain as much as I used to, but the pleasure of reading and sharing books and music and art is greater than ever.

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Activities and Interests: Sewing and knitting, singing, gardening; Bible study

Career: Elementary school teaching has been the focus of my career, first as a primary grade teacher and later as a music teacher. I continue to substitute in both these areas.

Where has life taken me these past 50 years? Six days after graduation Dan and I got married, so we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary this spring. Celebrating with us will be our three “children,” Andrew, Henry, and Elizabeth, their spouses, Andrew’s step-son Julius (10), and Elizabeth’s two sons, Owen(3) and Jay(1). They represent the happiest and some of the hardest parts of the past 50 years.

It became clear to me while still at Smith that I loved working with young children. At first I was an elementary school teacher, then a mom, later a volunteer for various organizations that serve children, and finally an elementary school music teacher. I still enjoy substituting in our local schools, but nothing can compare with the precious times spent with my grandchildren. To experience the joy of life through these young eyes is happiness for me.

Happy Gramma!
Fifty years ago Dan and I had never lived anywhere but Massachusetts, but life and work have taken us all over the world. Our early years were spent in North Carolina, London, and Belgium. Our children grew up in Illinois and now live in CA, TN, and MA, and we split our time between our island in Maine and the Boston area. This has enriched our lives through extraordinary experiences, lasting friendships around the world and a global perspective. Even at Smith I had a yearning to experience the world, and the past 50 years have more than fulfilled that desire.

This has been my life on the outside, but who have I become on the inside?

About half a lifetime ago, the Spirit of God got hold of me and has been changing me ever since from the inside out. I spent my early years trying (unsuccessfully) to be perfect on the outside, but then God showed me that no matter what I tried to do, I would never measure up to His perfection. Fortunately, He had already sent a perfect Savior to stand in my place. Once I gave up striving for a perfection I could not achieve, and replaced it with gratefulness to God for all He has given, my life has been filled with a deep inner peace.

These words of Thomas a Kempis in 1418 sum up my thoughts:

"The good life makes a man wise according to God, and gives him experience in many things, for the more humble he is and the more subject to God, the wiser and the more at peace he will be in all things."

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S/P Occupation: Cardiologist
S/P College: Williams College, B.A., 1958
S/P Graduate School: Boston University School of Medicine, M.D., 1962
Children: Rebekah Kowal, 1966; Jessica Kowal, 1967

Grandchildren: Noah K. Bullwinkle; Isaac K. Bullwinkle; Lucinda Harden; Arno Harden

Honors and Awards: Seventy solo institutional exhibitions — 13 in museums: NY, CO, WY, France; selected residencies and lectures: CT, CO, France, VT, ME; 53 solo shows in commercial galleries throughout the USA

Activities and Interests: French & Italian languages, travel, skiing

Career: Exhibiting artist in 12 national galleries for 50 years

The 50 years since my Smith time have been spent painting, drawing and traveling to paint, and often I have won the privilege of making a living at what I was born to do. I have always been a landscape painter, with the occasional portrait or still life executed on special occasions. A strong work ethic has guided me to a prolific productivity, as witnessed by the 2011 publication Elevated Perspective: The Paintings of Joellyn Duesberry, a 50-year survey of my work. Fundraising for this publication began just as the art economy crashed, and until very recently I was unable to sustain my operations very well. Nevertheless, I have enjoyed recent sales and honors from various institutions which have acquired works from me — the Metropolitan Museum of Art and National September 11 Memorial & Museum, both in NYC; Yale; and the University of Denver. The Smithsonian has acquired my papers and records for the Archives of American Art in Washington, D.C.

Five times now, I have been interrupted by cancer, and have soared to re-invent my art and myself after all but the latest, which is incurable, but manageable with medicine. I would say that the work has become more abstract, as if to re-unite my youthful abstract language with the skills of many years of painting outdoors when embedded in the landscape I was rendering. It has been a wonderful round trip, this painting life, and I am grateful to have been allowed so many fruitful years and productivity. Despite many changes of taste and fashion I've been able to follow my own path, perhaps because of a
loyal following more than a true public audience. Many of these supporters have been Smith women, most notably Janice Oresman and Jane Chace Carroll, and Smith’s Jessica Nicoll has just acquired a favorite composition of mine entitled *Cavern with Three Waterfalls, Wassaic, New York*, a 54 x 32” oil-on-linen painting created on the site of the Stone Church where the Iroquois hid from the French and Indian War. The site has recently been retrieved from wilderness overgrowth and made a monument and park near my home in Millbrook, New York, which I have had to leave after 54 years of painting there.

I am trying to overcome the many losses I have sustained since the last reunion by studying Buddhist texts and meditation in an effort to live in the present, my last great effort in this life, and most exciting prospect for me. I wish peace to all of us as I search for it myself.

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Spouse/Partner: James MacGregor Burns

Honors and Awards: http://web.williams.edu/humanities/sdunn/

I remember that at about 1 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 1963, I was in my room in the attic of Dawes House (Amy Kaiser ’65 was my roommate) when a girl rushed in and shouted, “The president’s been shot!” Hmm. I wondered why anyone would want to shoot the president of Smith College. I continued studying for the rest of the afternoon, and when I went downstairs for dinner, I heard the news.

I spent junior year in Paris — and crashed a party, “Americans for Johnson,” in the Eiffel Tower with Docie Simmons. From Smith I went directly to grad school at Harvard — no gap year, as my students say — and I’ve been in school ever since. In fact, I’ve been in school since 1950.

I started teaching in 1967 — and that’s what I’m still doing. I’ve been at Williams College since 1973, and I’m now one of the “old guard.” My companion James MacGregor Burns, who died in 2014, also taught at Williams. We wrote two books together, one on Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and another one on George Washington. I’ve published ten more — I write about the founding fathers and about FDR.

I love teaching and writing and cross-country skiing and going to student basketball games and hiking in the Berkshires and going to meetings of our local Democratic town committee. I’m grateful for every day I spend in Williamstown — population 6,000 people and 500 dogs. It’s life in the slow lane, but it’s pretty close to perfect.

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S/P College: Worcester Jr. College, ASEE, Associate
Many times in the past half century I have found myself thanking Smith College for helping me find my voice and for instilling in me the power of “yes.” —Harriet Campbell Cameron

Electrical Engineering, 1966
S/P Graduate School:
Fitchburg State, B.S., Industrial Science, 1975
Children: William (Bill)
Francis Keeney, 1975; Darcy
Keeney Green, 1977
Grandchildren: Dillon
Francis Keeney, 2001; Tyler
Lawrence Keeney, 2006;
Wyatt Lance Green, 2010;
Zoe Eaton Green, 2013

Volunteer Service: McLeans Mental Hospital, meet with patients 1971; Concord Reformatory Prison Outreach group, 1972; Walk for Hunger, since 1995; youth choir director, off and on since 1986; soccer coach in the ’80s; with my husband, ran the Buddy Warner Ski Team races in the ’90s; Adventures in Music program in Sudbury; choir member at my church since 1980; church-related money raising functions and committees; went with our church to help rehab/rebuild houses for the Katrina victims in Biloxi, MI; second year helped build a house in a week with people from all over the country in Biloxi; trustee since 2004 and treasurer since 2006, Sudbury Historical Society; worked at Rosie’s Place serving food and delivering groceries for ten years; with my husband, became the sole source of emotional, physical, and affairs support for an elderly woman in our local elderly housing for 11 years; participate in a senior/3rd grader interchange program called “Bridges;” very active as a class officer for 45th reunion; singer in the Smith College Alumnae Chorus; working with others to try and get a Friends of Music group started at Smith; working at Open Table to serve meals once a month.

Activities and Interests: Music (singing), genealogy, photography, hiking, walking, snowshoeing, skiing, travel, preserving history, helping others

Career: After college worked at the American School in Switzerland as secretary to the headmaster; then learned COBOL programming at John Hancock Insurance Co. (ten years); continued doing that at Digital (17 years part-time), and Sungard BSR for eight; laid off from Digital in 1995 and from Sungard in 2004

After graduating from Smith with a major in music, I had no idea what I would do for a job. On the Smith job directory, I found an opening for a secretary to the headmaster at the American School in Lugano, Switzerland. It was an amazing experience. When I returned to the U.S., looking for secretarial jobs, one potential employer said I was too intelligent to be a secretary; why not be a programmer? I had never heard of programming, but John Hancock was teaching people how to program in COBOL, and the rest is history.

At John Hancock, a group of friends got together to hike the 4,000-footers in New Hampshire, and hiking, skiing and camping became my main joy. I met my husband Terry on an Appalachian Mt. Club hiking trip, and for the next 14 years we spent all our vacations hiking, camping and rafting in New England, Colorado, Utah, Canada, Scotland and Ireland.

Music has always been in my life. I was part of three major choral groups, including the Handel and Haydn Society and the Cecilia Society before we moved to Sudbury in 1977. Since then I have sung with our church choir, directed a youth choir and
worked to bring The Adventures in Music, a children's music program, to Sudbury. In 2001, Smith came back into my life in a big way when Jonathan Hirsh, the current music director, invited alums to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Iva Dee Haitt's founding of the Chamber Singers. Terry and I and 17 alums joined the Chamber Singers for a tour in Europe. Since then, Smith has formed The Smith College Alumnae Chorus, which has sung at Smith and also in Sicily (2011), Latvia, Estonia, St. Petersburg (2013) and Cuba (2016). These trips have been immensely satisfying, musically, socially and culturally.

Other interests important to both of us are genealogy and photography. Searching for Terry's ancestors was an amazing adventure for our entire family. I love to take pictures of all the events that I go to — reunions, weddings, etc. And volunteering to help others has always been part of our lives.

Of course my main love is my family. Son Bill is 40, senior VP at The Keeney Group, Merrill Lynch. His lovely wife Lauren and sons Dillon (14) and Tyler (9) live in Grafton, MA. Our daughter Darcy is in charge of the special education program at her elementary school in North Andover. She is married to Jeff Green, and has a son Wyatt (5) and daughter Zoe (2). We are so happy they are all nearby.

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S/P Occupation: Artist: sculptor, painter, draftsman

Activities and Interests: Photography, gardening, wildlife, cats, music, food, family, light

Having married Dominic Koval — painter, sculptor, draftsman and incorrigible thinker — the day after graduation, I am this year celebrating 50 years of wedded challenge and creativity, as well as my half-century Smith reunion.

For ten years after leaving college, I worked as research assistant to Smith's erstwhile rabbi, Louis Ruchames, on The Letters of William Lloyd Garrison, moving to Boston the year he became Professor of American History at UMass-Boston. I served concurrently as editorial assistant to Zoltan Haraszti, Keeper of Rare Books Emeritus at the Boston Public Library, while Dominic painted at a studio in the North End. Further adventures included helping run the Nasrudin Gallery on Newbury Street; living with a group of friends in Milton, and being chef of The Voyagers Restaurant in Cambridge. In 1985, we moved to Vermont where I became chef of an art colony in Johnson and organizer of the papers of Indian Commissioner/labor-management mediator Robert Grosvenor Valentine, now at the Massachusetts Historical Society. In 1997, I began commuting weekly between Vermont and Massachusetts as assistant and aide to painter Polly Thayer Starr (http://www.pollythayerstarr.org) for the last ten years of her century-long and profoundly interesting life, preparing her papers for the Smithsonian Archives of American Art.

My life's trajectory has been somewhat erratic, but I consider myself most fortunate to have worked closely with individuals of great depth of experience and insight. I am astounded when I consider the
extent to which the technical aspects of my work changed, while the human elements remain fascinating, complex and elusive in very much the same ways as ever. I believe that my liberal arts education at Smith, and in particular the vision and humor of several of the professors with whom I associated while I was there (Robert Peterson, Richard Young and Mary Jane Carruthers come to mind) helped greatly in opening me to the experiences that came my way.

We live quietly with our cats and our garden in Lake Elmore, where we have constructed a studio/gallery next to an old farmhouse. Dominic, who now works primarily in low relief wood carving, has had 27 solo exhibitions, and I have braved cyberspace to present his work in other dimensions (http://www.wellofstars.com). I have also become increasingly involved with photography, and take great joy in capturing moments of natural beauty and developing my skills in observing and presenting them.

Elizabeth Edwards

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Major: Hispanic Studies


“Betsy and I were on the Junior Year in Spain, and I'll always remember her sense of humor,” writes Elisabeth C. Washburn. “My father spent a week with our class in southern Spain with a car and the five of us in the car were always exploding with laughter at the off-color ditties that she'd sing.”

After graduating from Smith, Betsy pursued a career in hospital administration. In 1977, she earned a master's of public health degree at Berkeley, then moved back East to become assistant to the president at Bristol Hospital in Connecticut.

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S/P Graduate School: Columbia University, J.D., 1969
Children: Sheila Allen Avelin, 1971; Noelle Allen, 1972

Volunteer Service: Mediator, DC Superior Court
Activities and Interests: Tennis, reading, grandchildren
Career: For most of my career, I was in-house counsel for two non-profit medical organizations, first the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and then the Gynecologic Oncology Group. The former is the national membership association of ob/gyns. The latter administers federally funded gyn cancer studies.

Recently, I read a long interview of Gloria Steinem and Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the New York Times, and I kept saying ‘yes — me too’ in reaction to their recollections of how they were treated early in their careers. I headed to law school right after college, with the vague goal of using my law degree to improve society. There were fewer than 20 women in our class of 320, and most classmates wanted a career in a NY law firm. Many made it clear that they didn’t think women belonged in law school because they would just end up staying at home raising children.

The world was changing, and new concerns — civil rights, women’s rights, especially the Vietnam War and the draft — dominated our lives by the time we graduated. David, a law school classmate, and I got married in September 1969 and moved to Washington, DC, where we both had jobs enforcing federal civil rights laws.
Next, we worked for a legal services program on the island of Saipan 1974-1976. We returned to DC in 1976. By then we had three children and the juggling began! I was able to work part time while they were in elementary and middle school. Like others who tried it, I found combining work and family responsibilities incredibly stressful. Part-time work wasn’t common in the ‘70s and ‘80s, but I was lucky to have very supportive bosses who let me have a flexible schedule when I needed it (a big change from law school).

For 18 years, I was the general counsel of ACOG, the national membership organization of ob/gyns. It was a great place to work, partly because ACOG was in the center of legal efforts to preserve the pro-choice rights established under Roe v Wade. ACOG filed briefs in many federal cases, presenting relevant medical information to the judges. It is depressing to see so many of the issues we thought we resolved 30 to 40 years ago resurface today. I left that job in 2000, and since then have worked part-time (again), first for a large national cancer research organization and now as a volunteer mediator in the local courts. I love mediating and feel I may have belatedly found my true calling.

Like many, our family has had health problems, but David and I have had fortunate lives, for which we are grateful. I try to do something active every day: play tennis regularly, commute to court by bike and go to yoga to stay limber. Also, I enjoy time with grandchildren.

Reading the last paragraph about enjoying grandchildren sounds so unlike the “me” I ever expected to be when I graduated from college. But there you are: Life brings surprises.

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I live in paradise with my husband Charlie and our two dogs, a Portuguese Water dog named Fado (after the Portuguese music) and a 100-pound Labradoodle named Picasso (after guess who). Paradise is Seabrook Island, SC, a private barrier island off Charleston where we have had a residence for 25 years. We moved here permanently in 2006. I am the grandma of two young boys, so I have two sons, two grandsons, two male dogs and a husband (and one daughter-in-law, whom I adore).

After having practiced law for many years in New York and Connecticut, I retired in 2004 and tried teaching for a while. (But for some reason, no school would hire a 60-year-old woman with little experience who had to be paid top dollar because of her degrees!) Since 2009, I have been employed by FEMA, part of the Department of Homeland Security, as a Disaster Reservist. This makes my normally peaceful life of bridge, yoga and golf pretty exciting. I never know when the phone will ring (now it's my email that will ding) and I will be asked to deploy to a disaster for several weeks.

As well, we live a rather international life: Charlie, who spent his entire career in international shipping, is an international maritime arbitrator who hears cases in New York City and London. My son met his wife in Guatemala, where he ran a company for one of my husband's clients, so we have a wonderful Guatemalan family too!
With my sidekick since 7/2/72

1972. We had and have much in common and just enough differences to keep things lively.

One shared interest was a desire to spend more time in Europe. So in 1987, when our children were eight and ten, we took a sabbatical year from our jobs in Denver and moved to a tiny village in central Italy. We lived outside the village in a remote and rustic farmhouse three miles from town and enrolled the children in the local elementary school. Thus began a year of total immersion in Umbrian life, a year that stands out among all the others and for which we're forever grateful.

The Italian year inspired us to move to London in 1991 to open the European branch of my husband's Denver law firm. From 1994-1999 I directed the European branch of the Colorado International Trade Office and from 1999 to 2007 edited and published books and articles, mainly about Hampstead, our London neighborhood. But Italy beckoned, and in 2007 we moved back to the village to learn the fundamentals of grape and olive growing, wine making, tree pruning and artisan skills taught us by our neighbors.

Two years ago we decided to return to New England for seven months a year. There we are growing hay and experimenting with grains, planting a vineyard, growing vegetables and flowers and chopping firewood for the wood stove. Best of all, we're closer to our children, living in an old family home and welcoming visits from family and friends.

Right after Smith I lived/studied in Europe for a year (Austria) and decades later moved back to Europe (UK and Italy). In the intervening years I lived and worked in Boston, Montana, Seattle, Washington, DC and Denver but didn't stay with any type of work long enough to consider it a "career." In looking back at these past 50 years, I see how lucky I was to have had the chance to be part of varied communities and to have met so many wonderful people along the way.

In 1968, when I was 23, I met Bruce Kohler, now my husband. We met at the christening of a newborn boy named William Emerson Nash, our godson, named after my beloved older brother "Bing," who had been killed in Vietnam a few days earlier. Out of the worst event in my life came one of the best, meeting the man who's been part of my life since

Volunteer Service: Neighborhood associations, public schools, various charitable organizations and in Italian vineyards and olive groves

Activities and Interests: Learning European languages — which led to hosting dozens of international travelers for many years in both Denver and in London, through the Servas program and as part of my involvement with Ashoka (a fellowship program for social entrepreneurs)

Career: A variety of paid and volunteer work: translator of Spanish/English, Italian/English; editor of books and articles; publisher of books about Hampstead, London; teacher in a one-room schoolhouse and of ESL; medical stenographer; ski instructor; lawyer in private practice and in state government; sculptor and photographer

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S/P Occupation: Attorney/ Garden Designer
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Smith College
I was privileged to contribute my ideas, energy and passion
to the antiwar and women's movements. —Margaret Carson Clark

Phyllis Endreny

House: Morrow
Major: History

Phyllis Endreny died on December 25, 2000, in Chicago, IL, four days after hip replacement surgery to repair a fracture sustained in a fall.

Phyllis was born in New York City and grew up in Pelham Manor, NY. Sandy Putnam, who lived across the hall from her in Morrow House, writes: “She was a sweet, thoughtful, generous person whom I remember as often leaving candy treats under pillows and rushing about as only someone under five feet tall can do. She was a dynamo, and brought a childlike, mischievous sense of fun to our lives.”

A cum laude History major, she earned her Ph.D. in sociology from Columbia University and became an expert in communications and the media. She served as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and co-authored a book, Reporting on Risk. She became an independent social research consultant and was active in the American Association for Public Opinion Research, managing the organization’s annual book exhibit. Her great passions were literature, writing and politics, and she was an avid and intrepid bicyclist.

Vivian Jarrett Harrouer recalls a weekend visit to Phyllis’s family’s house near New York, and attending an early Off-Broadway performance of The Fantasticks — Vivian’s first visit to the city. Gail Kern Paster remembers Phyllis as “a small, bustling package of nervous energy ... the youngest of four children of Hungarian refugees whose expectations for their children were high. Phyllis felt that she could never compete with the success of her older siblings or Raymond, her twin. She never married. Health problems plagued her even at Smith — a herniated esophagus gave her great anxiety and constrained her eating habits, which were eccentric. I loved her and we remained close for years after college, though we lost touch before her death — which shocked and greatly saddened me. I hope she found happiness, but I worry that it eluded her.”

Phyllis was survived by her twin brother and one sister.

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Graduate School: Rutgers Law School, J.D., 1977; New York University, M.S., Tax Law, 1981

Marital Status: Single
Children: Kirsten, 1969; Jenna, 1972
Career: After college, I worked as a computer programmer. I then went to law school; have been practicing law for 38 years and am about to retire.

With bumps in the road, on the whole these 50 years have been good to me. After graduation, I secured a job in New York with IBM, an apartment in the Village with a fellow Smithie and a husband. Although the latter did not work out, we had a number of good years and, more important, two wonderful daughters.

The Watergate hearings inspired me to go to law
school, which was a test that thankfully the whole family passed.

Although my marriage did not work out, I was lucky to meet a wonderful partner in life and we were together until he died five years ago. Soon after, I moved to northern New Jersey to be nearer to my daughters, their husbands, my grandsons, step-grandsons and, of course, my granddog.

I am now about to embark on retirement, and although I am not quite sure of my agenda, I am very excited to have the time to do things that work did not seem to permit. Among those things, I hope, is to spend time with the many great Smith friends I made and kept. I am fortunate to be able to see John and Jill (Nareff) Blauner often — they are part of our family. And in keeping with my promise to myself, I have visited with Sally Bassett Dickeson, Deborah Diemand, Susan Rubinow Gorsky and Betsy Wilcox Walsh in just the last few months.

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Grandchildren: Linsey Evans Brookfield, 2004; Kalina Huang Brookfield, 2006; Maya Koppes Brookfield, 2012; Linus Lord Brookfield, 2014

Volunteer Service: Planned Parenthood, American Cancer Society, FISH, PALS tutoring  
Activities and Interests: Photography, dance, art, cinema, traveling  
Career: Fundraiser for educational institutions; public relations; editor; teacher; nonprofits include Pomfret School, Cranbrook School, The Masters School, Chase Collegiate and Rippowam Cisqua School

Head Case

Just got off an airplane from Argentina with ten stitches in my head! I was photographing the ferry boat that would take me to Buenos Aires, when I stepped backward onto a slimy rock. In an instant I was on the ground with blood trickling through my white hair. I am fine and tomorrow will have my stitches out.

Last year I went over my handlebars and suffered another head injury. I got back on my bike and then tumbled into bed for two days. I keep getting knocked in the head. Maybe I need a permanent helmet?

In one sense, Smith has served as a helmet. The college offered a rigorous academic program that tested my mettle. I developed self-confidence early on and became a survivor of calamity, my own and others' (deaths of dear ones, disease, divorce, addiction, mental illness, perfidy, greed, abuse, unemployment, homelessness and heartbreak). Finally I've found simplicity and peace in a bewildering world. I love being 71!

When I left Smith, I didn't aim for a career beyond supportive wife. That role ended with a bruising bang to the head. I cobbled together a series of jobs and, in my last, watched my own head roll.

I never wanted to be "head" of anything. Still, I honor my parents and grandparents in their brave effort to "get ahead." In the past decade I've finished two books of genealogy, tracing my Swedish and Welsh roots, and I'm proud to be a corn-fed girl from the Midwest. Like Dickinson's "little stone," I'm happy rambling the road alone — when not crashing into boulders. I never cared about "careers" and "exigencies never fear." I believe in play and magic and creativity and with Wordsworth that in "getting and spending we lay waste our powers."
I’m delighted my sons, whom I urged to be “happy and productive,” are stay-at-home dads this year, raising four clever children while their brilliant wives practice law and science. Jon, an academic, and Flora are in Boston with Linsey, Kalina, and Linus; Chris, a venture capitalist, and Michele live in Bellingham with Maya. I spend a good deal of time flying coast to coast with New York as a hub.

My legal residence is Sarasota, where I enjoy the lively arts scene, my church, community garden, photography and tutoring first graders. Despite many thumps on the head, I am still a romantic striving to dance through this last act of the play with grace, dignity and unstinting love. Heads up!

Sandra EVANS Fee (Sandy)

House: Cutter
Major: Economics

Sandra Evans Fee died on October 16, 2002, in Sioux Falls, SD.

Virginia Means Giddens writes that she shared many happy times with her Cutter housemate: “Sandra was a dear friend and a brilliant student. She loved the challenges of Smith’s excellent faculty and courses. She shared with me and others her quick wit and mid­western charm.”

Sandra moved to New York after graduation, where she worked for Glamour magazine and House & Garden. Jean Smith Henning remembers those days: “Sandy’s dream while at Smith was to move to New York City and get a sophisticated job writing for a magazine. And she did. And in the small but very elegant Upper East Side townhouse she shared with her husband Richard, she always had the very best parties. She was a fabulous cook with a wonderful sense of style.”

Sandra’s husband, Richard Fee, died suddenly in 1974. She called his death the “formative experience” of her life — and in its wake, she decided to change course and concentrate on writing fiction. For several years, she worked as a freelance editor in Washington, DC. In 1988, she moved to Sioux Falls to take care of her aging parents. There, she continued writing, recruited applicants for Smith and worked as a professional decorator until arthritis forced her to retire.

She was survived by a brother and two nieces.

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S/P Graduate School: University of Virginia, M.D., 1970

Children: Jennifer O’Toole, 1968; Benjamin Butler, 1972; Nicholas Butler, 1974

Grandchildren: Ethan Butler, 2005; William Butler, 2008; Clare O’Toole, 2008; Catherine O’Toole, 2011; Jaya Butler, 2011; Priyanka Butler, 2014

Volunteer Service: Hospital de la Familia, Haitian Health Foundation, Dover Adult Learning Center, League of Women Voters, Our House for Girls, WDH Auxiliary, Seacoast Hospice
Activities and Interests: Tennis, skiing, windsurfing, hiking, friends, reading

I married my husband, Paul (Amherst ’66), in 1967. We have lived on the Piscataqua River in New Hampshire for 33 years and we, our three children, their spouses and our six wonderful grandchildren have enjoyed the countless activities afforded by living on a river only ten miles from the ocean and within easy access of the mountains.

I taught for a number of years while Paul was in medical school and residency and then was fortunate
to be able to stay home and raise our children. During those years, I volunteered in the community and helped manage my husband’s medical practice. I later enjoyed nearly 20 years working as a school counselor. Now that we are retired, we continue to see our children and grandchildren almost weekly, as they all live in the Boston area. Other than a touch of Parkinson’s, I have led a charmed life. There has even been an upside to the Parkinson’s as it has given me a strong incentive to exercise regularly.

We have traveled widely, including many trips to Haiti, Guatemala and the Philippines for medical mission trips. The trips to Haiti were transformative. On an early trip, we met a young man in his 20s who was volunteering his time to provide schooling to 100 of the poorest children in the dark confines of a coffin maker’s shop in his small town of Jeremie. He had no books, no desks (only logs and boards to make rugged benches), no paper or pencils. His only supplies were a piece of chalk, a broken piece of something that functioned as a chalkboard and the enthusiasm of his students. When I asked him what he most needed for his students, he replied, “They need benches with a writing platform, some books, paper, pencils....” He then hesitated, “No, they need food.” An opportunity opened up to help provide a daily nutritious meal for the children in his school.

Like most of us, I struggle to understand how evil, which is often inspired by only one individual, can become so popular and so powerful? What is it in man that allows him to torture and behead a fellow human being? I continue to be baffled by the speed with which evil spreads and human behavior turns so barbaric.

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S/P Graduate School: Virginia Polytech Institute, M.E.
Children: Michelle Chen, 1976; Alice Chen, 1979
Career: Basic research in neuroscience at university & nonprofit institute

After college I worked at a research lab at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. My dear Baldwin friends, Pam and Jane, also lived in Boston and we saw each other often. One day a friend told me to visit her professor at Boston University Medical School who just got a big NIH grant. When I went to visit Professor Wotiz, he admitted me to his lab and graduate school on the spot!

Graduate school was hard work, but I was still able to have a lot of fun. Halfway through school, I met Yong-Ming, a hydraulic engineer and roommate of my roommate’s fiancé. We got married in the fall of 1971. YM often kept me company while I did my experiments through strange hours of the night and played a big part in getting me through graduate school.

After a year of post-doc, I almost landed a job but was rejected after I mentioned I was three months pregnant. In the meantime, Yong-Ming got a job in Chicago, so we decided to move. After daughter Michelle was born, I worked as a part-time post-doctoral fellow at the wonderful professor Paula Stern’s lab at Northwestern University and co-authored a couple of papers and a book chapter.

In 1977, Yong-Ming got a new job at the National Laboratory in Idaho Falls. There, we had daughter Alice. Winter in Idaho Falls was harsh, but the short summer made up for it. We visited Grand Teton and Yellowstone Park almost every weekend.

After attending a meeting in San Francisco, Yong-Ming decided it was time to get away from the snow. Our family finally settled in the Bay Area. Yong-Ming worked at an engineering firm and later for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I did neuroscience research at UCSF and the Buck Institute for Research on Aging.

Since retiring in 2012, my hobby has been trying out internet recipes. So far that hasn’t done much to
improve my cooking skills. Our elder daughter Michelle works for Merrill Lynch and volunteers at the California Academy of Sciences. Daughter Alice lives in DC where she is a doctor and the executive director of Doctors for America. This year brought us enormous joy in seeing Alice married to a wonderful gentleman who is currently the U.S. Surgeon General.

Other recent highlights were reconnecting with Baldwin '66 classmates via four mini-reunions since spring of 2010.

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S/P Occupation: Economist, now retired
S/P College: Syracuse University, B.S., Business, 1954
S/P Graduate School: Columbia University, Ph.D., Economics, 1962; Catholic University, L.L.D., Law School, 1975
Grandchildren: Emily Rose Einhorn, 1999; A. Ezra Einhorn, 2000; Orly Lynn Einhorn, 2001; Maya Eve Einhorn, 2002; Kobi P. Einhorn, 2004; Elana Skolnick Einhorn, 2005; Joshua Skolnick Einhorn, 2005; Ari Skolnick Einhorn, 2008; Shira Skolnick Einhorn, 2010
Volunteer Service: Synagogue boards (DC, 1980-1986; Boston, 2006-2015); condo finance committee and board (Boston, 2005-2010)

Activities and Interests: Cultural pursuits, especially attending symphony and chamber music concerts, as well as theater; auditing classes at Boston University; travel, especially to the US Southwest; grandchildren: nine in three cities

Career: When we graduated, I had no ideas of a specific career path. Rather, I focused on interesting work with congenial colleagues. I was fortunate to find all of that and more in Washington, DC, being a social science analyst with several different government agencies. Once I had children, I was able to work part-time until my youngest son was in third grade (1985). By then I had earned an M.B.A. and switched my focus to accounting. Our eventual move to Boston in 1995 led to my final position at the Unitarian Universalist Association, the position from which I retired in 2008.

While I have provided a brief overview of my career elsewhere on the form, I will say the following about my life's journey:

I always treated my jobs as opportunities to learn and contribute, not thinking of a particular career path, just hoping for and usually finding interesting work and congenial colleagues. Unusually, I did not experience sexism in the workplace until 1981! I was leading a charmed life, but didn't realize it at the time.

My two master's degrees (demography and business) were ultimately about finding the meaning in numbers. I pursued that path through various government agencies and presidential commissions ('60s and '70s in Washington DC), small businesses ('80s and early '90s) and eventually a non-profit in Boston (1995-2008) until I retired.

At the same time, I married and gave birth to three sons. The type of work I had chosen enabled me to work part-time from 1970 until my youngest
son was in third grade (1986). My marriage to Henry led me on a journey to gain greater knowledge of Judaism, which was an important element in his spiritual life. It came to have great meaning for me as well. In 1992, after studying with a group of 15 women at our synagogue, I became an adult Bat Mitzvah. Through this study and the camaraderie of the group, I realized that spirituality is integral to my life, along with other principles encompassing ethics and relationships. All of this was far from my mind and heart in 1966.

What I did have in 1966 was a strong foundation of friendships and sharing. This has stayed with me and evolved into love of family, traveling with family, and visiting Smith and other friends when possible.

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Marital Status: Single
Volunteer Service: Alexandria public schools, reading tutor

Activities and Interests: Music, reading
Career: I originally intended to be an opera singer, but that didn’t work out, so I had to do something else. After several years as a secretary, I became an editor and worked for many years at Time-Life Books, retiring in 1999. After that I did freelance work.

From my earliest years I had an intense interest in singing and I had no doubt that one day I would be a great singer. Well, man (and woman) proposes, God disposes. Things didn’t work out as I’d planned, but perhaps it’s all for the best. I spent over 10 years pursuing a career as an opera singer and in that time had dealings with many of the movers and shakers of the musical world. Making a career in the theater is difficult, but I think the effort it took forged my character for the better, so I can’t regret the time I spent. I also traveled widely, first to New York, where I had most of my training and then to Germany and Austria for further study.

My only real regret about my life is that I never married. I say this because I think that the married life is the best one for a woman, but I never thought that my career (or what I thought would be my career) would allow for being a wife and mother. Both are demanding activities and require that you give your all. Perhaps that’s just as well, too — when I think of some of the disastrous liaisons I could have made, I shudder. I’d do a much better job of picking a suitable man now, but there don’t seem to be as many candidates as there were when I was in my twenties.

However, while I was singing I had many triumphs, among them singing in the production of *Cosi fan Tutte* that opened Wesleyan University’s new arts center in 1973 and giving a recital in 1974 at the Phillips Collection in Washington, DC, that was reviewed enthusiastically in *The Washington Post*. It is interesting how my years at Smith led me to formative experiences in my later life. For instance, when I became discontented with my first voice teacher, who had been recommended by my voice teacher at Smith, I took a class in interpretation that eventually led to my studying with Zinka Milanov. Milanov was for many years the leading dramatic soprano at the Met and was (and is) my favorite singer. She made a profound change in my voice (with her usual modesty, she claimed that she had “worked a miracle” with me). Indeed she had and, after studying with her, I made rapid progress.

The field that became my principal career, editing, was suggested to me by a man who worked with me who told me that I “looked like the kind of woman who liked to correct people’s mistakes.” Very true, and a very useful trait for an editor.
I am now retired and, apart from working as a reading tutor, spend most of my time enjoying myself.

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**S/P Graduate School:** U of Penn School of Medicine, M.D., 1970; MIT, Ph.D., Nutritional Biochemistry, 1981  
**Children:** Jonathan Dietz, 1970; Sarah Dietz Dietrich, 1976  
**Grandchildren:** Jack Dietz, 2002; Luke Dietz, 2005;  
Van Dietrich, 2007; Hill Dietrich, 2010

**Volunteer Service:** Democratic National Committee;  
National Women’s Political Caucus; Bipartisan Committee for American Voters Overseas; National Organization for Women; Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts; PTA; Smith College Medal Committee; Class of 1966 vice-president and treasurer; other nonprofit organizations and numerous political campaigns  
**Activities and Interests:** Grandchildren, gardening, travel, politics, public policy  
**Career:** I spent 40 years working in education, nonprofit organizations, public policy and advocacy, including higher education administration, teaching, external relations, management, events coordination, fundraising and non-profit consulting.  
One thing just led to another and here I am 50 years later. It’s hard to believe.

Bill and I got married one week after graduation and since then we’ve moved six times. Each move has given me the chance to explore a new city, tend a new garden, make new friends, start a new “chapter.” Much of what I’ve done and cared about over the years dates back to Smith, especially my interest in American Studies and politics. And wherever I’ve lived, Smith women, especially classmates, have been crucial as close friends, colleagues and mentors.

Philadelphia was our first home. While Bill attended medical school, I taught elementary school and Head Start and we had our first child. In 1971 off we went with the Public Health Service to Panama and the Canal Zone. Because the majority of Americans living there were government employees restricted by the Hatch Act from engaging in partisan politics, it was left to us “un-Hatched” folks to get involved. I won election as delegate to the 1972 Democratic convention and to the Democratic National Committee.

After two years in Syracuse, we moved to Boston where we lived for 21 years, our longest stretch. Our daughter was born soon after we arrived and I got involved in numerous kid-related activities — cooperative nursery school, PTA, book fairs, Little League, soccer teams, etc. Boston was also where my career took off. Starting as a volunteer, I worked my way into a position at Action for Children’s Television. From there I went to Tufts to teach and run the Communications and Media Studies program, then on to Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, Institute of Politics and Graduate School of Education.

By the time we moved to Atlanta in 1997, we were empty nesters. I spent hours in our garden and volunteering in campaigns and civic activities. After working at an independent school and the Atlanta Women’s Foundation, I wrapped up my career spending eight years with a consulting firm for nonprofit organizations.

Now with our move to Washington, DC, I’m starting a brand new chapter. The best part is being closer to our children and grandchildren in Boston and Cleveland. In addition to working with our class, I’m honored to be serving on Smith’s Medal Committee and the advisory board of the Public Leadership Education Network, a national non-profit preparing college women for careers in public policy. So, at least for now, I don’t think of myself as “retired.” I’m just not collecting a paycheck.
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Children: Shannon; Brook
Career: Education - elementary teacher and higher ed administrator

Just like a kaleidoscope: With each turn of the wheel of life, come new surprises and adventures!

• June 1966: Happy bride — wedding china, silver bowls, camping honeymoon, first apartment, blissful walks, first puppy, first job

• 1967-69: Army wife stationed in Virginia and Germany — white gloves, beer fests, PX, Guten Tags, polished brass, outdoor markets, happy pregnancy

• 1969-72: Young mother in suburban DC — diapers, station wagon, lullabies, more diapers, Fisher Price, play groups

• 1972-76: Back-to-the-lander in rural New Hampshire — rustic living, long hair, chickens and pigs, happy kids, big zucchini, pick-up truck, contra dancing

• 1976-81: Mom and elementary teacher in rural NH — lesson planning, skinned knees, master's at BU, Little League, bulletin boards, music lessons, exhaustion, playground duty

Mullens family on the Maine coast
New motto, from an Episcopal blessing: “Be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.”

— Patricia Minkler Fitz-Randolph

1981-93: Busy parent and college administrator in Hanover, NH — after-school sports, meetings, computers, teenagers, meetings, college tuitions, meetings

1994-04: Empty nester and human resources administrator in Washington, DC — city living in Georgetown, grandchildren, museums, aging parents, protest marches, lattes

2005-15: Nana and Retiree in Maine — community involvement, time to travel, kayaking to coastal islands, walks and laughs with grandchildren

2016-: Wise Woman — ready for the future

1 husband, 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 14 houses, 50 years

The patterns that have shown through the years: choral singing, gardening, social justice issues, family, spiritual places, the environment, feelings of gratitude, hiking and camping, music, alpine flowers and wonderful Smith friends!

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Activities and Interests: Needlepoint, fly fishing, American folk painting
Career: Worked for two different community psychiatric units in NYC hospitals; worked with husband in consulting firm focused on marketing to investment counseling firms; elder care consulting

Following graduation I moved to NYC, lived with three other Smithies and worked first at St. Luke's Hospital in community psychiatry, where I was fortunate to focus on single-room hotel occupants, encouraging them to seek local medical facilities. The social structure of an SRO was my Smith sociology thesis topic. Then I joined Roosevelt Hospital, where I worked in administration in the community psychiatric unit.

I married Gerald Evascu in 1969. We lived in
Greenwich Village, Connecticut, Los Angeles, and finally Evanston, IL, where our daughters were born. There Gerry started a consulting practice in 1976 that developed marketing programs for investment counseling firms. I joined him in organizing the office and in the process learned many marketing skills and developed my own clients. When I was 50, I chose to spend only 25% of my time in that firm and instead developed a small elder care consulting business. I regret that in my 20s I did not follow that career path.

As with most any life, there are ups and downs, enjoyable times with positive memories and unexpected sadness. In 2004 Gerry and I decided to semi-retire to Asheville, NC, build a new home and gracefully slide into retirement. We built a home, learned to landscape a hilly acre of North Carolina clay soil during years of drought and then set out to explore WNC. In 2011, suddenly our world fell apart. In 2013, after 44 years of marriage, Gerry died from an auto-immune illness after 18 months in at-home hospice. Being the primary caregiver was a chosen, wanted and necessary role, but it was exhausting. I definitely grew up during that time.

While I cherish my memories of the past, I was determined to live in the “now” and not be burdened down with the word “widow” and to work toward a fulfilling future. When I finally started to enjoy life again, I was lucky enough to meet my new husband, Dick. Between the two of us we have a combined 92 years of marriage. We have worked hard to continue to honor our late spouses and also to move forward determined to live every day to the fullest. We both learned the hard way that life can change on a dime, but that one can survive, share, laugh, cry and open oneself up to new memories.

Although I have not been to many reunions, I have kept in touch with Cutter House and Northrop friends. We have gathered at mini-reunions scattered around the country.

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Children: Dale, 1975; Alec, 1977
Grandchildren: Reina, 2009
Career: Editing; art history docent at National Gallery of Art

After Smith and graduate study at Johns Hopkins' SAIS Bologna Center in Italy, I found a great job at the World Bank in downtown Washington. Not long thereafter I met a young American diplomat at a Georgetown dinner party. We really hit it off, leading to marriage in the American Ambassador's garden in Laos and many adventures in Southeast Asia.

We then studied Japanese at the State Department's language training center in Virginia before moving to Tokyo. Altogether, we spent 11 years in Japan, with tours in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Yokohama and Osaka-Kobe. Both our sons were born there. I became fluent in Japanese and specialized in editing
Japanese writing for English publications.

After Japan, we moved on to Paris for six years, where I was able to develop French fluent enough to follow courses at the Ecole du Louvre in my first love: art history. Between overseas assignments I worked as a docent at Washington's National Gallery of Art. In 1996, we were fortunate to be assigned to Naples, where I was able to resurrect my Italian from Bologna days and explore the mysteries of southern Italy.

In 1999, my husband retired from the State Department, and we purchased a retirement home in the south of France, where we now live half the year, still together and in love after 45 years of marriage.

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Grandchildren: Louise Ann Bardes, 2008; George Hayden Bardes, 2010

Volunteer Service: Frank Lloyd Wright, American-Built Systems, Burnham St. homes, docent; Riveredge Nature Center, volunteer naturalist; Smith College Club of Milwaukee, president 1999-2001, alumna interviewer, event planner; University and College Designers Association, Designer magazine

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Honors and Awards: Clovernook Garden Club, Golden Trowel Award, 2003; Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Volunteer Counselor of the Year, 1987; YWCA One-on-One, Mentor of the Year, 1988; award from General Mills, 1962. I was the 1962 Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. That award/scholarship, early on, made Smith possible for me.

Activities and Interests: Art, design, gardening, hiking, swimming, yoga and kayaking
Career: Art director, graphic designer and art educator with emphasis in publications, desktop publishing, illustration, advertising design, calligraphy and photography; 1981-2013: art director/senior graphic designer, University Communications, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; 1979-1981: artist, Federated Department Stores, Advertising Department; 1966-1969: art teacher/Art Department chair: Milwaukee public schools, Morse Jr. and Madison Sr. High

Last night I went on an owl hike. Crisp night along the Milwaukee River. Owls anticipated; no owl called my name. Hickory-nut gathering near the woods in Ozaukee County is a treasure. Yes, I live in the land of "OZ" and in Wisconsin the past six decades with much treasure since Smith. I married my first date at Smith, multiplied, divided and remained single for the middle two decades. Thanks to Mary Mellowes '32, I got acquainted with my husband, Lee Gierke, now a retired public employees union rep.

Treasure includes son Gavin, an architect in Chicago; daughter Leslie, a nurse at the area's largest trauma hospital, who lives an hour west of us with her husband and more treasure: Bardes grandchildren, Louise (7) and George (5).

Interests initiated at Smith appear daily. My art degree led to a career in teaching art, advertising design and more than 30 years designing for UW-
Forty-eight years of marriage was a gift – not always bliss, but never ever boring.

—Nancy Thompson Godfrey

Milwaukee. New to Wisconsin, I found welcoming friends in Smith alumnae. Boulevard Theatre owner called me the “Madame Chiang Kai-shek” of the Milwaukee Smith Club. I dragged a bevy of Smithies to the Belle of Amherst. Love plays; saw Uncle Vanya five times. Belonged to an underground theater group for 30 years. We put on plays in people’s basements.

From our eyebrow-windowed ranch house, half a mile from the river in two directions, just a mile west of Lake Michigan’s bluffs, we plan our days. TRAVEL is near and far. NEAR includes lots of art museums, MAM, of course (exciting Calatrava addition), with side-hikes in nature. Recent FAR was driving to Jackson Hole, WY and national parks. FAR also included my son’s wedding in Latvia; the tromping to the auld sod, up Mt. Knocknarea and family visits to Boston. In 1966, I never thought I’d get to see and do so much.

Longtime artist group meets once a month and keeps me drawing and painting. Exhibit at the Walker’s Point Gallery. Inspiration surrounds me, especially my garden, with recent subjects nasturtiums and carrots. Botany 11 continues to plant treasure even though I missed the first five weeks of lectures — not indicated on my schedule. Designed 30 years of “Science Bag” lecture posters at UWM. Met the Pleiades on campus. I look to the sky every morning and night. I remember Professor Larkin’s lecture on owls. Future: More focused. More art. Keep moving. Enjoy my family and friends, near and far.

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S/P Occupation: Attorney
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S/P Graduate School: University of Texas, J.D., Law, 1975
Children: David Douglass, 1968
Grandchildren: Carolyn Douglass, 1999; Owen Douglass, 2002; Charlie Douglass, 2006

Volunteer Service: In Oklahoma City I served on the board of directors of Oklahoma Museum of Art, Casady School Alumni, Myriad Gardens Conservatory, Oklahoma City Beautiful, Leadership Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Garden Festival and the Oklahoma City Park Commission. In Norman I have been on the University of Oklahoma advisory boards for the School of Dance and Landscape Architecture. I was president of the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter.

Honors and Awards: I received awards from Oklahoma City Beautiful, Myriad Gardens Conservatory, Leadership Oklahoma City, OU School of Dance and Landscape Architecture; received a Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership

Activities and Interests: Gardening, reading and book clubs, fine arts events, college basketball and especially continuing education. OU Outreach has an outstanding Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program, where I have taken dozens of courses.

Career: After college I was a civil service employee for the DOD in Oklahoma and at Clark AFB, Philippines. After returning to Oklahoma City, I was a commercial loan officer for several banks for about 20 years. In the 1990’s I went back to college, took horticulture courses and worked as a landscape designer (self-employed). In 2010 my husband and I bought an existing bicycle shop (his dream, not mine). It is now for sale. Retirement time again.
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“To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour.”
(William Blake, Auguries of Innocence)

At Smith I wrote these words on a 3x5 notecard and posted it in my carrel in Nielsen Library. They capture for me the sense of wonder, curiosity, delight and learning that the natural world brings me.

My life’s journey has brought me many rich gifts: a loving, caring husband for 43 years; a wonderful son, happily married and with an adorable little boy of his own, and happy homes wherever we have lived — Manhattan, Providence and Miami (Coconut Grove).

Post Smith I worked at Citibank for 11 years, followed by many years earning a continuum of graduate degrees — Divinity, Classical Archaeology — pursuing each with a deep passion for the ancient world.

But the unexpected jolts in life challenged me to see who I truly am. When I followed my husband to Miami 20 years ago I had a rude disconnect from academia, and from most things that were familiar. The words of William Blake helped me refocus.

In Miami I developed my drawing skills, finding joy in close observation of the natural world; satis-

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA, July 2015: (l to r) husband Fred, grandson Will, son Gus, Faith, daughter-in-law Teri

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S/P Graduate School: University of Pennsylvania Law School, LL.B., 1966
Children: Frederick Gustaf Sandstrom, 1976


Activities and Interests: Hobbies: Artist — watercolor, graphite, colored pencil, charcoal; cooking; gardening — both successes and disappointments. Interests: Birds, nature, art history, classical archaeology; reading (nonfiction), visiting museums


“To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour.”
(William Blake, Auguries of Innocence)

At Smith I wrote these words on a 3x5 notecard and posted it in my carrel in Nielsen Library. They capture for me the sense of wonder, curiosity, delight and learning that the natural world brings me.

My life’s journey has brought me many rich gifts: a loving, caring husband for 43 years; a wonderful son, happily married and with an adorable little boy of his own, and happy homes wherever we have lived — Manhattan, Providence and Miami (Coconut Grove).

Post Smith I worked at Citibank for 11 years, followed by many years earning a continuum of graduate degrees — Divinity, Classical Archaeology — pursuing each with a deep passion for the ancient world.

But the unexpected jolts in life challenged me to see who I truly am. When I followed my husband to Miami 20 years ago I had a rude disconnect from academia, and from most things that were familiar. The words of William Blake helped me refocus.

In Miami I developed my drawing skills, finding joy in close observation of the natural world; satis-
faction in developing renderings of what touches me in the everyday lives of precious birds and animal critters.

I have loved birds and animals all my life. As a child I collected seagull feathers along the beaches of Cape Cod; as a Girl Scout my first badge was the Bird Badge. Today, although 1500 miles away, I am a passionate follower, learner and supporter of the ambitious programs of Massachusetts Audubon's Museum of American Bird Art.

I still possess an insatiable curiosity. Scholarly peregrinations continue to enrich my life and connect me to the wonderful friends and colleagues of my academic years.

My life has been blessed with the genuine treasures of family, friends and colleagues. They have brightened and enlarged my perspective and sustained me along my life's journey, especially in recent serious health crises.

At her 50th Reunion at Smith in 1978 Anne Morrow Lindbergh said: "It is the journey, not the arrival, that matters." My life's journey has been a marvelous odyssey, full of discovery. A sense of wonder deepens my love of life, sparks my creativity; every day brings a new beginning.

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S/P College: Williams, B.A., Physics, 1962
S/P Graduate School: M.I.T., M.S., Industrial Management, 1964
Children: Kathleen, 1968; James, 1971
Grandchildren: Madeleine, 2001; Andrew, 2002; Ashley, 2008

Volunteer Service: Planning and Zoning Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency, Mansfield, CT; Altrusa International; Joshua's Trust

Activities and Interests: Walking, swimming, concerts, plays, reading, yard work, sewing
Career: Taught kindergarten in Ohio two years; taught at Mansfield Middle School 25 years; supervise University of Connecticut student teachers

I feel privileged to have attended Smith, but I didn't really enjoy it there. I think a single-sex institution may not have been right for me, and I would have been better off in an environment which included men. In 1962, however, almost all of the "best" colleges for women were single-sex, so — to Smith I applied and to Smith I went. My heart just wasn't in it, I guess, because my heart was with Bill Ryan, who had already graduated from Williams College and was pursuing a master's in industrial management at M.I.T. (He may have been the only college graduate at the Baldwin High School senior prom!)

We got married after my sophomore year and moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Bill had a job with Industrial Nucleonics, a high-tech company, and I finished bachelor's and master's degrees at Ohio State. I taught kindergarten in Columbus, and our two children were born there.

We moved to Mansfield, CT in 1973 and have been here ever since, in the same house. I restarted my teaching career shortly after arriving here and taught math as well as other subjects at Mansfield Middle School for 25 years. I had never intended nor wanted to be a teacher, but I enjoyed it immensely and found it very rewarding. Bill must have noticed, because after 30 years in business he changed careers to become a math teacher, and taught for ten years before retiring with me in 2004. He has said that teaching was the hardest job he ever had!

Our two children graduated from Williams College. Kathy is an English teacher at our local high school, having earned a master's from Harvard, and Jim is a bank executive in Baltimore. Both are married with families.

We are both active in various community volunteer activities. Bill is an elected member of our Town Council, and I am an elected member of our Planning and Zoning Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency. I belong to Altrusa International, a service and philanthropic organization, and just completed a two-year term as president. I also recently finished a term on the Board of Joshua's Trust, a land conser-
We came of age just when blind regard for authority, the birth control pill and women’s lib offered women a whole world of choices. —Victoria Reiter Goldstein

Activities and Interests: I enjoy reading, mostly English mysteries, historical fiction and some American politics. I also work on training my dog. And I belong to the Delphian Women’s Study Group in Los Gatos.

Career: I began as an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at City College of New York and subsequently was on the faculty at Indiana University and then University of Oklahoma, where I retired as Professor Emerita. I devoted much time to research and publication of books and articles. Arapahoe Politics, 1851-1978: Symbols in Crises of Authority (1982) examined the role of elderly people in fostering cultural persistence over time. Shared Symbols, Contested Meanings: Gros Ventre Culture and History, 1778-1884 (1987) was a study of the emergence of the Native American movement on a reservation where young people from cities competed with elderly and young rural people to redefine community and identity. Tribal Sovereignty and the Historical Imagination: Cheyenne-Arapaho Politics (2002) explored the repercussions of economic and political domination in western Oklahoma. The Columbia Guide to Native American History: The Plains (2003) was a synthesis of research on the Plains region. Beyond Red Power (2007) was a volume about Native politics since 1900 that I edited with Daniel M. Cobb. Wives and Husbands: Gender and Age in Southern Arapaho History (2010) examined how gender relations changed over time. I also did consulting, including working for the Newberry Library writing a website “Indians of the Midwest,” which addressed misunderstandings and stereotypes about Native people. And I worked for Northwestern University on a research project concerning the Sand Creek massacre.

What I wrote about my career is a good synopsis of what my life has been since I left Smith. As a cultural anthropologist committed to field research, I immersed myself in Native communities — Arapahos in Wyoming, Gros Ventres and Assiniboines in
Montana and Cheyennes and Arapahos in Oklahoma. I tried to fit in and, in fitting in, understand a way of life different from what I had ever known. I gave it all I had. As a professor I was conscientious about my teaching, but my field research was a kind of calling.

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Children: Flagg, 1970; Frazier, 1972

Volunteer Service: Docent at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, board member of the CB Cockefair Chair Foundation
Honors and Awards: Several published articles in the AATF National Bulletin on teaching French; articles published in the ex-pat magazine in X’ian; received the Legion d’bonneur from the French government for service
Activities and Interests: Travel, reading

Career: French teacher in the upper division of a private prep school for 31 years; English professor at university in X’ian, People’s Republic of China, for two years; editor for Digital Nirvana, Chennai, India, currently

I struggle continually to master all the new technology that keeps coming down the pike. What an adventure.

I struggle continually to reduce my “carbon footprint” and do my part to save our planet.

I struggle continually to keep up my relationship with my sons, daughters-in-law and grandsons who live far away and whom I do not get to see often enough. I want to be relevant in their lives.

The questions I ask myself at the end of each day are: Whom have I helped today? What have I learned today? What new thing(s) did I do today? What difference did I make today?

When I was teaching full time and our sons were still at home, the answers were easy and multiple. Now that my work is all on the computer, our nest is empty and I am aging, I can’t always come up with an answer.

I say I “struggle.” Perhaps the better word is “strive.” That sounds more positive, doesn’t it? I intend to keep on striving.

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Grandchildren: Reid, 2009; Holley, 2010; Alexander, 2012; AvaKate, 2012; Willow, 2013

Volunteer Service: Board member of Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation (Cincinnati OH); The Holley Foundation (Detroit MI); Winnetka (IL) Library Board; North Shore Jr. Board of Northwestern U. Settlement (Chicago IL); Summit (NJ) Zoning Board; Mequon (WI) Park Board; member of Green Tree Garden Club (GCA), Milwaukee WI; various parents' and other community organizations, volunteer for Hospice (Summit NJ); GED tutor for Adult Learning Center (Milwaukee WI).

Activities and Interests: Environmental conservation, reading about public affairs, news junkie, anything out of doors

Career: My career has been a patchwork quilt of rich experiences as a parent, journalist, and volunteer: general assignment reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel; marketing and public relations; marketing research focus group moderator, primarily for consumer products; college teaching, and various volunteer positions.

My one year at Smith was the richest academic experience I've had, and that time on the East Coast one of my best adventures. A journalism degree at the Medill School of Northwestern University prepared me well for general assignment reporting at the Milwaukee Sentinel, covering civil rights and LBJ's War on Poverty and later, public relations and marketing, focus group moderating and teaching.

I married a childhood friend, Rick Frank, in 1972 at age 28. We lived in Cincinnati, OH, Winnetka, IL, Summit, NJ and Auburn, IN, and now are back in Milwaukee, where we grew up. Parenting our two sons John and Peter, now 39 and 35, with Rick has proved to be the most deeply rewarding opportunity of my life. Our family's moves and the range of my different pursuits satisfied my zest for adventure and variety. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to move easily at different times between home and work, both paid and unpaid, depending on the ages of our boys and the situations in which we found ourselves.

Today we shuttle among Milwaukee, where my 93-year-old mother lives; our rustic cabin on Chambers Island in the bay of Green Bay, WI; Austin, TX and Boston, where our sons, their wives and our five grandchildren live. I love being a grandparent! I enjoy fundraising for our Chambers Island Nature Preserve, garden club, GED tutoring, keeping fit (or trying!). I treasure the year I had at Smith and hope to reconnect with some of my Ellen Emerson housemates.

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Rick and Barbara, winetasting in Italy 2015
I still rely on the pillars of my Smith experience: strong community, intellectual growth and trust that I have something within me to offer the world. —Virginia Page Goodrich

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Children: Karl Freiheit, 1982

Volunteer Service: Boy Scouts of America; St. Augustine Anglican Church, Wiesbaden; Boulder County Parks and Open Space; Attention Homes for At-Risk Youth; Band Boosters; Rookery Bay, Naples, Florida

Honors and Awards: Various awards for publications and presentations in educational psychology and for exceptional performance for Department of Defense Education Activity

Activities and Interests: Modern and vintage ballroom dancing, hiking, birding, travel, music, reading (especially science and medicine), family history

Career: Worked for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) for 35 years in various positions, ranging from Education Division Chief to Director of Student Services to Chief of Assessment and Accountability. After retirement in 2008, worked as the school psychologist for Frankfurt International School until 2012. Currently, work part-time as Ambassador for Downtown Boulder.

My 50-year journey after Smith has been a great one overall. A person's life story is sculpted by the choices she makes. I have made some great choices and a few poor choices. There have been peaks of joy and a few valleys of sadness. I hope to have grown from the poor choices.

I am grateful for my family, my friends and my good health and enthusiasm for life.

After Smith, I worked as an assistant buyer in a Cleveland department store. That was not especially
rewarding, so went to graduate school at University of Wisconsin for a master's degree in Educational Psychology, which led to a doctorate in Educational and Counseling Psychology at UCLA.

After a wonderful experience in my junior year abroad in Hamburg, I wanted to return to Germany. I was fortunate to have been offered a position in educational assessment with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Karlsruhe. Here, I met my husband, Peter. Our son, Karl, is named for the lovely town where we met.

Sad times were the deaths of my loving parents, Arnold and Clare, and the death of my younger sister, Beth.

The really joyous times include: my long-term friendship with Marney Naeser, my buddy from my junior year in Hamburg; my career in education, most of which was spent in Germany, which I love; my 35-year marriage to my husband, Peter, who is my best friend; finding my German uncle in 2011 in Bremen; my amazing son Karl, a talented musician and software engineer. I am always learning from him. I look forward to his wedding in January 2016.

Highlights of my career in student assessment and accountability include working with the environmental education programs for students, conducting training for school psychologists, school nurses and counselors and helping schools to be better places for students and teachers.

Retirement from DoD at first was not so easy, as I had thrived working. So I continued to work part-time as the school psychologist for the Frankfurt International School until we left Germany. Retirement has given me opportunities for new adventures here in Boulder: vintage ballroom dancing, volunteering, birding, part-time work as a city ambassador and learning about the West.

As I reflect on that journey, I wish I had not been so naive at times and had taken more risks. I am proud to have been a successful full-time Mom at the same time as being a full-time professional woman.

Now, I would like to leave a legacy for my child and yet-to-come grandchildren. My story continues with plans to lead a meaningful and happy life, filled with love, family, friends, connections to nature and learning every day.

Dancing with her man,
Family, music and birds,
Harmony in life.

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Children: Andrew Teich, 1976; Alexander Teich, 1977; Abigail Teich Fahim, 1979
Grandchildren: David Fahim, 2006; Sophia Fahim, 2009

Volunteer Service: President, Old Braeswood Property Owners Association; Church Council,

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(L-R) Len Teich, Susan Teich, son Andrew, daughter Abigail, son Alexander
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Activities and Interests: Piano, harpsichord, writing on local history for local magazines, managing family farm in Illinois

Career: Thirty years practicing law: Bronx County District Attorney's Office (ADA); City of Houston Legal Department (Asst. City Atty.); Municipal Court Judge, City of Bunker Hill Village, TX; Tenneco Oil and Gas (in-house counsel); Conoco Inc. (in-house counsel)

I went directly from Smith to Cornell Law School, one of three women in my class of 120. The transition from single-sex Smith to an essentially male law school was not pleasant. Law school isn't supposed to be pleasant, but I know for a fact that the men in my class were not asked to serve cookies when the Trustees met. Upon graduation, I went to New York City for the Bar exam and to be sworn in as an Assistant District Attorney for Bronx County. Two months later, I met Len, newly graduated from Harvard Business School, at a party. We were married the next year and bought a house in Stamford, CT, near his company (Conoco Inc.). I commuted back into the Bronx for six years.

The Homicide Bureau was my last assignment in the DA's office before moving with Len to Stockholm, Sweden, for Conoco. The time there became my baby-making years — three years, three children. Actually, the boys were born there (Andrew 1976 and Alexander 1977), and Abigail arrived shortly after our return (1979).

That return was not to the house-on-a-pond in north Stamford that I loved, but to Houston, TX. Houston was (and still is) such a very welcoming place that by the time we retired, I didn't want to live anywhere else.

My original plan was to begin work as soon as we returned from Sweden. I did not anticipate that having a newborn, a 1-year-old and a 2-year-old would render me a blithering idiot. I stayed home an additional three years. Then, I worked part time as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Bunker Hill Village (an incorporated neighborhood within Houston), and, finally, full time as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Houston. Eventually, I became in-house Counsel, first at Tenneco Oil & Gas, and then, at Conoco Inc.

Len and I never had early retirement as a goal. But in 1999, we found that our interests outside work had become increasingly important, and we wanted to own our own time. We retired on the same day from the same company.

Unlike most of my lawyer friends, I have not done anything in retirement that relates to the practice of law. Currently the highlights include: piano, harpsichord, writing local history articles for local magazines, managing the family farm in southern Illinois and visiting German villages from which our ancestors emigrated.

My path going forward? I can't wait to find out!

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S/P Graduate School: College of Administration, Jerusalem, Israel C.P.A. Bar Association — exams, 1983
Children: Danielle, 1974; Eimat, 1976; Abraham (Avi), 1978
Grandchildren: Jonathan, 2005; Nadav, 2008; Michael, 2009; Avigail, 2010; Alia, 2011; Maya, 2011; Ella, 2013; Yael, 2013; Sharon, 2015

Volunteer Service: "Sherut LaAm" volunteer program, Israel 1968-1858 as teacher; currently in Jerusalem at Lifeline for the Aged in gift shop
Career: For 36 years before retiring, I worked as a librarian at the Library of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (non-profit).

Just like the celebration of my 70th birthday (which my children insisted on marking last year), the upcoming 50th reunion of our class has forced me to take a pause from spontaneously living life, to take a look back and sum up.

So here I am: a widow, mother of three, grandmother of nine and retired librarian living in Israel since 1968. I am happy with the way my life turned out. My late husband, who was from Morocco, and I,
a New York girl, got on well despite coming from such different backgrounds (although the French language was a common denominator); we managed to pass on to our children a multi-culture Jewish heritage. I am proud to see that our children have grown up to be productive and concerned members of society, working in interesting professions. I was happy with what I define as my “mini-career” at the Science Library of the Hebrew University, which certainly broadened my horizons, previously limited to the humanities. Living in Israel was and still is — despite a very complex political reality — my dream fulfilled. Israel is a dynamic, democratic country faced with adversity but still determined to maintain and perpetuate humane values. It is distressing that these days it is so badly viewed abroad.

Smith education is mythological in its ability to instill in its students a motivation to do great things, break barriers and make changes in the world. I confess that this “Smith Mystique” is ever-present in my conscience. However, intimidated by the fact that so many of my classmates have indeed done important things, I can’t say that I have realized Smith’s expectations. I would like to console myself saying that I have followed Voltaire’s advice and cultivated my own garden. On the other hand, my poor record of success with house plants puts this in doubt as well.

Still wavering with regard to attending our class reunion, I send my classmates my best wishes.

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S/P Graduate School: Cornell Law School, L.L.D., 1966
Children: David, 1969; Eric, 1971
Grandchildren: Daniel; Grace; Hannah; Nathan; Aidan

Volunteer Service: Volunteer chairman at Old Greenwich School; church historian, webmaster, deacon at First Congregational Church of Greenwich; president of Stamford Genealogical Society, editor of Connecticut Ancestry; president, webmaster, head producer, lightboard operator, set designer and painter; actor with The Acting Company of Greenwich
Honors and Awards: 1966 - Sigma Xi national honorary research society
2015 - Selected to lead the Greenwich, CT 375th anniversary parade

Activities and Interests: Genealogy, webmastering, acting, singing, painting, history

Career: Student teaching at Park School, Brooklandville, MD; chem teacher at Towson H.S.; chemistry lab technician at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY; programmer at Great Northern Nekoosa, Stamford, CT; systems analyst at Gen Re Insurance, Stamford; Citizens Utilities; (Datalogix/Oracle/MAI Systems/Sage X3 all for same job, same desk), non-profit webmaster

When I was a freshman at Smith I thought my Midwestern public school education must have been inferior to private school educations, but eventually I learned that my education had been great, and Smith made it even better. How very fortunate we are to have been exposed and guided by this wealth of knowledge, creativity, commitment and caring, especially for us as women.

Tad and I were married in Helen Hills Hills chapel the day after we graduated in 1966. We have been lucky to have two sons, David and Eric, and five grandchildren, two of whom were adopted from China.

Life can be so unpredictable. My dad was a steel salesman, and my mom was a commercial artist. I thought my career would also be in one field. But I was a high school chemistry and physics teacher, chem lab technician, computer programmer, systems analyst, project manager, artist and website designer, with hobbies of acting in community theater, genealogy and church historian. I also remove weeds from the flat headstone markers in our local cemetery.

It's so ironic that I should become a church historian. I was the world's worst history student due to a bad attitude. Once I got involved in genealogy and noted what world events drove my ancestors to America from various countries, history became interesting. And since Smith didn't even have a computer in our day, I never could have predicted my programming career!

Other oddities: My DNA is less than 1% each from Polynesia, India, Italy/Greece and Caucasus; 2% Iberia, 4% Finland/Russia and 7% Scandinavia. My line of Quakers were leaders in the fight for freedom of religion in America. I discovered that I'm a descendant from a founding family of Greenwich and that we live on the land they bought from the native people in 1640. I played Emily Dickinson in "The Belle of Amherst." Tad's fraternity at Amherst was across the street from her home. Tad and I are extremely distant cousins. I built a search engine for my company's IBM mainframe in the early 1980s - two years before IBM came out with one for their own operating system. It was primitive and took me one day. I speak some Thai & gave birth to Eric in Thailand.

I feel so fortunate, but I'm very concerned about the future health of our planet and what the lives of future generations will be like.

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S/P Occupation: Marketing
S/P College: Colgate University, B.A., Economics, 1964
Children: Jennifer, 1970; Kerry, 1973
Grandchildren: Andrew, 2000; Adelle, 2002
Career: Legislative, ESL and GED teacher/trainer; court mediator

I cannot believe we are 50 years out of college and almost at 50 years of marriage! I married Mead Sommers fresh from our graduations — his from Harvard Business School. We had two daughters, Jennifer and Kerry; sadly Kerry died in 1992 at age 19 of Epstein/Barre virus (mono). If a marriage survives the loss of a child, it can survive almost anything. Her death has made me a better person in
My mother wanted me back in Cincinnati to “join the Junior League and marry a Proctor & Gamble man.” Instead, I went to Africa. —Leslie Judd Graicer

ways too numerous to mention. We survived knowing she would not have wanted us to be miserable, and we try to live life a little better having had her in our lives.

We’ve moved a lot, all in New England, my husband seeking a perfect job when all he wanted was to be his own boss. He started Sommers Marketing in 1985 and retired in 2010. I worked a number of years as a legislative aide to a state representative, but lost interest in politics (seeing how the sausage was made) after Kerry died. For ten years or more, I taught English as a Second Language and GED prep, mostly to hospital workers.

We left Boston for Cape Cod in 1994, and I worked for a while as Mead’s art director and began to paint watercolor, an old love from childhood that I abandoned after junior high school. Now my paintings hang in my own personal galleries all over our house. I left the business world about 2002 and took training in dispute resolution/mediation; I have now been a volunteer mediator in the county courts for 13 years. What I love about it is the ability to use my knowledge and experience to help others. It keeps my mind active, and I can give something back to the community, especially the knowledge that there’s a little more peace in the world. Perfect retirement activity!

We spend three months in Naples, Florida, where I am a docent in two nature centers. Luckily my brother had a boa constrictor, for I am the “snake lady,” handling the resident corn snake and giving presentations. I love meeting people from all over the country and sharing the beauty and fascination of nature. The rest of the year we live in Falmouth on Cape Cod. We play bridge and travel together, both do our separate volunteer work and enjoy visits to and from San Francisco where our daughter, husband and two grandchildren live. I love my friends, my book groups, Sudoku and golf. Bike-riding and hikes round out the physical well-being. I am lucky still to have my 97-year-old mother in good mental shape, so I have to keep doing brain exercises.

Looking forward to reunion!

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S/P College: Harvard, B.A., 1956
S/P Graduate School: University of Pennsylvania, M.D., 1960
Children: Jed, 1969; Seth, 1974; Jessica (wife of Jed), 1974; Tracy (wife of Seth), 1981
Grandchildren: Noah Aaron, 2007; Liam Max, 2010; Devin Young, 2014; Tyler Evan, 2011; Sean Aiden, 2014

Honors and Awards: Law Review and Book Review Editor; Belkin Scholar
Activities and Interests: Running, birding, reading, gardening, cooking, music
Career: After graduating Smith, I went to Columbia University and received an M.A. degree in Russian History. In 1981 I entered law school and graduat-
ed from Cardozo School of Law in 1984. I began my legal career at a large litigation firm and left in 1990 to work in the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, where I remained until retirement in 2009.

My life has been remarkably settled over the past 50 years. Alex and I have been married for 48 years. Early on, we decided to stay in Manhattan and raise our family. We have been living in the same apartment (though it has increased in size), and we have continued to spend weekends and summers at the same beach house we bought 43 years ago. Alex has been practicing psychiatry around the corner in the office we bought 48 years ago. We have spent much time running in Central Park (which we consider our backyard) since we started jogging in the mid 1970s. Alex and I ran two New York City Marathons together, our children have generally lived nearby, and all of our cats have lived long and languorous lives, commuting with us between New York and Beach Haven, NJ.

I stayed at home with our children until Jed was 12 and Seth was 7. Although I loved being a stay-at-home/housewife person, doing all the things I love doing — spending time with Alex and the children, cooking, running — when my youngest reached school age it seemed the right time to move ahead with a career. So I entered law school and then worked for most of my career at the SEC, doing enforcement work. I loved that life also. After retiring in 2009, I went back to being “at home” and couldn’t be happier! I took up birding, continue to cook, read and garden (at the beach we grow amazing tomatoes), spend lots of time with the grandchildren and on and on.

I’m very proud of our children. Both followed their father and graduated from Harvard. Jed has always loved the movie business and spent part of his career as an independent film maker, entering film festivals and winning awards. After moving from Los Angeles a couple of years ago, he is now vice president, Head of Production at Conde Nast Entertainment. Happily he and his family have now settled in Westchester, so we see the children frequently. Seth began working for Morgan Stanley after college and is presently managing director and Global Head of Real Estate Investment Banking. They live close by in New York, and a couple of years ago bought a vacation house four miles from us at the beach. So we see them a lot as well. Alex remains as youthful as ever, and at 80 is still practicing psychiatry. We are somewhat inseparable!

Life has been good to us. However, I worry about the state of the world we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. The trauma of 9/11 remains. (I was on my way to work at the World Trade Center that day.) Hopefully they will find a way to do better than our generation has done.

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Birding in Central Park, our backyard!

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Major: Art

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Career: List of my jobs from just out of Smith through now: Life magazine (NYC); Foreign Service (DC); American Historical Assoc (DC); Sunday Telegraph (London); Foreign Area Studies at American University (DC); Fairchild Publications (DC); United Nations (NYC & DC); World Bank (DC); Pettetara (DC; current; owner)

Nothing extraordinary. Jobs, marriage and divorce, no children, travel (and lived abroad), good health, animals, family and friends, usual mundane worries, life in Washington DC, stay fit (bicycling; yoga), new hip, keep working. One of my business-
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Marital Status: Married
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S/P Occupation: Attorney
S/P College: Brooklyn College, B.A., 1966
S/P Graduate School: Brooklyn Law School, J.D.,
1969
Children: Amy Piller (stepdaughter), 1985
Career: I just retired from full-time work. I spent
the last 20 years as counsel and chief lobbyist for
the United Federation of Teachers, the union of
NYC public school educators (and others). Most of
my career has been in the labor movement,
although I spent many of my early years working
in the criminal justice system as a public defender
and a prisoners' rights attorney.

When I was a junior, an alum came by one day
with her young daughters. As she showed them
around Cushing, she told them that this was where
she had spent the happiest days of her life. Glad to
say, I did not spend the happiest days of my life at
Smith. Not that they were bad, but life has gotten
better and better, and now at 71, I still feel that there
are new and exciting times ahead of me.

After Smith I spent the next 20 or so years study­
ing, working and having a generally rowdy life. I
became a lawyer, a public defender in Denver, a pris­
soners' rights advocate at Legal Aid in New York, pres­
dent of the Legal Aid lawyers union and led a ten­
week strike.

My interest in workers' rights began by studying
labor history in high school and increased with Ken
McCartney's courses in labor economics at Smith and
labor law courses at NYU. After my time at the
union, I spent eight years as labor counsel for the
New York State Assembly and two years as counsel
to the Lieutenant Governor. During that time I not
only delved deeply into public policy but also found
my life partner, Bob Piller. Bob was Executive
Director of the Public Utility Law Project, advocating
on behalf of low-income New Yorkers.

Bob and I married in 1990 (just celebrated 25 on
a Smith trip to Greece and Turkey), and I became the
stepmom to a marvelous 5-year-old, who is now a
glorious 31-year-old assistant principal at a public
middle school she helped found in one of the need­
er New York City neighborhoods.

During the past 20 years, I was counsel to the
United Federation of Teachers, the union represent­
ing educators in New York City public schools. I was
the union's chief lobbyist and was also engaged in
contract negotiations and litigation. It was a privilege
to work as an advocate for some of the most dedicat­
ed workers I ever met.

Bob hasn't retired yet, as he is deeply involved
in working to protect women's reproductive rights,
but we are beginning to travel more, and I am decid­
ing where I want to spend my energies for the next
phase of my life. And just possibly the best days of
my life are still ahead.

Bob and Carol at their favorite pastime -- jazz
Smith College

An English girls’ school followed by four years in Northampton sent me out in the world with the sure conviction that a girl could do anything. —Patricia J. MacKay

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Spouse/Partner: John Warren Wilhelm

Odd as it sounds, the theme that became the center of my life’s work originated in the Chapin dining room. One of our classmates was in the infirmary with pneumonia. Her scholarship job was doing dishes. As House President, it fell to me to find someone to replace her. At dinner, I explained the problem, and asked for volunteers. No one volunteered. Afterward, I found myself ruminating about communities, institutions and the forces that shape them. I wondered what it takes for groups of people to feel accountable for one another, to be kind both individually and collectively. I’ve spent the 50 years since then looking for answers.

Post-Smith, I was a Movement activist, lived in a poor urban neighborhood, did anti-war work and became a feminist. Watching my neighbors struggle to get health care in the shadow of Yale Medical School led me to graduate work in public health. Belief that I needed to understand health care institutions from the bottom up to change them led to nursing; I was a staff nurse and nurse collective bargaining leader. I was also involved in community efforts around women’s health issues that led, in time, to a job running a feminist health center.

Meanwhile, soon after Smith I married my husband, John Wilhelm. The year we got married, he answered a newspaper ad for a “Labor Leader Trainee” and spent his career in a union for the working poor. That union sponsors a non-profit health care trust fund that insures union families. After spending two decades looking for ways to make health care fairer, kinder and better, I had concluded that its funding is key. When I was offered a job with that trust, I took it. I hoped to use a leadership role there to impact the care it paid for. That was 25 years ago. I’m still there, and still trying.

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S/P College: Yale, B.A., English, 1955
Children: Jonathan Wainwright, 1970; Sheppard Wainwright, 1973
Grandchildren: Alex Wainwright, 2003; Reed

Summer 2015
Volunteer Service: Board of schools (Hotchkiss, Nightingale-Bamford, Eagle Hill, St. Luke’s New Canaan, Rippowam Cisqua, Greens Farms Academy, CT Assoc. of Independent Schools, National Assoc. of Indep. Schools, Headmistresses of the East, Headmasters Assoc.); community boards (Greenwich United Way, Red Cross, Greenwich Hospital)

Honors and Awards: A couple

Activities and Interests: Needlepoint, opera, audio books, bridge, travel, exercise/walking

Career: Forty-five-year career in independent school education — taught American history and held various administrative jobs including Director of Admissions, Head of Middle School, Head of School; second five-year career as school consultant concentrating on head searches

RECIPES FOR A HAPPY, BUSY LIFE

Human Ingredients:
1 remarkable grandmother — true matriarch and community leader
2 supportive parents — Smith grad mother, magazine executive before Gloria Steinem
2 talented siblings — Yale and UPenn, have had each others' backs forever
1 younger half-sister — Vermont skier and best mother of us all
2 husbands — both Yale, #1 lawyer & great dad, #2 artist and love of my life for 35 years
2 entrepreneurial sons — Hamilton grads, hardworking pros and fantastic dads
2 stepchildren — Yale grads, both teachers
8 supercharged grandchildren — 6 months to 12, keeping us young
Group of long time, close friends — from every phase of experience — critical to recipe

Place and Time:
3 schools — Nightingale-Bamford, Smith, Columbia Teachers College
3 rewarding jobs — Nightingale, Greenwich Academy, Educators’ Collaborative
2 lifelong homes — New York City, East Hampton
2 added residences — Greenwich, Vero Beach

For added Zest — optional to taste — season with:
Audible books
New York Times and New Yorker
Metropolitan Opera — now on HD
Travel to far corners — India and Cuba recent highlights
Needlepoint

Recipe Disrupters to be handled thoughtfully and patiently:
Divorce — marriage two weeks after Smith graduation too soon
9/11 — profound event of our generation
Parkinson’s — chronic annoyance, not yet a disrupter

At 71 and counting, plenty to look forward to and faith in recipe continuing to provide sustenance and growth.

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Children: Emelie, 1978
Grandchildren: Marie, 2009; Louise, 2012; Phillip, 2014

Volunteer Service: New York Junior League; nominating committee for the Scarsdale School Board; president of the administrative committee for the Scarsdale School Board; nominating committee for the Board of Trustees for the Village of Scarsdale; President Smith College Club of NYC; Chancellor St. James the Less Church

Honors and Awards: NYJL Outstanding sustaining Volunteer 1999

Activities and Interests: Tennis, reading, theater, opera, art museums and galleries

Career: I have worked as an attorney since graduating from Boston University Law School in 1973. I started out in trusts and estates at a small firm in
Smith College

Manhattan, and then moved to the Attorney General Office where I worked as an Assistant Attorney General in General Litigation under both Louis Lefkowitz and Robert Abrams. In 1981 I joined the plaintiffs’ personal injury firm of Lipzig, Sullivan & Liapakis PC, where I did commercial litigation, personal injury trials, appeals and labor litigation. I then moved to the defense firm of Herzfeld & Rubin PC in 1991 where I handled commercial litigation and personal injury defense trials for the New York City Housing Authority. I came to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Law Department in 1999 as a trial attorney specializing in employment litigation. I handled cases in the federal and state courts, and for the past ten years I have also been doing appeals. I came to the law after a brief stint as an editorial assistant, then assistant editor at Doubleday and worked as a credit analyst at Connecticut Bank and Trust.

How little the life I lead resembles the life I thought I would lead when I graduated. I thought I would marry and have children and live in the suburbs, and I did those things, but not at all in the way I imagined.

In 1973, I married Russ, Princeton '67, whom I met in law school. He was a year behind me, so we stayed in Boston through the gas crises and lived on casserole while I looked for a job. No one wanted female attorneys. My husband got a job at a big firm in NYC, so I began studying for the bar in New York after having passed the bar in Massachusetts. We moved to an apartment in Scarsdale, and I began looking for a job in New York City in the 1974 recession. Female attorneys were not wanted there, either.

Before I was married I was told I was going to get married and quit. When I married, I was told I was going to have babies and quit. After completing the residency requirement, I got admitted to the NY bar and found a job in a small firm as a trusts and estates attorney. When I became pregnant, I was told there was no place at the firm for pregnant attorneys. It was a blow that turned out for the best. I was able to persuade the female chief of litigation at the Attorney General’s office that I would take off three months, unpaid, and return. She hired me, and I did as promised.

Hiring a full-time nanny took most of my take-home pay, but litigation had been my dream. In 1981, I went into private practice at a very competitive personal injury firm to earn a higher salary and to get trial experience. We divorced in 1986 as amicably as possible. My former husband left the law and went back to school at Union Theological Seminary. I found myself the sole support for myself and my daughter. I decided to remain in Scarsdale, which offered excellent educational opportunities for my daughter. I had the good fortune to find a wonderful live-in nanny, who stayed with me until my daughter was 9. She enabled me to work the long hours required of litigators in New York. I worked hard to make a career in NYC, and I worked to make a life for my daughter in Scarsdale. I have also been blessed with many good friends, some from Smith, who gave me support and encouragement. I sold the house last spring and moved to an apartment in Manhattan. I am now the grandmother of three, and I continue to work in litigation, which I find very rewarding.

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Marital Status: Divorced

Children: Nicholas Schaller, 1982; Gabriel Schaller, 1985; Daniel Schaller, 1989

Grandchildren: Crystique Badilla (step), 2000; Jacob Schaller, 2007; Jonathan Schaller, 2014

Volunteer Service: Board of directors of Amity House (drug treatment program) in the 1970s and Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona in the 1980s; general helping out at children’s schools and sports teams

Honors and Awards: Teaching Fellow, U Michigan; scholarships and paid externships, ASU

Activities and Interests: Gardening, book groups, meditation and Reiki, sing in community chorus, participate in a cancer support/fitness group

Career: Worked as a social worker in non-profit counseling agencies doing individual, couple, family and group counseling in Tucson; had a private practice for several years and was a school social worker for the last ten years of my career
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Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: Richard D. Green, 1974
S/P Occupation: Professor of Musicology
S/P College: San Diego State University, B.Mus., School of Music, 1966
S/P Graduate School: Univ. of Texas (Austin), M.Mus., Music Theory, School of Music, 1968; Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D., Musicology, School of Music, 1978
Children: Elliott D. Green, 1976; Emily H. Green, 1979
Grandchildren: Ashavari Green, 2013; Lev Gorbos, 2014

Honors and Awards: Fulbright Fellowship, West Berlin, Germany 1968-69; writing award, Loyola Univ., School of Social Work, 1989

Activities and Interests: Germany and Berlin, travel, speaking/reading German, gardening, crocheting, visiting art museums, reading about stolen art during WWII, the Enigma machine and almost all things European

Career: I have kept up two careers, one starting in high school and continuing to the present (No. 1), the other initiated in the late 1980s and maintained through two moves and three states (No. 2). I don't mix them and actually like the change of pace each provides.

1. Piano teacher; piano performer on modern and historical keyboard instruments
2. Social Worker/Psychotherapist: I work with children, adolescents, adults, couples and families. My approach is eclectic, my orientation is insight-oriented, my preference is long-term therapy.

First, the bare facts:
• Directly after Smith graduation, became a musicology and piano grad student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
• After two years, studied piano for two years on a Fulbright at the Hochschule für Musik in West Berlin, West Germany, got a performance diploma;
• Returned to U of I for one year to work on master's thesis;
• Returned to West Berlin, stayed five years, teaching piano at a community music school (I shared my piano expertise while my students corrected my German), finally finished master's thesis, lived with future husband, got married, had son on super cheap health insurance;
• Moved to Evanston, IL, in '76 when husband got musicology teaching job at Northwestern; we lived there for 22 years and raised son and daughter. They're now academics with Ph.D.s, married to academics with Ph.D.s, each with a young child and working at universities in cool places (son in London, daughter near Washington, D.C.);
• Worked as piano teacher at a community music school in the Chicago area for 20 years; taught at UIC briefly; performed in various venues; looking for a change, attended social work school (Loyola University) and started working as a psychotherapist in '89;
• Moved to State College, PA, in '98, then Oxford, OH, in '05, because of husband's interest in music administration; my work as a therapist and piano teacher continued in each place;
• Husband is now retired; I have no immediate plans to do the same. We'll eventually move back to
Evanston, where we have a condo and many friends.

Reflections:
• My European experiences stretched, challenged and enriched my life; I love thinking and speaking in German. We have lifelong friends in Germany and exchange visits often. I love travel, which is simultaneously eye-opening and humbling, visiting art museums and attending theater and concerts.
• I am a committed socialist/liberal/progressive and care passionately about such causes. I believe fervently in reducing boundaries, embracing many different ways of thinking and doing and eliminating gender and income inequities, which is, of course, like swimming upstream in our current culture.
• Like many of us, I deferred my professional commitments to those of my husband. So I lowered my sights, worked part-time and managed more of the kids' activities. While I do wish I'd been more ambitious as a pianist or social worker, I see our children and their spouses persisting in their personal and professional goals. I did some of that; they do more.
• Finally, I love to learn things, so I read nonfiction on widely-divergent topics. I don't remember as much as I'd like, but I so enjoy being stimulated. Smith certainly reinforced this and the tendency toward accuracy and precision, for which I am ever grateful.

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Major: History

Marital Status: Married
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S/P Occupation: Retired attorney
S/P College: University of PA
S/P Graduate School: Temple School of Law
Children: James, 1969; Anne, 1973
Grandchildren: Kaitlyn, 2002; Jack, 2007

Volunteer Service: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church; trustee of William S. Bowman Trust for the Horticultural Beautification of Hershey; Hershey Gardens Advisory Board; board of Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art
Activities and Interests: Reading — can't play tennis anymore.

Career: I have been involved in my community as a volunteer for years. The best project is the Hershey Gardens and its expansion: Children's Garden (ten years old) and a Conservatory (opening in 2016); I am a sales associate for the Carlisle Collection (women's clothing).

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Spouse/Partner: Diego Montoro
S/P Occupation: Retired
Children: Corry Banton, 1973
Grandchildren: Davis Oisin Banton, 2014

Activities and Interests: Hiking, biking, traveling, dollhouses, learning languages, reading, running after my grandson

Career: Mathematics teacher in Boston public schools; Network Manager, University of Massachusetts, Boston; Network Manager, Higher Education Network; Software Engineer, Draper Labs; Network Manager, Curl Corporation

The Atlantic Ocean divides my life in two. Diego, my partner, lives in Barcelona, Spain. My daughter
My major tools have been writing (poetry, fiction, non-fiction), traveling and Tibetan Buddhism. — Lindy Hough

Corry and my 17-month-old grandson Davis and I live in a multi-family house in Boston. Oh for a time machine to transport me back and forth — jetlag and airport security are killing me slowly.

The path to this lovely predicament? Got an M.A. in mathematics from Brandeis and taught high school math in Boston during desegregation. After ten years, boredom and annoyance with the administration sent me to the American School of Madrid for a change. My daughter was in third grade, and my then-husband Drew was finished making bicycle frames and ready to write the all-American novel.

The Iran Hostage Crisis overfilled the Spanish school with diplomats' offspring and instead of the promised 15 in a classroom, I had 30, all at half the Boston salary. Disillusioned and poor, we came back to the States. I started at the bottom rung in UMass Boston Computing Services, eventually became a networking expert, helped start a staff union and built and managed the internet for Massachusetts public colleges and universities. (Unlike Al Gore, I really did build part of the internet!)

Divorce, high school graduation, college graduation and finally — the glorious 50s. No hormones driving me crazy, no danger of being pregnant, no messes not of my own making to clean up, and a good-paying job with travel and adventure. Employed by Draper Labs, I spent two years in Germany supporting NATO peace-keeping efforts during the Bosnian War. Just the life I had imagined — UNIX systems administrator during the week, and European tourist on the weekend.

Then the hard years: father dying, caring for my progressively more senile mother, being laid off from the start-up company, which failed to start, and too old to find new work in the ailing technology sector.

Needing a new direction, I walked the Camino de Santiago to think. As the towers were falling, I hiked across Spain with two pairs of underwear, two shirts, two pair of pants, a sleeping bag and half a book. My great thoughts were mostly about blisters and arthritic knees but I met wonderful people, including Diego.

Fifteen years later, with a decaying body and a mind that can't remember why I came into this room and a delightful grandson, it's time to switch gears again. HELP!

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Sami Goldman Solinger died on June 14, 2000.

"Sami was very Southern, very smart and had a long braid reaching all the way down her back," recalls Audry Weintrob Gartenberg. "She wasn't sure she wanted to be an academic, and left after her freshman year to get married and live the life she really wanted to live. Mostly I remember her excitement at reading and analyzing Waiting for Godot!"

Survivors included her husband, Dr. Robert Solinger; two daughters, Lili Solinger and Amy Porco; two sons, Adam and Ted Solinger, and five grandchildren.
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Honors and Awards: Silent Sentinel Award of the Turning Point Suffrage Memorial Association; Distinguished Service Award of the Association for Documentary Editing (2000); Leticia Woods Brown Prize of the Association of Black Women Historians (1997) for African-American Women and the Vote, 1837-1965; Lyman H. Butterfield Award of the Association for Documentary Editing (1996)

Career: Historian, teaching & editing at various locations 1971-1982; research professor & editor, Papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, University of Massachusetts and Rutgers University, 1982-2012

Thirty of my last 50 years were spent in the company of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony as editor of their papers — my full-time job. Few people know them better than I do. Despite absurd job insecurity in the new world of non-tenure track or contingent faculty, it was a remarkable opportunity.

An odd intimacy grows between historical editors and their subjects. To edit papers requires finding them. Acting as detective, nosey neighbor and National Security Agency, I map their daily lives, uncover their activism, imagine what evidence they created each day and plot how to find that evidence if it survives. A diary entry mentions a letter; a letter names a petition to Congress; a scrapbook clipping announces a coming speech. One embarks on an adventitious treasure hunt to produce a comprehensive collection of papers.

A different intimacy builds when that collection is mined to produce volumes of Selected Papers. In notes, editors explicate aspects of the texts. What are the authors noticing in their world? What are they reading? How is it that Anthony, before an audience in Kansas, can joke about who wrote Shakespeare’s plays? What is the appeal of Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “The Princess” to a generation exploring new possibilities for women? Who are the legal minds to trust when rethinking how to make the case for political equality? The editor explores a world defined by her subjects’ experience.

Work on the Selected Papers was strictly chronological, beginning when Stanton was 25, Anthony 20, and I 48. It helped that I had passed through my 20s. I recognized narratives of women’s experience — finding a purpose, pulled between political and personal. They caught up with me, and for volumes 2 & 3, 1866-1880, their peak political years, we were the same age. I emulated their confidence and drive. And then they passed me by, forcing me to look ahead to bodies failing, friends dying, tasks unfinished.

This work resulted from political pressure to explore details of women’s history as deeply as was customary for men’s history. That meant a share of the federal and foundation dollars that went to editions of Jefferson, Franklin, etc. To build history, people need sources. My decades with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony produced sources that change how teachers teach and writers write about agitating for women’s rights in American history. Now back to the agitating part.

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Marital Status: Widowed

Spouse/Partner: Philip L. Fisher, 1974

S/P Occupation: Attorney

S/P College: Dartmouth, A.B., History, 1963

S/P Graduate School: London School of Economics, History, 1964; Stanford Law School, J.D., 1967


Honors and Awards: Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Membership, from 1984

Activities and Interests: Gardening, baking, painting, design

Career: At Harvard University, my only employer, I have held academic and administrative positions, first as Allston Burr Senior Tutor (resident dean) in Eliot House and lecturer in Slavic, then as director of admissions for both Harvard and Radcliffe and the Harvard Business School M.B.A. program. I returned to the Faculty of Art and Sciences in 1994 and have worked for the Dean of the Faculty ever since, initially in academic planning and currently in faculty development, where I am responsible for faculty recruitment, retention and retirement — that is, building the faculty — extremely gratifying and rewarding work.

There has been one constant in my life since Smith and that is being at Harvard. I came to Harvard to enter the Ph.D. program in Slavic Languages and Literatures the fall following graduation and have never left. Philip and I were married in the courtyard at Eliot House, where I was the first woman to be appointed Allston Burr Senior Tutor (Resident Dean) in a Harvard house, and we lived there for almost a decade until we bought our house in Lexington. We were living in Eliot House when our son Adam was born, and the tower was lighted to announce his birth. He grew up there with many big brothers and sisters, who always ask about him upon their return as alumni. Adam also went to Harvard and even lived in Eliot House.

Harvard has been a very important community for me, and that resonated when Philip died suddenly almost four years ago after 38 years of marriage. My many communities — Harvard, temple, neighborhood, volunteer, friends and, of course, family — came together in ways that were overwhelming, and they still provide amazing support. My work over time in admissions, in faculty recruitment and other areas involves relationship building and the power of relationships was front and center in that time of need.

Sports have always held a central place in our lives. Philip was a terrific athlete and at his 50th reunion at Dartmouth, I “christened” with river water a coxed-four training shell in his memory. Adam followed his dream into a career in baseball with the New York Mets; he is now the director of baseball operations. He is married with two beautiful children, Brady (4) and Sam (2). This fall was particularly exciting for our family as he and Caren moved into a condo in Park Slope, and the Mets moved into the postseason. I was able to attend all the NLCS games (Mets vs Cubs) and all the World Series games (Mets vs Royals) in Citi Field. The final outcome was not as we would have wished, but it was a great run and there could be more such success in the future for Thanksgiving 2015: Laura and grandson Brady, age 4
the Mets. So many friends, many of them Red Sox fans, reached out about rooting for the Mets because of Adam, and their texts would come in nonstop during and after the games.

I plan to continue to work at Harvard and move forward with the loving support of family and friends.

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Grandchildren: Jessica Flynn Berentson, 2010;
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Volunteer Service: STRIVE International
Activities and Interests: Politics
Career: Thirty years in magazine publishing; equity partner in specialty food start-up; brand strategist and creative director.

After graduation, I went home to Kansas City, packed my bags and moved to New York. After trying different fashion industry jobs, I landed at Glamour magazine, and that was the start of over 30 happy and creatively fulfilling years in magazine publishing, mostly as marketing director of a variety of magazines, each one providing me with an intriguing new challenge. My favorite was Seventeen, where I took on the world of teenagers and their pop culture, all of which I found enormously appealing.

During the 1970s, I traveled around Europe solo for three months, married my husband John, had my only child, Ben, and moved around and up in the magazine business. I loved raising my son, and my family was the emotional and social center of my life. Shortly after I turned 40, I had a bout of clinical depression which actually accelerated my personal growth and gave me the strength to weather the ups and downs in my 50s and 60s. In the late 1990s, I launched a women’s lifestyle magazine and realized then I was an entrepreneur at heart. This was followed by an equity partnership in a specialty food start-up, which gave me the chance to build a new consumer brand from scratch — overseeing product development, package design, marketing and sales.

Currently, I am the brand strategist and creative director for a new international film production company in New York and for a new women’s designer clothing store in Greenwich, CT, focusing on emerging female designers, opening in late 2016. I am also producing an independent feature film, Charlaine, with a transgender protagonist, now in development. It is based on a new author’s first novel, written when she was 95. Now on her second novel at 97, she inspires me to never retire, which I can’t imagine doing anyway.

Life’s biggest surprise was getting breast cancer...
a few years back (it was the good kind to get, now gone). Life's biggest heartbreak was losing my husband in 2003 to melanoma. I still miss him every day. Filling that emotional void has been the immense joy my two young granddaughters give me. They are the heartbeat of my life. Thankfully, they live close by, and I am able to help my son and his wife, both in demanding media jobs, care for them whenever they need an extra hand.

My life is full and fun. I am hopeful about the future and profoundly grateful for all that I have.

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Children: Elizabeth White, 1970; Benjamin White,
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ing up as a partner at Jenner & Block. Deputy
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I was a woman on a mission when I came to
Smith in the fall of 1962 — I was going to study Latin, learn Greek and be a college professor. In
September 1967, I met Peter White at a cocktail party for classics graduate students at Harvard — my first year there was his last, and he had already accepted a job as an assistant professor at the University of
Chicago. We had our first date in February, got engaged in February, got married in August and
moved to Chicago one week after the infamous 1968
Democratic Convention.

Peter has spent his entire career here. My path
was more circuitous. I beavered away at my Ph.D.
and had two children before I finished. By the time
I'd finished, it was obvious that Benjamin, our
younger child, had profound developmental prob-
lems. There weren't two classics jobs within a thou-
sand miles of each other. One of us had to retrain —
and Peter was by then tenured.

Fortunately, I could go to the University of
Chicago Law School for half-tuition as a faculty wife. So I did, graduating in 1981.

The next few years are a blur — life in a big law
firm is wildly lucrative and wildly demanding. Luckily, we found a wonderful full-time housekeep-
er, who kept us all afloat — and stayed with us for
25 years!

Fast forward to 1996. Elizabeth had graduated
from the Putney School and the University of Colorado, with a degree in molecular biology. Benjamin was in a wonderful group home 20 minutes from our house. And our mortgage was paid off.

So I spent a year contemplating the move to non-profit work and talking to everybody I knew in the non-profit world. At the end of that time, I took a job as one of two Deputy Directors at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (now known simply as LAF), the largest legal aid provider in Chicago and suburban Cook County. I expected to finish out my working life in that job.

But in 2007, the Executive Director announced his retirement, after 30 years. So I applied for his job. It just might be the best legal job in America (on those days when it’s not the worst legal job in America). LAF represents poor people and vulnerable groups in civil cases for free. It is the size of a medium-sized law firm. We handle 18,000 cases a year and reach thousands more people with legal information. Our work helps people in crisis to get back on their feet and become strong for themselves, their children and their communities.

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Children: Alexander, 1979; Keith, 1983
Grandchildren: Jack McWhorter, 2008; Charlotte McWhorter, 2011

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Spouse/Partner: Richard Deming Isaacson, 2014
S/P Occupation: Architect
S/P College: Arizona State University, Architecture
Children: Peter, 1970; Alex, 1971; Paul, 1974
Grandchildren: Carson, 2000; Emma, 2002; Adina, 2008; Delilah, 2013

Volunteer Service: Board member, Carpinteria Valley Assn., 26 years; associate editor, Carpinteria Valley Historical Society Newsletter, nine years; Sunday School Teacher, All Saints by the Sea Episcopal Church, eight years
Honors and Awards: Volunteer of the Year, Carpinteria Valley Historical Society, 2009
Activities and Interests: Local history, family history
Career: I was an editor and translator (French to English) of numerous articles and two books. I was concurrently managing editor of SubStance: A Review of Theory and Literary Criticism for 26 years, first at UC Santa Barbara (Dept. of French & Italian) and later on a free-lance basis from home.

I came to Smith from Carpinteria, CA, just south of Santa Barbara. I returned here after graduation, and have been here ever since.

In 1968 I married Andrew Lapidus, who taught
 Didn't expect to re-marry at age 70! Here I am ringing the church bell with husband Deming Isaacson and my grand­daughters Adina and Emma, Oct. 25, 2014.

French at a local boarding school. We were married 42 years, and had three sons. He died of cancer in 2010. In 2014, I married an old family friend, Deming Isaacson, who had lost his wife the year before. I was already the godmother of his oldest son, and he was the godfather of my second son, so it seemed a very happy solution for both of us.

I came straight home after college because I feel very rooted in this place and in my family and extended family here. I never expected to get a job where I would use my French, but I did. I never expected to find married happiness at age 70, but I have.

I always thought/hoped I would be a writer, and I spent many years working on a “family chronicle” aimed at telling my children the story of how my grandparents came to this place and built the house where my mother grew up, where I grew up and where my son is now raising his family. I wrote more than 50 chapters, but then family illnesses (my first husband, my mother) intervened, and I never wrote the last two to three chapters that would have concluded the saga. People always come first. But who knows? Maybe I will surprise myself again and complete that project, and more.

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Volunteer Service: American Society of Interior Designers, chapter president and board member; Seattle Symphony trustee; Association of Israel's Decorative Arts trustee; American String Project board member

Honors and Awards: American Society of Interior Designers: Designer of Distinction, 1998; Awards of Excellence, Residential Gold and Commercial Gold multiple years; Street of Dreams, best in show three years

Activities and Interests: Studio glass, contemporary ceramics; Depression glass reamers; contemporary art, contemporary literature, Pilates

Career: I am the principal interior designer for an architectural firm in Seattle, WA. My career partner is my second husband, architect Norman Sandler. We have been lucky enough to design everything from stables for Arabian horses to buildings for the Archdiocese of Seattle, from the largest glass art gallery in the world in Tel Aviv to homes for the ex-CEO of Nintendo, Dale Chihuly and clients we cannot disclose. Custom design repeats very little. Every project is a challenging new adventure. The best part is sharing with our clients that beautiful moment when the last painting has been hung, and the lighting is finally adjusted.

Just basics — four children, two stepsons, ten grandchildren, one great second husband, one white fluffy dog and one “better than it had any right to be” career.


In the beginning, I inherited grandfather's love of design, father's athletic build, blue eyes and blond hair, grandmother's work ethic and from both families, great genes. So, at 71, I am a full-time interior designer, spending hours weekly in a Pilates Studio and still able to pass as my daughter's sister.

Beginning two... I learned something today! Remember when we would sit around the dinner table with our children and ask them one thing they learned today? Online, taking a continuing education course — Bathroom Design Trends — to maintain my professional design status, I saw diagrams relating to age divisions of our population and how each thinks about bathroom design. After much attention paid to Baby Boomers, I had not considered, what our age group was labeled. If born between 1925 and 1945 we are the Silent Generation! Considering I watched 1967 Newark riots from a high rise with my then husband and small daughter, I was probably more silent.
I should have heeded the advice of my sociology professor, who told his class that we should work and live on our own for at least a year before marrying. -Prudence White Miller

than most of you. By 25, I had two more children, at 35 a fourth. Four children definitely have a way of determining the course of the next 50 years.

Interestingly, as an architect and designer, two best times involve houses. Imagine driving curving roads from sea level to the top of Haleakala with the CD player blasting Abba songs. I thought, tears in eyes, this is the best, happiest time of my life. The back story involved designing a dream house for one of our pivotal clients in Wailea. That three-year project gave us the opportunity to buy a home and make Maui a permanent part of our lives.

On a beautiful oyster beach at Lofall, 90 minutes from Seattle, we gathered all six kids to show them a house. We asked each to vote whether he or she would want this home as our family retreat. The positive responses still can be felt as it has been a refuge for the writer son, a rehearsal dinner site, honeymoons, birthdays and holidays ..... Croquet or volley ball with sun setting!

My favorite book was Walden Two, B F Skinner’s vision of utopian society. Lately, I seem drawn to Barbara Kingsolver, especially Flight Behavior, perhaps because of her views on climate change. Book discussion groups have been a passion. Unfortunately, my current group meets mornings when I am busy designing.

Worst of times — my battle with E.coli in 2001 and my divorce in 1991. However, my marriage to Norm is definitely a BEST! He has been such a positive person in my children's lives that last Father's Day, my son dropped the ‘Step’ and gave him a true Father's Day card. It goes without saying, he is my best friend.

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Marital Status: Formerly Married


Grandchildren: Rachel Allen, 2001; Thomas Avery Harrington, 2003; Matthew Allen, 2003; Rebecca Allen, 2005; Eli Harrington, 2006; Jacob Allen, 2007; Elisabeth Allen, 2011

Volunteer Service: Carolyn McDade Singers; leader of song, Passionist Retreat Center; School Committee/ school volunteer; pastoral visitor

Honors and Awards:
NDEA fellowship to Duke University; M.A. with distinction, Assumption College; various civic

Activities and Interests:
Music, environmental issues, reading, medical ethics

Career: Guidance counselor for 12 years in an all-girls private academy; became a hospital chaplain for 20 years. I loved both careers ...

the last 20 years were a reflection of my spiritual growth and desire to be present to people in their illness and dying. I retired in 2015.

Four hundred words for 50 years ... that is pretty sparse ... but here goes....

When I left Smith, I went to a Ph.D. program in Romance languages at Duke University on an NDEA fellowship. I spent a year and a half there when I decided to get married. I stopped with the M.A. in Romance languages, a decision I have regretted at times. However, with the perspective of 50 years, I realize that if I had persisted to the Ph.D. in French, my life might have taken a whole different course. I had three children and spent many of those years involved in their care and volunteering in the schools, teaching ESL. I was elected to the school committee in our town, but the longing for learning returned often even during those years of carpools and playdates.

Actually as the chair for prospective students of the Smith Club, I became connected with an academy for young women and was offered the opportu-
nity to work as a college counselor there. I soon realized that college counseling could not be isolated from the whole candidate. I felt the need for coursework in psychology to be able to help the whole person, not just selecting the colleges she was applying to. While in the master's program, the Spirit seemed to be leading me to studies in theology as well. I was able to combine the two disciplines of psychology and theology in pastoral counseling.

A summer internship led me to three months of pastoral care in a city hospital. The experience was compelling. I had been warned that a lay Catholic woman would never get a job as a hospital chaplain. However, I soon became the exception. I was offered a job in the Archdiocese of Boston as a chaplain at Emerson Hospital in Concord. There were only four lay women employed, and we became known as "Bernies' Beauties," chaplains for the later infamous Cardinal Bernard Law. I discovered my true "call" has been to chaplaincy.

I have been privileged to walk with patients and families through the crucible of serious illness and dying. Those experiences are priceless and have afforded me the skills to deal with the greatest suffering of our family: the cancer diagnosis of my grandson Thomas. In 2013 he was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a rare type of childhood cancer. Since the cancer had already metastasized, he is at high risk of recurrence but at the moment is in remission.

In 2006, I received my doctorate at the age of 60, but in my true calling, pastoral counseling.

The next glass ceiling I am hoping to breach is becoming ordained in the Roman Catholic Women Priesthood, a growing group of 'dissident daughters' who believe the exclusion of women from ordained priesthood is outrageous and certainly not the will of a loving God. Smith gave me the strength and skills to speak truth to power. A shy freshman became a woman of courage and strength. Motherhood, chaplain, priest?! The next chapter will tell....

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Volunteer Service: Rotary International, club president; board member for Friends of Rockwood; Cab Calloway School Fund, Frank E Schoonover Fund; Fund for Women
Honors and Awards: Museum Management Institute
Activities and Interests: Gardening, the arts
Career: My career was spent in the museum profession, primarily at Winterthur Museum, where I worked for 25 years. My last position before retirement was executive director of the Biggs Museum of American Art. I held offices in museum associations, serving as president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums and on the board of the American Association of Museums. My research was published in a number of periodicals.

As I began planning this essay, I thought of my professional accomplishments. Instead I'm writing about a few significant items. My first job provided insight into museum operations, but it was where I discovered I was an excellent copy editor. While proofing an essay by a noted scholar, I corrected his grammar, punctuation, etc. This proficiency I used throughout my career — I was amazed that so many "educated" people wrote such awful English. In Baltimore I had my own apartment and my first cat. Through a colleague, I met Hopkins graduate students; one became my husband.

In 1969, I accepted a position at Winterthur Museum and moved to Wilmington. I realized how little I knew about American art and began a graduate program — the first part-time student in art history. My thesis became a scholarly journal article and was included in a book, New Perspectives on Charles Willson Peale. Other articles followed, but what was very enjoyable was training interns — over 100 during 20 years, the first being a Smithie. Implementing a computerized collections informa-
tion system in the late 1980s was a major achievement. The Mid Atlantic and American Associations of Museums provided leadership opportunities. I served on their boards and was president of MAAM. These networks led to long-lasting friendships in the museum field.

Leaving Winterthur in 1995, I did projects at other museums and taught a museum studies course before assuming the directorship of the Biggs Museum of American Art. The Founder's collection was exhibited, but without programs, publications or fundraising, a situation I soon changed. The Founder's goal was a complete catalog of the collection; the two-volume book was published in 2002, about seven weeks before his death. Since retiring in 2005, I did what I wanted — curating exhibitions, producing a catalog and two DVDs and writing. Serving on the board of the local arts magnet school offered insight into public education. Rotary, however, is the major way I serve in the community and beyond.

My husband, a research chemist for the DuPont Company, and I married in 1971. We enjoyed traveling for business and pleasure, especially to Europe. After reunification we visited Chemnitz, his childhood home before his family escaped to West Berlin and the US in 1951. Other hobbies were gardening and bicycling. He died of cancer in 2012. Friends have been my major support. A new special friend is now part of my life.

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S/P Graduate School: University of Chicago, J.D., 1968
Children: William (Bill) Friedman, 1973; Joanie Friedman, 1977
Grandchildren: Natasha Stoper Friedman, 2006; Evan Stoper Friedman, 2010

Volunteer Service: The Art Institute of Chicago, docent; Child Care Center of Evanston; Evanston Public Schools PTA
Activities and Interests: Reading, cooking, travel
Career: Please see my essay.

President Mendenhall often emphasized that learning is a life-long endeavor and that we were just embarking on that journey when we graduated. In the fall of 1966, I enrolled at The Georgetown University Law Center, one of approximately 25 women in a class of more than 300. Idealistically, I hoped that law school would prepare me to help solve the civil rights issues of the day! (I did spend a fascinating summer in 1968 in Montgomery, Alabama, as a Law School Civil Rights Research Council Fellow working for the Alabama Council on Human Relations.) When I graduated from Georgetown in 1969, San Francisco beckoned and I spent the summer studying for the California Bar Exam. Although I passed that exam and became a proud member of the Cal Bar, I have never practiced law in California! My midwest roots pulled me back to take the Illinois Bar Exam (1970), and I practiced here until I retired in 2014.

Arthur (Bud) and Julie, October 2015
Fortunately, during my husband's long illness I was careful not to lose myself in the role of caregiver. I therefore didn't have to build a life from scratch when he died. –Carol Nadell

In Chicago, I was fortunate to meet my husband, Arthur (Bud) Friedman. We were married in August 1970 and have been blessed with many happy years together. Bud suggested that I seek a job at a Chicago law firm now known as Miller Shakman & Beem LLP, and I spent my entire legal career with this firm. When our children were born (Bill in 1973 and Joanie in 1977), I was able to work out a part-time arrangement with the firm whereby I rendered services to a firm client that retained me as an “employee benefit” to provide legal counseling to its factory employees. The factory employed a large and diverse work force, and I felt privileged to be able to help them and their families with their personal legal problems for 37 years.

With Bill (Brown '96) off at college, and Joanie (Brown '99; DePaul, M.A. '07) soon to follow, I applied to be a docent at The Art Institute of Chicago. I had loved Art 11 at Smith and now appreciate the opportunity to share my love of art with school children who visit the museum. As I begin my 20th year as a docent, I do so with the same excitement and enthusiasm as when I started.

What has made this journey special is my family. Bud is more than supportive and has a wonderful sense of humor, and our children provide much joy. We have lived in Evanston, Illinois, since 1972 and feel very fortunate that both our children and grandchildren, Natasha (9) and Evan (5), also live in the Chicago area. My mother recently passed away a month shy of 99, and her caregivers helped reemphasize something I learned long ago growing up in Danville, Illinois. It is each person's humanity, humility and caring that are most important.

I look forward to reconnecting with all our classmates at our 50th Reunion.

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Jeanne HAMPTON Shearer

House: Jordan
Major: English Language & Literature

Jeanne Hampton Shearer died on January 23, 2000, after a long bout with cancer.

Anna Craig Hogan writes: “I owe Jeanne so much. The typewriter I brought to Smith was little more than a child’s toy; Jeanne lent me her Olympia for hours, even days, on end so I was able to get my papers in on time. Sophomore year, enrolled in Econ 21, she and I would spend an hour or so each week going through the business section of the Sunday New York Times. That year, the final was largely snippets from the Times, which we were asked to explain. It was one of only two times in four years at Smith that I walked out of a written or an exam knowing I had aced it.

“I last saw Jeanne in 1972. I had a summer fellowship at Stanford, and she was teaching in San Francisco. She told me she had met Art and was fairly sure it was serious. We kept in touch each Christmas and often at our birthdays, which were only about two weeks apart. She was an absolutely lovely and very giving person, and I shall very much miss not seeing her at our reunion.

“As a Friend of the Smith College Library, I am entitled to have a book plate dedicated each year to someone. Each year, I find a book that Jeanne and I either did, or would have, enjoyed together.”

Jeanne was survived by her husband, Arthur, and by two children, Derrick Lewis and Amy Larissa.
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Environmental and overpopulation groups
Activities and Interests: Literature

Since attending Smith I have done graduate work in English at Columbia, worked as an art columnist for the Washington Post, reviews editor at Earth magazine and coordinator of plays in progress at American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. I was director of journalism for ten years at SUNY Stony Brook, lecturer in English at UC-Berkeley and Bay Area community colleges. I’ve been retired for about ten years and have volunteered for environmental organizations and presently write a poem from time to time. But I spend most of my time working on what I think is the biggest problem confronting us — overpopulation.

Every five days over 1 million people are added to the population.

Just since 1967 the world’s population has doubled from 3 billion to over 7 billion today. More than 1 billion do not have enough food and safe drinking water.

Increasing population is closely related to environmental problems. Overpopulation is one of two most important drivers of CO2 emissions according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Empowering women to have only the number of children they wish requires access to birth control. Education of girls and women leads to fewer children.

Today we can donate to organizations that provide birth control and organizations involved with the problems of overpopulation. We can also write letters to the editor and try to help people understand the gravity of the problem. Population Connection is a major organization in this area.

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Spouse/Partner: Frank W. Barrett, 1995
S/P Occupation: Banker, retired
S/P College: Georgetown, B.A., History, 1961
Children: Paige, 1970; Beck, 1974; Sloane, 1975
Grandchildren: Thomas, 1999; Peter, 2001; William, 2003

Volunteer Service: Junior League of Hartford; Rotary Club of Hartford, past president; Asylum Hill Congregational Church, past moderator
Activities and Interests: Eight grandchildren, three daughters, one step-daughter, one stepson reading, gardening, playing bridge occasionally

After graduation I returned to my home in Shreveport, Louisiana, and in February married Tom Furniss, who graduated from Amherst in 1965. We settled in Simsbury, Connecticut, and then moved to

Sharon and Frank in India in 2012
Charlottesville, Virginia, where our first daughter, Paige, was born in 1970. After law school we moved to West Hartford, and Tom began practicing law in Hartford. Two more daughters were born; Beck in 1974 and Sloane in 1975. I decided to go to business school at the University of Connecticut in the evenings, one course a semester.

After six years I received my M.B.A. and started looking for a part-time job so I could balance work and family. My part-time job in sales and marketing at Culbro Land Resources, a real estate development firm, quickly became full-time. I survived the “boom and bust” cycles of the real estate market in the 1980s and retired in 1995.

After getting divorced in 1987, I married Frank Barrett in 1995. He retired from banking, and we still live in West Hartford. Our family has grown to include my three daughters and Frank’s son and daughter; five grandsons and one on the way and three granddaughters. In addition to doting on our grandchildren, we are devoted to Sam and Louie, our 22-pound Maine Coon cats.

Our lives are busy babysitting, gardening and volunteering while making time for Frank’s passion for golf. We have been fortunate to travel a great deal, most recently to Cuba and Myanmar. Hopefully continuing good health will allow us many more adventures and the joy of time with good friends and family.

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Honors and Awards: Buttrick Prize


I married the boy who used to drive up to Lamont in the loud red Corvette. Joe and I married two weeks after my junior year exams — what a transition. With Dean Russell’s reluctant permission, we lived in a tiny apartment on Prospect Street dur-
ing my senior year as Joe finished law school at Yale. We just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary scuba diving at Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands. If I get to heaven, it should be there.

In between we had two boys, Joe and Leigh, three daughters-in-law and two perfect grandchildren. A.J. is in the 8th grade, taller than I am, and plays the saxophone. Grace is a freshman at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Can’t wait to visit.

I volunteered almost from the moment I landed in Louisville, Kentucky. I headed a young mother’s club almost before I knew how to get pregnant, was seriously involved in education during the period of busing for desegregation, was president of the Junior League of Louisville and the Home of the Innocents, lobbied the state legislature for kindergartens and the ERA, served on the boards of the Waterfront Development Commission, district PTA, and Filson Historical Society among others. At age 39 I got an M.B.A. and started paid work — as a banker, business owner, marketing director, and finally and happily, as executive assistant to the president of Bellarmine College/University during its exciting transition from a small commuter school to a medium-sized university. I am finally almost totally retired — exited my last volunteer board in December and just do a little hands-on at a local food bank.

On balance it has been an interesting, fulfilling 50 years. Not perfect — a tornado, family issues, health issues (that word encompasses so much). At present Joe and I and family are at a good time in our lives.

What did I get from Smith? A broad liberal arts education that has kept me intellectually curious, the ability to write well, good friends and happy memories. What did I learn in the years after Smith? To treasure family, to value friendships, to nurture my faith and to take care of myself — with regular exercise and moments of quiet.

It is a time to reflect, but also to look ahead to whatever is next.

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**Children:** Anthony John Long, 1966; Jacob Harrison Long, 1970


Aware of all the work done by the reunion committee, I feel an obligation to contribute something. I left Smith after junior year in order to marry a man I had known only three weeks. Recently I justified this rash act to our teenage granddaughter, "It was a summer romance that got out of hand." This made/makes no sense until those warm summer evenings return each August.

I recall having only three distinct goals as a teenager: leave the farm, learn how to swim (I had been held underwater as a small child), and learn how to drive a manual transmission. Not unattainable goals ... I am now a PADI certified scuba diver living in Chicago!

Ours is an international family. One son lived in western Europe for 22 years. His wife is an Italian citizen. Their 4-year-old daughter is bilingual, somehow intuiting with whom either English or Italian is appropriate. My husband once owned wineries in Puglia and Siena. Our other daughter-in-law is from India.

Currently I manage agricultural property. I am dismayed by misinformation the media reports about farming. Through the years we have been characterized as dumb farmers, then as rich farmers, and now we are accused of despoothing the environment. And this information comes from people uncertain on which side of the Mississippi River lie the Great Plains. (When *The Economist* advertises a position, they request submissions by journalists with experi-
I'm finding this time of life much like college.
The day is no longer defined by work and family. –Wingate Main Payne

ence and knowledge about the subject.)
Two years ago we purchased an old stone house on a large lake 15 miles from my farms and near the home of my twin sister. My husband has made three attempts at retirement. However the lure of the lake shore and our boat may render his next one (whenever that is) a success.

Our younger son is CEO of American Woolen Company in Stafford Springs, CT. Last year while attending a directors’ meeting, we drove to Northampton, visited the art museum and lunched at Wiggins Tavern. We were pressed for time, and Dewey House is no longer a residence. Thus I really had little opportunity for nostalgia.

To all who attend, I wish an enjoyable fiftieth reunion.

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S/P Occupation: Professor
S/P College: Syracuse University, B.S, Psychology,
1969
S/P Graduate School: Syracuse University, Ph.D.,
Psychology, 1973

Volunteer Service: Mostly on campus and mostly
involving student life
Honors and Awards: Various, including a
Guggenheim Foundation award
Activities and Interests: Family, friends, science
Career: I have worked as an academic psychologist
since 1972, with my research focusing on human
memory.

I have to say I loved my time at Smith. Or most
of it anyway. I enjoyed the challenge of playing soc-
er (badly) on a frozen field. I loved the smoking
(sorry) room in the library. I loved dinner at Haven
House (except for ham), sharing crap novels with
friends (tho Francis Crawford of Lymond was waaay
better than crap). Mostly, I loved learning (except for
my failure to master Spanish). I really did feel as if I
knew a tremendous amount of interesting stuff when
I left college. I arrived at Berkeley for grad school
feeling a bit smug about my education and prepara-
tion (this despite the fact that I was in a psychology
program and had taken relatively few psych courses
as an undergrad because so many other courses
qualified for the major).

I was quickly disabused of my intellectual snob-
bery by my fellow grad students. I also loved
Berkeley (tho not grad school so much, I must say,
as I found it incredibly narrowing): I lived in the
heart of the student area and so got to be familiar with the national guard, tear gas, antiwar demonstrations; I also saw great dance and music in San Francisco (deep discounts for students and freebies for ushersing); I also learned to love the outdoors (the university gardens, Yosemite, Tamale Bay). On the social end of things, I went from virtually no dates in college to so many in grad school that I simply called it quits after a month.

I married at 30, had two children (son and grandchildren in NC, daughter in NYC). I’ve had my head buried in books (as my mother would say) — or really in journal articles and data — for 40+ years, and I have (mostly) loved the work while I was doing it (at Temple, Duke and for the past 16 years, at the University of Toronto). I have traveled (often on work-related trips) to terrific places, met interesting people, read a lot, knit some, learned Mahjong (not well, but much to my mother’s pleasure) and watched the years go by much too quickly.

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Community College, Cert., Landscape Horticulture, 2009; Pace University, Finance

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S/P Occupation: Artist
Children: Jennifer Mira, 1977
         Grandchildren: Anai Finnie, 1997; Rollan Knight, 2009

Volunteer Service: League of Women Voters - president, LWV of Oakland, CA (2009-2015); Master Gardeners of Alameda County CA; CASA (court-appointed special advocate) for child in foster care; Unitarian Universalist Church of Pasadena, UU Church of Berkeley

Activities and Interests: Gardening, hiking, mountain biking

Career: US Foreign Service Officer in Ghana and France (’67-’70); booking agent/manager for jazz musicians, Paris (’70-’76); banker, financial analyst, NY, Los Angeles, San Francisco (’76-’01); landscape contractor, business manager, SF Bay Area (’01-’08)

It has been a complicated and often surprising journey since graduation, and I often felt I was living in a different universe from Smith. But a few things have remained: a powerful work ethic, the gift of my parents but reinforced at Smith; an expectation of excellence, and the assumption that no matter what you do, you always do your very best. For these, I have always been grateful.

Junior Year abroad in Geneva convinced me to try for a career in the State Department. After sharing a townhouse with classmates Joanie Oliver and Caroline Solelic in Washington, DC, I was assigned to Ghana in West Africa as a junior Foreign Service officer. My boss said I was too young and unprepared, and I had to figure out how to do this work or be sent home in disgrace. I managed to succeed (thanks Mom and Dad, thank you Smith) and was rewarded with an assignment in Paris. There I created and ran a program sending American performers on tours in Africa, which introduced me to the vibrant community of jazz musicians and other creative African-Americans in Paris.

This became my world, for eight years. I resigned from the Foreign Service and in partnership with my best friend, managed and booked jazz musicians. I was surrounded by much dysfunctionality and way too much drug use but stayed focused and always took care of business (thanks Mom and Dad, thank you Smith). Paris was home, but the man who became my first husband, a West Indian engineer, persuaded me to return to the U.S.

That was a mistake. Poverty in Paris is bearable; poverty in New York is misery. We moved to California and tried ranching in the high desert (total failure). I finally found the will to escape this abusive
Class of 1966

Sandra HAWTHORNE Democh (Sandi)

House: Cutter

Sandra Hawthorne Democh died on August 16, 1999.

Sandi was born in Angola, IN. She did not graduate with the Class of 1966, but remained active in Smith activities in her later years. She spent most of her adult life in Rochester, NY, where she was vice president of risk management for Fleet Investment Services. In that capacity, she traveled throughout the Northeast to evaluate new business opportunities.

In 1995, after 30 years with Fleet, she and her husband, Roger, retired to Osprey, FL, “to play and have fun,” as she informed the Alumnae Quarterly. Survivors included her husband of 34 years and three brothers.

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Marital Status: Divorced
Grandchildren: Oliver Michael Shedd, 2009; Clara Marie Shedd, 2012

Volunteer Service: Member: Philadelphia Girls Rowing Club, Philadelphia; elder: First Presbyterian Church in Germantown; board member: William Appling Singers and Orchestra, New York
Activities and Interests: Rowing, reading, theater, opera
I think a single-sex institution may not have been right for me, and I would have been better off in an environment which involved men. – Bonnie Forgeron Ryan

In 2016 I look back to the newly-minted 21-year-old graduate who stood in the diploma circle following graduation in 1966 believing herself ready to launch. I know her, but she does not know me. Not much about the last 50 years matches her expectations. Which is probably true for a lot of us: Ours was a turnstile generation, arriving to Smith trailing expectations for women from the ’50s, on campus for the revolutionary ’60s, proceeding into a world that finally learned not to ask how many words we could type. I may be one of the few who was at one and the same time a member of the Junior League and the SDS.

How in the world to learn how or whom to be, traversing through future shock? For me, the answer is that I learned from you, each and all. We had to make ourselves up as we went along, and you were my exemplars. So, I made the transitions, from married in ’66, to motherhood, to divorce; from teaching and graduate school and then on to law school so I could support my sons, all in the space of a little more than a decade. As a lawyer, I found a vocation in a practice representing schools, primarily under the civil rights laws for disabled students.

Through all the many changes, the constants have been Smith and the jobs I love most: Mom, and now Nanni. I am outrageously proud of my sons, who created for themselves lives of service greater than I could have imagined for them. Son Jim and daughter-in-law Jenn, graduates of Vassar and Mt. Holyoke, are diplomats in the Foreign Service and have served in Serbia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Zambia and France, so far. Son R.J., like Jim, a Vassar grad, and daughter-in-law Kristin are lawyers in practices also focused on rights for children: R.J. is the appellate lawyer for Children and Youth in Houston, and Kristin represents unaccompanied illegal immigrant children. It is they who are the parents of Oliver, at 6 a thoughtful, insightful dynamo of energy, and Clara, at 4, she who must be obeyed.

Now, in 2016, I look forward and try to imagine the world for women that Clara will occupy, a world whose barriers we rejected, on the foundation we helped build she can stand — and reach through glass ceilings and dream herself into whatever she will.
Organization Wilton Library, poetry lecturer; Wilton Library, book discussion leader
Activities and Interests: Studying poetry, getting my hands in paint, gardening, reading, dogs (everything about them), reading groups (two in CT, two in FL)
Career: A public high school teacher for my entire working life, I taught in Danville, VA, Irvington, NJ, Milburn, NJ, New Canaan, CT, and Wilton, CT, the last of these years in my hometown. For 10 years, I wrote a personal essay column for my hometown paper and led groups at the library in literature, mostly poetry. I loved all of these — the teaching, the writing, the poetry.

“To tell a story is to say: THIS will reduce the spread and simultaneity of everything to something linear, a path.” Susan Sontag

MY BOOK FOR HAZEL

Fall in Connecticut,  
Here I am again at forty,  
so at ease in my life that  
all my nights are full of bright fall leaves, and  
I never dream of darkness.  
Now, in the barn where we have always lived,  
a door opens, a sliver of cut paper  
in a pop-up book.  
And suddenly they appear, two children,  
like little bears from a Sendak fairy tale,  
more cubs than boy and girl.  
They prance and parade, full of life.  
Look! I am there, too,  
the mother bear, snuffing the bright air  
to assure that all is well. It is.  
I gaze fondly on my children.  
They tumble around me, as  
the aroma of soup curls through the air.  

My mother made soup in winter.  
We poured into the house,  
stumbling over boots and bags,  
and always found her in the kitchen,  
so comfortable with its jolly red,  
where she stood ironing or sat at the Singer,  
rich folds of fabric rippling to the floor.  
Thinking of her,  
I know that every day tells a story.

When evening comes, the children’s father will find me  
standing quietly in the darkening garden,  
still listening for their distant sounds.  
Their cries echo sweetly in my heart, but  
they sailed away long ago into their own land.  
Today he prepares for the last mowing,  
Hazel chatters (nine hundred miles away)  
of her party, her pumpkins, her friends.  
In the background, I hear her mother  
(once the sister, now the only child)  
as she hums in the kitchen, starting supper.  
She will be forty next year.  

The door of her life is open.  

(A note or two: Little Bear, by Else Holmelund Minarik, pictures by Maurice Sendak, was a favorite bedtime book; Sendak lived in the next town from ours. Our son, Clay, died at the age of 23. Hazel never knew him, for she is only seven, as of reunion weekend. We still live in our barn in the summer months. The rest of the year, we are near our daughter, Margot, and Hazel, in Georgia, or in central Florida, another place of endless sunlight and bright leaves.)

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S/P Occupation: Real estate developer - affordable housing
S/P College: Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., History & Political Science, 1966
S/P Graduate School: University of Maryland, M.S.W., School of Social Work, 1968
Children: Matthew, 1973; Joshua, 1976
Grandchildren: Milo, 2007; Anand, 2007; Kirtika, 2009; Siljan, 2010

Volunteer Service: Parent Teacher Organization; Citizen Planning & Housing Association; League of Women Voters; Marylanders for the Right to Choose; Maryland Education Coalition; Baltimore Education Network

Honors and Awards: Frances M. Froehlicher Civic Statesmanship 1992 Award
Activities and Interests: Outdoors, gardening, politics, theater for short period after retirement
Career: In the '70s organized with others a statewide coalition advocating for women's reproductive choice; later co-founded a statewide coalition seeking adequate and equitable public education funding; founded a Baltimore-based education network, supporting parents and community members in acting as advocates for their children's education

Lived a good life; too serious and too risk adverse for my own liking but occasionally pushed myself beyond these limits. Most pleasure and accomplishment have come from "doing," not so much talking (or writing!). Found I enjoy problem-solving; good at utilizing whatever is at hand and pulling folks together to create change personally and within systems. As my husband Jim says, if there's mud around, I'll "find it, get dirty and like it."

Accomplished the most/the best in partnership with another, whether husband, grandchild, friend or fellow advocate. Jim and I would attend public functions, parties, to "work the crowd" — he on behalf of affordable housing and I, pro-choice or education — agreeing to leave immediately after tasks completed. Advocating in Annapolis for adequate and equitable public education funding, my compatriot and I were praised for our grass-roots coalition's accomplishments by a "predictably negative" delegate. Walking down the corridor, we murmured in amazement about our "smoke and mirrors" success!

A private person, who easily hides out for extended periods, my greatest joy and learning has been through examining and solving problems within a group that is consciously diverse. The creative solutions become "ours," not "mine"; we gather knowledge and strength from one another and become adept at transferring new skills and knowledge to the next task. Paths diverge over time, but as we reconnect on occasion, all of us tell tales of our feats together and our current use of the tools we honed together.

Reflecting on the role of Smith with my personal and career choices, my classes rarely come to mind except that my academic struggle at college clearly led me to advocate for quality public education for all. My education at Smith came primarily by way of my fellow students: the richness of their diversity of person and experience; their amazing strengths, challenges and losses; my belated questioning that the few women of color were only from foreign, not our own, country. College exposed me to both the beauty and the issues of the world, and moved me to play in the mud puddle.

Now, I craft gingerbread houses and castles of boxes with grandkids and provide space for our sons and their families to continue "getting dirty" by taking on issues important to them. More reflective, I now reach out to family and friends from whom I became disconnected amidst the busyness of life.

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Children: David Morse, 1973; Jenny Morse, 1977
Grandchildren: Buster Morse, 2012; Rosa Mae Morse, 2015

Volunteer Service: Assorted jobs for Junior League when young; recently, my church

Honors and Awards: Not so's you'd notice

Activities and Interests: Household hacks

Career: Wrote for a few months for the program for the Kentucky Center for the Arts. Prose was used only to separate the ads and couldn't offend any advertisers — best meaningless drivel I could muster. My only national publication was to an advice column, and it was edited so you wouldn't recognize me.

Warren and I divorced in 1978 after some agonizing years. I had one serious romance while single, but we parted — a good choice.

I married Arthur Blake in 1995 after too brief a courtship, but we had known each other at a distance since we were young — he and Warren both worked at Merrill Lynch. This marriage had its difficulties, but we had learned to cope better by then — and got help when we needed it. He died in 2009.

I was interested to see how I'd like living alone. It sucks. I have discovered that I am by nature a recluse, but the longer I hide out, the squirrelier I get.

I am currently (finally) doing an inventory in a 12-step group with a sponsor and am committed to this process. It's about time, since I've gone to meetings since the '80s.

I am pretty healthy and trying not to feel pitiful when told, yet again, that the new P in the A is something I have to get used to. It beats the alternative. I still live close to my childhood home and am blessed to have both children here, though they lived elsewhere in early adulthood. It's hard to beat the low cost of living and housing here. Jenny has the two children; David is recently divorced.

I have no interest in another marriage and have always been more comfortable with women — probably due to those 17 consecutive years of female education. What were they thinking???

Part of my current process is to de-clutter my house and life, simplify and zero in on what I really want. It's about time I figured that out, doncha think?

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Alison HENNING Stebbins

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Alison Morgan Henning Stebbins died on November 12, 2012, of brain cancer, in Providence, RI.

Morgan taught at St. Bernard's School in New York City after graduation. She married Rowland Stebbins III in 1969, and they had two sons, Rowland and Cameron. In 1991, after she and her husband divorced, Morgan moved to Providence, where she taught Latin at the Gordon School and the Providence Country Day School.

She particularly enjoyed being a member of the St. Stephen's Church choir and the Yale Alumni Chorus. In 2007, the Yale chorus, 150 members
strong, performed in South Africa. Morgan found the South Africans very joyous and appreciative — many enthusiastically sang along with the chorus when it performed familiar songs — and after returning from the trip, she reported, many chorus members bought or dusted off old instruments to donate to a South African high school.

"The Morgan I knew was a seemingly carefree, jolly, fun-loving, devil-may-care young woman," writes Parsons housemate Sarah Cross Mills, who remembers her as "the quintessential Smithie — smart and yet casual and breezy about her studies and life in general. Spending our reunion weekend together 40 years later, she seemed exactly the same, in spite of sad and tragic experiences on her path." Candace Cooper Walworth echoes that assessment: "Morgan was a funny, tender woman I enjoyed when we both lived at Parsons. At our mini-reunion, I was struck by her grit and her buoyancy in the face of several sad, life-altering experiences."

"When I saw her for the last time," Sarah Mills adds, "when she was in treatment for the brain tumor that took her life, Morgan kept her positive spirit and love for laughter."

She was survived by her son Rowland; Cameron was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 20.

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**Major:** Chemistry

Spouse/Partner: Paul M. Doherty

Forty years with the dear, sweet, gentle, smart man who is also my husband. He's a natural teacher, scientist, friend and more.

16 years ago founded Animal Beacons of Light. Volunteers gather and share new and gently used soft stuffed animals, freshen them physically, fill them with the energies of Love, Joy, Comfort and Reiki and gift them to children around the world. During 13 years as director, 75,000 stuffies went to 60 countries, roughly 125,000 recipients.

15 years as a research associate in biochemical research on the eye; mainly on the lens and cornea.

15 years owned catering business, cooking for people in their homes. 50+% was cook-ahead filling their fridge and/or freezer; 45+% were single events. Finally had enough people to cook for.

30 years as a hand analyst reading soul and personality information shown in a person's hand and helping them use that as a tool for transformation.

20 years as a Healing Arts Teacher and Practitioner.

15 years as a Flower Essence Master.

15 years as a Reiki Master.

12 years founder and director of the 20 Dancing Dragons Mystery School of Self Mastery, last 7 years co-director with Susan Thompson.

10 years one of three Advanced Accredited Teachers of the Life Insights Teachings, last 5 years lineage holder.

7 years holder and transmitter of the Munay-Ki rites, architectural blueprints for becoming Homo luminous from the lineage of the Inca, co-author with Susan Thompson of Our Heritage Unfettered., a book forthcoming on the rites.

Lived in Boston area nine years, Michigan 11 and San Francisco Bay Area the last 29;

Over the years the "I like to ..." list has included: hike, garden, read, rock climb, sing, play banjo and hammered dulcimer, crochet, knit, cook, canoe, backpack, cross country ski, camp, be a doula, laugh, converse deeply, enjoy friends, have daily quiet time, work on creative projects, learn how the world works, be outdoors, travel, watch the deep night sky,
Smith schooled me in things I already loved, confirmed some of my dislikes, eradicated some of my fears and left me open to discovery. —Megan Carroll Seel

co-create with Nature, grow plants, be at the ocean, be with trees, listen to the song of the universe and more.

I'm a generalist with some deep pockets of expertise. A continuous thread through my life has been energy — how to notice subtle energy, what to do when yours drops or gets off center, how to assist others in raising and centering theirs, how to do deep personal inquiry about self, how to gather support from your environment in a reciprocal way as you go through life.

I've studied in this field all my life, expanding and deepening my skill set, and expect I will for the rest of my life. I balance living in an esoteric corner of life and being present in a day-to-day world. Right and left brains dancing together in exquisite, everyday elegance. Life fascinates me.

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Marital Status: Married
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S/P Occupation: Counselor
Children: Sarah Moloney, 1977

Volunteer Service: Greenbrier Valley Theatre board member, Lewisburg, WV; United Way of the Greenbrier Valley as a board member, formerly Board President; religious volunteer, Alderson Federal Prison Camp (for women), Alderson, WV
Career: I was a lawyer in a general practice in Lewisburg, WV, with an emphasis on Social Security Disability cases.

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S/P Occupation: Social science researcher; teacher
S/P College: Yale, B.A., Philosophy, 1964
S/P Graduate School: Columbia University Teachers' College, M.A., Education, 1968
Children: David, 1977; Ellen, 1981
Grandchildren: Eliza Lois Miller, 2011; Kage Alfredo Thompson, 2013

Volunteer Service: Smith — class, club, Alumnae Association board of directors; Smith College Board of Trustees; President, California Women's Law Center; board member Western Justice Center (peer mediation, anti bullying, dispute resolution invol-

ing middle and high school students); Western Center on Law & Poverty (fighting for housing, benefits, health care for low income Californians); Constitutional Rights Foundation (civic education and teaching about the Constitution and Bill of Rights to middle and high school students); pro bono litigation with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Honors and Awards: Lawyer of the Year, 2014, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Activities and Interests: Reading, reading, reading; grandchildren; travel; friends; working out (not something I ever would have expected to be doing regularly when I was at Smith . . .)

Career: Attorney. Law school immediately after Smith. Five years as a civil rights lawyer challenging exclusionary zoning in NY suburbs. Then to work for a major law firm, first in NYC, for the last almost 30 years in LA. Litigation involving everything big companies can find to fight about. One major effort was securing insurance payout for the Twin Towers after the destruction of the World Trade Center. In recent years, lots of public interest litigation — school desegregation cases and on behalf of women veterans, especially those who suffered military sexual trauma. Lots of non-profit board service. Proud to be a member of the Smith College Board of Trustees.

Smith: I marvel at the extent to which Smith prepared me to enter and succeed in the male dominated legal profession. (Think 1969 — 8% of my law school class were women.) That is one of the reasons I continue to be such an advocate for a Smith education.

Friends: The strength of the friendships I made at Smith is evidenced by the fact that even after I left them unintended for many years as I focused on career and family, I was able to re-connect almost seamlessly, particularly with Ann Shapiro Zartler and Berta Schenker Kurlantzick ’65. The special connection that is Smith made it possible in recent years to build new friendships. And the added joy is that the spouses enjoy each other and our times together as well.

Family: I was fortunate to marry someone who is my best friend and most steadfast supporter. That support has ranged from bringing our son to my

Lois
NYC law office when, as a young litigation associate, I was working late (years before the internet and being able to work from home) so he could breastfeed, to challenging me in my role as a Smith trustee to think hard about the college and ask the tough questions. Jim and I have a son, David, who is a Silicon Valley “techie,” partnered with a wonderful woman who is a community organizer (focused on anti-smoking and air quality issues), and who are the parents of our toddler grandson. Daughter Ellen is in her third year of medical school. Her husband has a law practice focused on issues relating to Native Americans and, together, they are raising our pre-kinder granddaughter.

The Journey: It is great to have so much choice about how and where I spend my time. Although I have committed (Jim would say over-committed) to a number of pro bono legal matters and non-profit boards, I still have much more freedom than at any time in the past. It is both a challenge and exciting. One additional challenge is spending enough time with grandchildren who live far away. An unanticipated pleasure: watching my children parent. I travel more, read more, and exercise more than in the past and enjoy it all. I also worry about the extraordinarily troubled world we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. More political activity than in the past may be in my future.

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Volunteer Service: Volunteered at Planned Parenthood of Texas as “hand holder” in abortion clinic; served on Education Committee at Congregation Emanu El in Houston; active in Democratic politics; served as a delegate at many local and state Democratic conventions and volunteered in campaigns

Honors and Awards: Named to Phi Beta Kappa during junior year at Smith; graduated with a Degree of Distinction in American Studies.

Activities and Interests: I have published two books, completed a third now being represented by a literary agent, and am working on a fourth; I sing with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston and Opera in the Heights.

Career: In 1983, I founded my own public relations firm, Bernstein & Associates in Houston. It is still in business today, more than 30 years later. I started working for myself to have more freedom to raise my children, travel, write newspaper and magazine articles and then books, and engage in all the other activities I love, particularly singing. The strategy of being a business owner has been stressful at times, and I’m sure I would have made more money as part of a larger corporation, but it gave me more control over my life and made my other activities possible.

After graduating, I taught English at Smith for four years while my first husband Jim Cleghorn was earning his Ph.D. in English at the University of Massachusetts. In 1971, we moved back to Texas,
Unusually, I did not experience sexism in the workplace until 1981! I was leading a charmed life, but didn’t realize it at the time. –Florence Farber Einhorn

because he got a job teaching English at the University of Houston. By then, our daughter Katherine was a year old. In 1973, we divorced. I like to say that over the next ten years, Katherine and I raised each other. She was my comfort and mainstay.

In 1974 I entered the world of public relations at Metzdorf Advertising. In 1983 I started my own PR firm, which became Bernstein & Associates after I married Alan Bernstein in 1984. During my ten years as a single mom, I began writing magazine and newspaper articles, eventually publishing in venues as varied as *Cosmopolitan*, *Texas Monthly*, and *The Smithsonian*.

Alan and I had two more girls, Jessica in 1985 and Rebecca in 1988. I became fascinated with the way the childbirth process had changed since 1970 and, as a result, published my first book with Simon & Schuster in 1993, *Having a Baby: Mothers Tell Their Stories*, a collection of first-person accounts of childbirth from the 1890s to the 1990s. The book included the stories of several Smith alumnae, including Pauline Plimpton, mother of George, and Frances Roosevelt, wife of a grandson of Teddy Roosevelt. It also included the story of a lesbian couple who each had a baby by the same donor, an undocumented immigrant’s tale of her fifth childbirth and the story of a woman who had quadruplets.

In 2005 Texas A & M University Press published my second book, *The First Waco Horror: The Lynching of Jesse Washington and the Rise of the NAACP*, the story of one of the worst of the “spectacle lynchings,” the doing to death of 17-year-old Jesse Washington on the town square of Waco before a cheering crowd of 10,000 in 1916. The heroine of the story is Elisabeth Freeman, a women’s suffrage activist sent to Waco by the NAACP to investigate the lynching. I have since completed a third book on the mass-movement Ku Klux Klan of the 1920s and another unsung hero, 29-year-old Dan Moody, a Texas district attorney who was the first to succeed in prosecuting, convicting and imprisoning klan members who committed a horrific assault.

In recent years, I have loved performing with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston and Opera in the Heights, living for a little while inside the glorious music of Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti and others. Alan and I have also traveled extensively, often with our daughters, to Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Italy, Greece, Alaska and Canada. In honor of our 30th anniversary and Alan’s 60th birthday, we took the girls to the Grand Canyon. So much still to do, to see, to write, to sing!

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Children: Tobey Wheelock, 1966; Laura Wheelock, 1968; Matthew Wheelock, 1970

Volunteer Service: DC Public Schools - PTA president, volunteer, six years; lobbying for DC Public Schools, six years
Honors and Awards: Parents United for the DC Public Schools Founders Award 1990; Cafritz Foundation Educational Fellowship 1991; Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching
Mathematics 1990, 1991; Alumni Achievement Award, Casady School 1992

**Activities and Interests:** Nature, outdoor activities, ecology, horse-back riding, travel, grandchildren

**Career:** Life-long teacher: Boston Public Schools (four years), D.C. Public Schools (20 years), now my own school Belle Meade School (12 years); also camp director 22 years; the last twenty-two years have been on a farm where we practice sustainable living, run a bed and breakfast, summer day camp and a school.

I got married after my sophomore year and went to Williams for junior year with my husband Arthur. Summer between junior and senior years was spent in Europe for Arthur to prepare to teach art history to 8th graders at Bement School in Deerfield so I could graduate from Smith. Our first child arrived during spring vacation and was three months old at graduation. We moved to Cambridge. I substituted in Boston Public schools, then took a job at an inner-city school for several years. Our second child came along; we moved to Amsterdam for a year for Arthur’s research. Our third child was born there right before we returned to Cambridge. Back to substituting in Boston, then grad school at Harvard Ed School. We moved to DC for Arthur’s fellowship at the National Gallery. I volunteered at the DC Public School that my children attended and was hired to create a pre-k program. After teaching for five years, we moved back to the Netherlands for a year. The children rode their bikes to Dutch schools. I was again a volunteer mom — this time speaking Dutch.

Back to DC. Being RIFed from DCPS sent me to grad school at Johns Hopkins for my Ed.D. in gifted education. Several years into the program I was back in DCPS part-time and then full-time. After 22 years Arthur and I went our separate ways yet remained friends and collaborative parents.

For six years I was on my own. I moved from teaching at my neighborhood school back to inner-city schools. My social life changed to dating, the phase I’d missed by getting married so young. I did a variety of activities I enjoy—hiking, biking, canoeing — looking to meet new people. On a 150 K fund-raising bike ride, I met Mike. Several months later we were together. After about six months, we had the radical idea to buy a farm. Six months later we moved into a late 19th/early 20th century farmhouse two hours from DC that required serious renovation. I kept my DC public school job for another six months until we got financing in place.

One winter morning I decided to start a day camp. Our first completed project was the pool for the camp. Once the house was renovated, we opened Belle Meade Bed and Breakfast. Soon we had laying hens, two horses, five cows, turkeys for Thanksgiving. A boarded-up 1914 schoolhouse stood on an acre of our farm which had been sold to the county for building a school. Over time we purchased the building, moved it back from the road, built a lower story, and opened a school for grades 6-12, combining academic excellence and sustainable living. Students participate in the work of the farm along with their academic studies.

My older son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren are nearby. My daughter, son-in-law, and two children live in Guatemala. My younger son, daughter-in-law, son, daughter are in DC. My grandchildren are the light of my life!

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**Children:** Samuel, 1979

**Activities and Interests:** Hiking and canoeing before my knee problem; working on old houses; formerly: historic architecture and townscapes; always: poking around offbeat places and reading up on history and biography

**Career:** Founder and editor of the Ann Arbor Observer; author, Hunts’ Guide to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula guidebooks

I still live in the Keweenaw copper range of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula: super-snowy, isolated,
and known for its scenic beauty, for its geology, industrial, architectural and ethnic history pre-1913. My ex-husband Don and I moved here in 2004. I have finally, painfully, given up on revising any form of the very popular Hunts’ Guide to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, sites put in historical and natural context. Readers loved the detail. It seduced and overwhelmed me. I owe a lot to Mr. Mann’s American Intellectual and Social History course. (Our liberal arts education seems so quaint and precious in these careerist times!) Our Michigan guidebooks introduced me to a huge variety of people and places. They shaped my life and world view.

Calumet, where I live, is the epitome of mining’s boom and bust. I’ve been involved in local politics (yikes!) and bought the Croatian church for back taxes to preserve and re-roof it.

My only child, Sam, has made an interesting life in Germany as a translator (not only German, but Czech and Slovak, to English) and a kind of alternative rock musician. That adds some creative and social zest to a tedious, demanding occupation. I miss him so much.

My current project is a biographical sketch on the seminal Detroit years (1915-1928) of the towering public intellectual, Reinhold Niebuhr (actually a Midwestern German-American). Who and what in Detroit changed Niebuhr and, indirectly, Martin Luther King? A sprightly, somewhat seditious church historian of 87 told me to write this because Niebuhrians are clueless about Detroit and I am such a fan of Detroit’s epic story and what it has to teach us.

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S/P College: U Mass, B.A., Agriculture

Volunteer Service: Board of directors of The Cornwall Library, Cornwall CT
Activities and Interests: Choral singing; portrait painting; gardening
Career: Over 35 years in public relations representing premium consumer products, particularly fine imported wines and spirits.

After too many funerals and news of deaths these past 12 months, thoughts of mortality fill my head. On a slightly cheerier front, however, I’m always fascinated by communication — verbal and non-verbal, cross cultural and across the millennia (think cave paintings, Stonehenge, prehistoric artifacts). I muse about communicating with people, or maybe just one person, far off in the future. Obvious solution: a time capsule filled with items meaningful to me and representative of my life and times.

The essay assignment prompted me to prepare a preliminary list of things for my time capsule (actually, a pretty big box):

- Something very hard, like a stone or bone, with 71 or more (depending on when I make it) marks to indicate the years of my life.
- Photos/drawings/paintings of beings and places dear to me: my canary and two dogs; my much loved partner Hunt; my house in Cornwall, CT and perhaps the view from my New York apartment where I’ve spent 40+ years; friends, parents, siblings and their progeny. By the time I fill this box I hope to have a better mastery of portraiture, which I am currently studying, so I can include some drawings or paintings I’ve done. (I could throw in an etching of a barn I did in Leonard Baskin’s class senior year.)
- Something fleece — I loathe fleece for the exact same reason I’ll put it in my capsule: it will never ever disintegrate. My red fleece shirt will serve the purpose — love the color, sick of the shirt, but it will indicate my size and be good to wear when found.
- Seeds, like peas, which I adore, from my garden; popcorn (a favorite food but how to include butter?); and a bottle of fine French wine, as a token of my career.
Books by favorite authors — Primo Levi, Proust or Camus (in French, *bien sûr*), E.B. White.

Music — choral music (Mozart’s *Requiem*, or Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion*) marked up for a second soprano; and records (yes, vinyls!) like Verdi’s *Otello*, maybe a Beatles record.

Coins from near and far — French francs and Euros, and others from all the places I’ve been. Better throw in one of my 50-cent pieces to ground the collection, or a silver dollar if I still have it.

And this (revised) explanatory list on acid free paper . . .

Will these communicate my seven+ decades of a full and quite happy life?

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Grandchildren: Leo Grossinger, 2005; Joey Grossinger, 2010

Volunteer Service: Society for the Study of Native Arts and Sciences (Board of Trustees of North Atlantic Books); Southwest Harbor Library; Common Good Soup Kitchen, Southwest Harbor, ME

Activities and Interests: Writing, teaching, publishing, gardening, traveling, being a grandparent

Career: I have done three things in my career: taught writing and literature at universities and colleges in Michigan, Maine, Vermont, and California; run my own non-profit management company in the mid-eighties called Lindy Hough Associates, writing grants and training boards in fundraising, and co-founding and directing North Atlantic Books, a Berkeley, CA non-profit publishing company from 1977-2010, when I retired.

My journey has taken me from growing up in Denver to living on both coasts.

In 2013, entering our 70s, Richard Grossinger and I decided to move east for a while to be around family in New York City, enjoy four seasons, and to see our friends on the East Coast more. Portland, Maine is our base; it’s not necessarily the final or last move. We wanted a smaller city and the adventure of a new place; it has easy access to Boston and NY, is closer to Europe and friends in New England. We spend February in Berkeley visiting our son’s family; March in LA visiting our daughter’s family. . .with side trips to Denver, Salt Lake, and the Northwest, where I also have family.

My journey (other than family) has been about discovering who I am and what the planet and consciousness are all about. My major tools have been writing (poetry, fiction, non-fiction), traveling and Tibetan Buddhism. I spent most of my career as a writer and publisher, founding first a literary magazine called *Io Magazine* while still at Smith, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with an *Io Anthology* — “the best of” the literature, science, and visual arts.
we published. It morphed into North Atlantic Books, a non-profit publishing company in the late '70s in Plainfield, Vermont; by the time we moved to Berkeley, California in 1975 the publishing company had attracted national distribution; it became part of a flourishing movement of independent publishing. For 40 years it published mind/body/spirit titles, as well as social justice, literature, alternative medicine, martial arts, bodywork, ecology/environment and spiritual awareness; now, distributed by Random House, it is thriving.

For 20 years NAB was in the houses I lived in in Richmond and Berkeley. I worked in it without pay, and taught writing, became an executive in non-profit educational and arts administration and led my own non-profit management consulting firm. I returned to graduate school in the early '90s and worked on a Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Studies while working half-time at NAB. Things happened; I dropped out and didn't finish the degree, but rejoined NAB full time and managed it with my husband until I retired in 2010. It's thriving. I'm free to write full time now.

Writing has been its own arc: poetry, stories, fiction. I've finished a novel about a Denver family during the uranium boom in the Four Corners area in 1953 and am looking for an agent and publisher. In Berkeley I belonged to a Saging Group of Buddhist women talking about aging and dying, which I miss. I've been fortunate to be able to develop a meaningful work with which to ply my abilities in the world.

Marcia INGRAM Lamb

Marcia Ingram Lamb died on March 12, 2015, of metastasized colon cancer.

"Everywhere she lived, Marcia worked for positive change." That's how the Alumnae Quarterly summed up her career. In Louisville, KY, she devoted herself to downtown revitalization. In Boston, she became Massachusetts' assistant secretary of housing and chief operating officer of the nonprofit Initiative for a Competitive Inner City. In Washington, DC, she became director of the National Park Foundation. And in Minneapolis, she assisted nonprofits as senior counsel for an accounting firm.

"She could accomplish more in one day than anyone I know," writes Sally Beck Baker, a member—along with Marcia, Merry Reynolds Touborg, Nancy Fenn Dietz and Rusty True Browder—of The Smith Gang, a group that met regularly when all of them lived and worked near Boston. "She was bigger than life, lots of fun," adds Merry. "When her daughter got married in Alaska, with a cast of thousands guest list, we were there. It was very 'Marcia' in its gorgeous outdoor setting, lack of formality, abundance of flowers and laughter and sense that everyone 'belonged'."

Amy Stanley Anthony writes: "She was really dedicated to finding joy and adventure everywhere she went. Her spirit infected her life and all who knew her."

At the heart of that spirit, writes Rusty Browder, was Marcia's "always enormous optimism," which was clearly visible in the chronicle she kept on the website CaringBridge. In it, she wrote of her astonishment that she was gravely ill: "Not me, the stalwart of good health ... Marcia the invincible, who LOVES to take care of everyone and everything. ... Nope, must be somebody else." She wrote about her determination to fight the cancer. She wrote about her "spiritual path." She did not believe in an afterlife, she said, but added: "I consider myself a deeply spiritual person with a strong set of core beliefs" and great respect for the teachings of Jesus and Buddha.

Until the end, writes Sally Baker, "she chronicled both her struggle against the disease and her deep appreciation for all the blessings in her life. Her reflections on her love of family, friends, the sounds and sights of nature and many acts of kindness were profoundly beautiful, often poetic, and moving."

Marcia's last entry in her CaringBridge journal was dated February 15, 2015. In it, she explained that the cancer was rapidly growing worse despite a trial drug her doctors had hoped would stop its spread. She and her husband Bill "cried a bit," she wrote, "and then called our children," who immediately made plans to fly to her side.

She ended the journal entry with the same words she had used to sign off in many others: "Amen. Blessed be. Shanti. Namaste."

Marcia was survived by Bill Lamb, her husband of 50 years; by three children, Lisa, Victor and Mindy, and by seven grandchildren.

Susan Ingram

House: Albright
Unlike Al Gore, I really did build part of the Internet!

—Nancy Glaubinger Banton

Molly Ivins

House: Gardiner
Major: History

After hearing Molly speak at a reunion, Paula Protze Titon expressed astonishment that she'd not known her at Smith. Molly explained that she had “arrived as a sophomore, spent junior year in France and holed up senior year; she thought she had outgrown the college because of her worldly experiences.” Barbara Miller and Ellen Berelson, also on that junior year abroad, fondly recall one such experience: a spring trip to the Greek islands. “After a first day of heavy seas, the captain became drunk and the Greek woman serving as interpreter fell sick, as did many of us,” writes Barbara. Ultimately, the Smithies abandoned ship. Molly, typically, found the disaster hilarious, and, says Ellen, “made us all laugh.”

Gardiner housemate Anne Palmbaum Keyser remembers “mother Molly” as witty and brilliant. Nancy McGee Mack recalls her holding court in bed: “She was big in every way — big-boned, big mind, big-hearted, big insecurities, going on to bigger things.”

Much bigger things. After graduating, Molly earned a master's at the Columbia School of Journalism, worked briefly at the Minneapolis Tribune, then became co-editor of The Texas Observer, a muckraking fortnightly. It was the perfect platform for her fascination with the Great State, as she called it — she'd been raised there since infancy — and particularly the raucous world of Texas politics. When the state legislature is set to convene, she warned, “every village is about to lose its idiot.”

Her reputation as an uproariously outspoken foe of the mean-spirited, the fatuous and the hypocritical spread rapidly. In 1976, the New York Times came calling, hoping her feisty voice would liven up its pages. Molly didn't last long at the proper Times. After she described a community chicken-killing event as a “gang pluck,” she and the paper parted company, and Molly went home to Texas. She became a columnist for the Dallas Times Herald — although she despised Dallas, calling it the sort of town “that would have rooted for Goliath to beat David.”

In 1999, Molly was diagnosed with cancer. She faced it with characteristic humor. The treatment, she wrote, “is massive amounts of no fun. First, they mutilate you; then they poison you; then they burn you. I have been on blind dates better than that.” She continued to write about politics — in a syndicated column, in pieces for The Texas Observer and in several books. Her last column, published a week before her death, urged readers to “raise hell” against the war in Iraq.

“Poor taste didn’t daunt Molly,” writes Alison Teal, “injustice and dishonesty did.” That’s just what inspired a eulogy by Maya Angelou:

Up to the walls of Jericho
She marched with a spear in her hand
Go blow them ram horns she cried
For the battle is in my hand

“That Jericho voice is stilled now,” Ms. Angelou lamented. “Molly Ivins has been quieted.”

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"Good company in a journey makes the way seem shorter." — Izaak Walton

Thank you, Smith classmates, for sharing your memorable years. I continue to access that education more than I realize. I also realize that I was in the company of extraordinary young women.

I'm an avid reader, not a writer, so I offer unoriginal thoughts:

"Computers can figure out all sorts of problems except the things in the world that just don't add up." — James Magory

"Always do what you want, and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." — Dr. Seuss

"The island is fringed with the green, undulating marshes of the southern coast; shrimp boats ply the waters around her and fishermen cast their lines along her bountiful shores. Deer cut through her forests in small silent herds. The great southern oaks stand broodingly on her banks. The island and the waters around her teem with life. There is something eternal and indestructible about the tide-eroded shores and the dark, threatening silences of the swamps in the heart of the island." — Pat Conroy, The Water is Wide

"Dogs don't pay rent. Dogs guard the house." — Charles M. Schulz

"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it." — Harry S. Truman

"Rules are not necessarily sacred. Principles are." — President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." — John Wo

"We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are." — Anais Nin

Melanie JAMIESON Dickinson

House: Wilder

Melanie Jamieson Dickinson died on December 11, 1983, after a long illness.

Melanie was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, and attended high school at Miss Hutchison's School in Memphis, Tenn. Dorothy Kramer Sachs, who lived across the hall from Melanie in Wilder freshman year, remembers her as "fun-loving and one of the nicest people you could hope to meet." Wilder housemate Josephine Boeker Thornton recalls that she had "one of the most beautiful smiles I have ever seen — one that lit up a room. And in addition to being beautiful on the outside, she was beautiful on the inside."

After attending Smith, she graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara. In the early 1970s, she moved from Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri to Topsfield, MA, where she worked as a consultant in financial analysis software at the Bank of Boston and the Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. She became an active member of the North Shore Smith College Club, the Topsfield Garden Club and the Topsfield Congregational Church.

Nancy Watkins fondly remembers Melanie's mischievous sense of humor, and writes that she was "a beautiful soul, wonderful friend, wife and mother." She was survived by her husband, Richard R. Dickinson, and by two daughters, Alice Louise and Sarah.

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S/P College: Univ of Massachusetts, B.A., English
S/P Graduate School: Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, M.Div., 1965
Children: Elizabeth (Beth) Preston, 1969; Joshua Harrower, 1973

Volunteer Service: Very active in my local Anglican (Episcopal) church, which is an urban parish with a high commitment to social justice.

Activities and Interests: Socializing with friends and family, aerobics and swimming, travel, reading, watching British dramas on TV.

Career: I jumped around a lot in my work life. Started out teaching high school German, then newspaper reporter, freelance writer, church secretary, executive director of a national non-profit, more freelance writing and editing.

I feel so blessed. I have a fabulous daughter, son-in-law, and son who live nearby, and a loving circle of friends. I live in a great city (Toronto, ON) and mostly enjoy good health. In the trajectory of my life, the church has often functioned as extended family, even as my faith has evolved over the years.

The tomboy years — life was easy when I could just enjoy my friends, school and sports. I wasn’t sure I wanted to get married — my parents’ marriage was not a happy one — but I conformed to the norm. My marriage right after Smith was rocky from the start. I put off having children for a few years, though I had no real idea of a career path. I tried teaching, but it was not a good fit.

I felt like a failure as a wife and as a mother. My postponed “teenage” rebellion came at age 40, when I moved out after 17 years of marriage, leaving my children with David. Despite both of us suffering from depression, I felt he was the better nurturer. The decade of the ’80s was a roller coaster for me. By 1987, I had moved six times in seven years, and my children no longer had a father, David having committed suicide. It was after his death that I bought a house where Beth, Josh, and I could live together again and reconstruct our family.

During the ’80s, I also got involved in the women’s movement. (Yes, a latecomer to the fight.) I studied theology and supported equality for women in the Anglican (Episcopal) Church. As executive director of the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada, I advocated for policies to prevent sexual abuse of women and children by husbands or fathers — or male clergy. On leaving WICC, I launched into freelance writing and editing, mainly for church publications. I have been part of a book club/support-and-gourmet eating group for over 20 years.

After years on my own and some brief relationships with men, I fell in love with my long-time friend, Pauline. We were both 53. We lived together for seven years until her death to breast cancer. Ironically, this was a good period in my life, as our relationship was deepened by dealing with Pauline’s cancer together. Once more alone but non-lonely, I am grateful for so much.

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I must admit that with the goings-on in the world now,
I'm glad to have done so much globe-trotting then! –Evelyn Roth Fogarasi

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Career: After Smith, I taught and developed curriculum in Portland, OR. In 1974 Peter and I married and started working as a team, now known as P+T. In 1977 we began using computer-mediated communication and did pioneering work in online communication, collaboration and community. We coined the term "groupware" and conducted action research projects, consulting with government agencies, nonprofits and corporations. We've also done futures research for clients. Our current project is Pathfinding Smarter Futures — thinking systemically about a future that's more intelligent and sustainable. I also manage Grammy-winning jazz star Kurt Elling's online presence. P+T lives the future!

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From me $400 of favor to every 66'er reading this essay, our booklet. But unjestingly, we are forming a confidential group to define our unity with life's travel reports and to sustain our kaleidoscopic envisioning of life's wonders so that our cohesive togetherness may exemplify qualities of our specialness as Smith alumnae.

Over 50 years of experience, a progress map might develop as a spiral of time with dots on one side, each to indicate recurrent travel to and from employment or to and from a favorite library, or Spring through Winter cumulative experiences. So we can add up the dots to say: I have learned history of Europe, of Russia, of the Bible and inter-relate...
past human events becoming cohesive memory.

Other dots might represent personal and devotional qualities. Do we pray to God and care for our physical health? How is our skin different? Since oldness makes skin more fragile but perhaps tougher, with less sensitiveness, how can we pray for our skin? Yoga practice benefits health. We must pray about our skin by contemplating our circulatory system as it carries capillary blood to our skin’s surface.

Some dots could represent travel, religious participation and cultural or political event attendance. Concerning merchandise obtainment as changes in stores’ locations, quality and variety of products occur, what is missing? Perhaps Mother’s love, that by 35 years ago shopping independently was completely satisfactory. With unexpected shortcomings concerning change in merchandise, however, for recent years memory of Mother’s love being gone, does subliminal distress find novel resolution? Prayer, or perhaps putting a picture of Mother with any sales receipt might bring a focus from long ago to life’s new ways.

Of significant lifetime experiences, reading Permanent Present Tense: The Unforgettable Life of the Amnesic Patient, H.M., two years ago impressed me. Written by a Smith alumna, Suzanne Corkin, on epilepsy, the book includes scholarly information. I found myself comparing it to How God Changes Your Brain., by Andrew Newberg and Mark Robert Waldheim, as one of them is atheistic.

Permanent Present Tense is about Henry Gustave Molaison, who had a serious problem with his epilepsy. In the end special detail autopsy yielded a slew of 70 micron slices of H.M.’s brain mounted onto oversized slides to be digitized and preserved for continued study. The book’s subject originates in the “pioneering” days of neurosurgery, 1953; but some side violence of the subject appears harsh to peace-loving adults weighing under 150 lbs. who could not constrain the epileptic except to summon asylum caretakers.

But the Care Center occupant was a Roman Catholic; and philosophical amygdala reporters of atheistic and agnostic leanings report on generally and basically healthy subjects, the conflict-aggressive response being strictly without Jesus Christ evidenced in the heart of interpersonal relations.

“Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God.” (That is The New Testament Mt: 5:03) Write it on your bookmarks!
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Honors and Awards: METS, (Mideast Educational Travel Fellowship — chosen for 2005 Mideast travel group)
Activities and Interests: Reading, gardening, cooking, playing with my grandchildren
Career: Started out in education: the national Teacher Corps program in 1967-69 (an early alternative teacher training program, akin to the later Teach for America); then taught first grade in Philadelphia public schools. Switched to public health after volunteer work in Africa: Planned Parenthood, etc. Later back to the field of education, working with and then as Executive Director of BellSouth Foundation, dedicated to education reform in the southeast. Now working on contract with the Public Education Foundation in Chattanooga.

When I left Smith I was clueless. I had no life plan, career goals or personal aspirations. I was also scared. Suddenly a void spread before me with no parameters and no defined role. Till then, I had been “daughter” and “student” with clear expectations. Now, who was I?

Now, I can see how my self-identity evolved and what the motivating factors and values were that influenced the path I took.

First was an unconscious impulse to take the less expected route. My mother wanted me back in Cincinnati to “join the Junior League and marry a P&G man.” Instead, I went to Operations Crossroad Africa (a work camp experience in Kenya), then to New York City and then to Philadelphia to join the National Teacher Corps.

My choice of husband wasn’t the safe Proctor & Gamble guy, but someone I met in a train station after an anti-Vietnam War demonstration. He left the safe profession of dentistry so we could volunteer on health projects in Africa for a year and then elected the brand new field of public health, where he became an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control. After public health, he served as a bicycle tour guide in Europe, and now is a public radio producer.

A second urge was to be involved in community service. I wasn’t consumed with worry about making money so I chose paths where I could both serve and get by — from teaching in urban schools to public health, where I coached low-income mothers on maternal health and later worked with Planned Parenthood.

Through these years my self-identity transitioned to “new wife” and then to “mother.” I loved being a mother to Kellam and Sam. I indulge that maternal urge now as “Gigi” with five grandchildren.

But my real passion — my “calling” — came during my 18 years at BellSouth Foundation, devoted to improving education in the Southeast. We initiated efforts that still inform public education reform and I am proud of that. I loved the work and I discovered that my colleagues saw me in ways I had never thought of myself: I was respected for my ideas, my insights, my abilities to lead and to create opportunities that would help others benefit children and education systems.

So here I am, at 71, still working part-time to stay productive and useful. But now I also allow myself to enjoy our second home at St. Simons and to read all those books I never got to in the years of being busy.

And though I feel more self-confident, I guess in the eyes of my children and grandchildren I remain hopelessly naïve and clueless!

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S/P Graduate School: Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1969  
Children: Miranda, 1969; Jessica, 1971; Olivia, 1975  
Grandchildren: Angus, 2006; Aidan, 2009; Udaya, 2003; Moby, 2009; Charlie, 2011; Theodore, 2009; Amélie, 2013

Volunteer Service: Theater producer [high school musicals], board of education supporter, political campaign manager, school teacher; board chairman [church]  
Activities and Interests: Figure skating, landscape watercolors, nature photography, ornithology, poetry [writing], metaphysics [published articles]  
Career: Christian Science Practitioner

Life after Smith has been an adventure to the degree that word equates with the unexpected. Children added much that was surprising and motherhood, for me anyway, was a steep learning curve. Marriage ended after a rocky 30 years or so, but the rocky part was mostly toward the end. In hindsight there was much good that was shared. Anyway, the children — three daughters — thrived, all going to great colleges: Yale, Barnard, etc. One did get into Smith but opted for a co-ed school instead. I wandered around a bit after so many years of domestic semi-bliss. Kids got married and dispersed — with multitasking families of their own and with a range of vocations: editor of a newspaper in New Zealand; running a catering business in Philly; managing a permaculture farm in Corsica.

For myself, I relocated to a cottage on Cape Cod, which had been a second home and am currently remodeling it for year-round living. It is on a tidal inlet of Pleasant Bay, which affords terrific photo ops of herons, egrets, and kingfishers on an almost hourly basis.

In 2008 I was accepted as a journal-listed Practitioner in the Christian Science Journal. This work is a full-time 24/7 commitment. It is startling when I look back on my senior year ambitions, a heady vision of Armani suits in a glam Manhattan office, to find my focus in a spiritual realm that demands a good bit of self-abnegation. We seem to need to experiment with external realities for quite a while — at least that has been my story — before realizing that the main event is what we find within.

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Children: Michael, 1972; Steven, 1979  
Grandchildren: Cleo, 2005; Milo, 2007

Honors and Awards: Communicator of the Year, 1989  
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My husband Chris and I are about to celebrate our 25th anniversary on the beach in Curacao. We
live in Chicago in a lakefront condo on the north side, and have also lived in Colorado Springs and Cape Cod.

My two sons are pursuing the careers they aimed for. Michael is a philosophy professor at Utah Valley University, as is his wife, Shannon. They have two great children, eight and ten. My younger son, Steven, is a data analyst for a very forward-thinking marketing firm. He lives about three miles away.

What has gone before? I was married senior year at Smith and proceeded to follow my medical student husband to Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, Germany (Army) and finally back to Chicago. We were married for 24 years, and I worked throughout.

My major job was as public relations director for the American Hospital Association in Chicago. That's also how I met Chris, who was CEO of a health care foundation. But that's a story for another time.

Since college, I've enjoyed friends, reading, learning, travel, theater, politics (Democrat) and dogs. These interests have carried through into my 70s, so I now take classes, go to theater, have done much interesting travel, am a political junkie, have a matchless 13-year-old cockapoo named Tarifa and volunteer at the Anti-Cruelty Society. Friends are a very high priority in my life.

My career goal since junior high has been to be a journalist. It didn't work out until I was 55. Living on Cape Cod for ten years, I wrote theater reviews for the daily paper and did features both for that paper and a monthly magazine.

Things are, of course, not perfect. I'm coming up to the five-year mark of my breast cancer diagnosis. I broke my femur badly two years ago, and am still having difficulties. Also, having one son living in Utah is not ideal.

But I'm loving living with Chris and enjoy my day-to-day life. I like the choices I've made.
Smith education is mythological in its ability to instill in students a motivation to do great things, break barriers and make changes. —Therese Frommer Israel

Children: Emily Kern Paster, 1973; Timothy Kern Paster, 1977

Grandchildren: Zoe Regenstein, 2003; Max Paster, 2005; Jamie Regenstein, 2007; Ryan Paster, 2007

Volunteer Service: Board of governors, Folger Shakespeare Library; board of trustees, Newberry Library, Chicago; board of trustees, Gulfshore Playhouse, Naples, FL

Honors and Awards: John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship; Mellon Foundation Fellowship; National Endowment for the Humanities Long-Term Fellowship; honorary degrees from George Washington University and Amherst College; Smith College Medal; Queen’s Honours List: Commander of the British Empire

Activities and Interests: Tennis; travel

Career: After 27 years of teaching English literature at George Washington University, I became the sixth director (and first woman director) of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington — with the world’s largest Shakespeare collection, a professional theater, a humanities institute and an ambitious exhibition program. It was a dream job for me — the capstone to an already fulfilling career, but also a second act as head of this amazing institution. I retired after nine years in 2011.

Life as I knew it changed in January, 2010 when my husband, Howard Paster, was diagnosed with a glioblastoma, the most common but also most virulent form of brain tumor. It was operable but incurable. We had just celebrated our 65th birthdays and 40th anniversary by taking our entire family to Hawaii — a trip I now cherish as a golden moment celebrating all that we had been until that time. Eighteen months, two surgeries and two bouts of radiation later, Howard died and my new life journey began. I had never thought about widowhood before his diagnosis. My parents having died young, I felt certain to predecease him, but optimistic, energetic Howard was looking forward to long lives together — traveling, working part-time, enjoying our grandchildren. How ironic, then, to be readjusting my expectations and dealing with multiple losses — the wonderful job I had just retired from, the wonderful marriage I had been part of for so many years.

I look back without bitterness or regret at an immensely satisfying life: an academic career for which I was entirely suited, a marriage that remained fulfilling until the end, the raising of two terrific kids and seeing them launched into adulthood with great partners and lovely families. A life of rewarding work and a rewarding private life: my keys to happiness.

I have spent the time since August, 2011 rebuilding my life. I sold my big house and moved into an apartment (I moved too soon, but the apartment has finally become home). I returned to the Folger as editor of Shakespeare Quarterly, the library’s scholarly journal and the top journal in the field of Shakespeare studies. It’s a great gig. I have a small office, a small staff and an intellectually challenging job that I can do wherever I happen to be, even on the road or in my winter headquarters in Naples, FL. I continue to write and publish scholarly essays, lecture at universities nationally and internationally, serve on non-profit boards and generally fill the empty hole with the satisfactions that — for me — only a work life seems to bring.

I am traveling (Cuba was the highlight of February, 2015). I see as much of my four darling grandchildren as possible — which includes 4th grade recorder concerts, basketball tournaments in NYC, talking to Chicago middle schoolers about Shakespeare. I have made many new friends and find enormous comfort in the loyalty of the Washington friends we accumulated there over 40 years. I miss Howard every day, but I have recovered my equilibrium and wake up most mornings with happy expectations.

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Volunteer Service: On the boards of several nonprofits promoting affordable housing, dance education in inner schools and housing for the homeless in Boston

Activities and Interests: Skiing, hiking, bicycling, kayaking, travel

Career: Worked for most of my career for a for-profit company investing in affordable rental apartments across the country. One side of the company raised money from investors looking for tax credits to offset their taxes. My job was to find the properties to invest in and to structure the acquisitions. It was a very interesting and rewarding job.

One of the best years of my life was junior year abroad in Geneva. Not only did I love being there, it gave me a lot more confidence, which carried over into the rest of my life. My only regret is that I have not kept up with my wonderful roommate, Pamela Potter (now Flaherty).

Senior year, the U.N. sent a recruiter to Smith and it seemed like a great opportunity. So I moved to New York City, but when I showed up to work in the economics department I was mightily disappointed to be given an adding machine and told to spend all day adding numbers for trade reports. To make matters worse, I sat in a windowless room with six Chinese women who talked to each other in Chinese all day.

So I quit the U.N. and had a series of jobs, including one at the New York State Employment Service on 125th Street in Harlem. When I asked one client why he had such a gap in his work history, he said he had just gotten out of jail for murder! The morning after Martin Luther King was assassinated, when I came up out of the subway on 125th Street, people started jeering at me. Later that day one of the black employees drove me out of the area while I lay on the floor of the car. What a terrible year that was, with the assassination of two of my heroes: Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy.

My boyfriend seemed to be enjoying himself at the Wharton School in Philadelphia so in 1970 I applied to Columbia Business School. I had never liked working as much as being a student, so while my academic subjects were not that scintillating, I thoroughly loved being a student again. It did not hurt that I was one of 20 women in a class of 400. I loved having so many male friends. One thing I learned was that the professors and classes at Smith were a cut above those at Columbia. I realized how lucky I was.

After graduating I moved north to work for the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Eventually I fell into a job at Boston Financial that turned into a 25-year career structuring investments in historic rehabs and affordable apartments. I traveled all over the country to meet developers and try to win their business. It was a great job — very rewarding and remunerative. And it was doing good by investing in affordable housing.

Since retiring, I have done a lot of bicycling and traveling and met a wonderful man, Richard Vignoni. Last year I rafted the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon — one of my best trips ever, despite breaking my leg near the end and being airlifted out, dangling from a helicopter.

My most memorable and inspiring experiences seem to center on travel. The highlights: junior year in Switzerland, a two-month trip throughout the Western U.S., a month in Nepal and rafting the Grand Canyon.

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Nancy King Stuckless died on January 19, 1985, after one day of illness with a rare bacterial infection. Paula Protze Titon wrote: "Nancy and I attended secondary school (Dana Hall) together, and were great friends there. She was a fabulous athlete and student. We did not keep up with each other at Smith or thereafter, but I remember in high school overnights at her house (her parents were dorm parents at a boys school, so there was a certain attraction!) and we were active together in the school athletic association and day student activities."

At the time of her death, Nan was just finishing studies to become a paralegal in Colorado. She had been extremely active in community affairs in Evergreen, CO, where she helped found the local chapter of the American Association of University Women and was a member of parent-teacher groups, a women's tennis club, Newcomers Club and Friends of the Library.

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My mother always told me that each decade is more interesting than the one before.
I still hope she spoke the truth. —Alice van Buren Kelley

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S/P Occupation: Educator — superintendent, principal, teacher
S/P College: San Francisco State, B.A., Political Science, 1964
S/P Graduate School: San Francisco State, M.A., Education, 1971
Children: Indira Elizabeth Smith, 1972; Valerie Tallant McGinty, 1975

Volunteer Service: I am president of Global Grandmothers, a nonprofit that supports children worldwide. Global Grandmothers is fostering a movement of caring adults committed to giving to children worldwide, as well as to those near and dear. I also work as a volunteer for Reading Partners, where I tutor elementary school kids one-to-one in reading.

Activities and Interests: Reading, walking, cooking, traveling. I am in a local Smith Club book group and a local AAUW study group on foreign affairs.

Career: I am now retired, but work as a volunteer as the president of Global Grandmothers, a 501(c)(3) non-profit supporting children worldwide. Global Grandmothers members commit to regular giving to support children in need, especially through "linked" giving: giving to a child in need when you give to someone you love. Global Grandmothers vets child-centered charities and recommends them on its website, www.globalgrandmothers.org. Previous to retirement I was an attorney in a private law firm which represented California public school districts. I specialized in labor and employment law and in student disability issues.

What do I want you to know about me after 50 years?
First, a few basic facts. I was married twice, once divorced, once widowed. I have two daughters, Indira and Val, and two granddaughters, Maddie and Ellie. I started life in the Los Angeles area but have lived the last 35 years in the San Francisco area. I love California.

Professionally, I was a high school teacher for three years, a fundraiser for three years, and an attorney for 35 years.

My life so far is summarized below. I'm hoping to make the next 30 years as good. BTW, 30 is likely — my mom is in good shape at 94, and my dad died two years ago at 98.

Times of focus. I've found my greatest happiness in life when I'm focused — deeply engrossed in what I'm doing to the exclusion of other things. For me, that made life as an attorney for school districts a great career choice. When you're in a hearing, writing a brief, or discussing a legal issue with a school board, you don't think about anything else — just that. In a very funny way, that focus is very relaxing, very regenerative.

Being a parent. I was surprised by how much I loved being a mother. My daughters were such fun. I was working, but I spent all my free time with them. Their interests and peculiarities, gifts and predilections, fascinated me. And nothing compares to the feeling of family connectedness.

Being a wife. My second marriage was special. I got to live with a person very different from me, not word-based, a terrible speller, never read a novel in his life. But he never met a stranger, could advise me on every difficult interpersonal relationship in the world, loved spending time in the garden plucking and trimming his bonsais, and appreciated all things of beauty.
Being on the side of good and beauty. I like to feel my talents are aligned with the positive forces in the universe, those that prefer thought, connectedness, and beauty over impulse, isolation, and ugliness. I hope to spend my next 30 years exploring how to do that, in part through Global Grandmothers, the non-profit that absorbs me. Global Grandmothers commit to giving to a child in need when they give to someone they love. It’s our small way of making the world more equitable.

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Children: Chris; Jon
Grandchildren: Juliana

Activities and Interests:
Piano (badly)
Career: I am a professor of Philosophy at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, where I have taught since receiving my Ph.D. degree. At present my research interests include aesthetics, the senses and emotion theory. I have published four books, edited six and am at work on another.

Was I happy at Smith? Probably not very, but I convinced myself that I was because to admit otherwise would have been to scratch off four important years as a misdirection. Of course, back then four years seemed such a large chunk of one’s life, whereas now those years appear in better perspective, having been eclipsed by family, children and profession-al decisions and commitments. By time itself, I suppose.

For a while after graduation I was confident that a Smith education had set me up for life. Then that feeling faded and I began to wonder if I had made a mistake, and if a larger, coeducational, more heterogeneous university would have been better for me. That doubt has waxed and waned over the years, and in the course of events both Smith and I have changed. As a result, I’m not sure that I can assess those years from so long ago, other than to say — and this with great confidence — that I made some wonderful, lifelong friends while there.

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S/P College: Rutgers University, B.A., History, 1969
S/P Graduate School: American University School of Law, J.D., 1972
Children: Susan, 1985

Volunteer Service: After college I did some volunteer work with special needs children; at various times I
served as treasurer of the PTSA at my daughter's high school, my chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, and the Sisterhood of my synagogue (current position); I am also on the Budget Committee of Hadassah of Greater Washington.

**Honors and Awards:** Numerous awards throughout my federal career

**Activities and Interests:** Travel, reading (I attend book club regularly), swimming, tennis, Zumba, knitting

**Career:** My career, in very few words, entailed constant analysis and problem solving. I began my career as a research analyst with the Institute for Defense Analyses. After two years, I entered federal service, working for the Treasury Department, Veterans Administration, Customs Service and then Homeland Security. My various positions entailed management studies, program evaluations, budget formulation and strategic planning. I did a lot of writing and made good use of my math major. I finished my federal career as Chief of Budget Formulation and Strategic Planning for Homeland Security Investigations. All in all, it was a very rewarding career — I got to learn new things constantly and meet very knowledgeable and talented people.

Family: I met my husband, Marty, in 1980 when I was 35. We married in 1982, and had our daughter, Susie, in 1985. Before his retirement, Marty was a senior trial attorney with the Justice Department and then the Department of Homeland Security. Susie earned her B.A. from Rutgers University, *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, and her M.P.A. from the Fels Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently working as a Policy Analyst at the National Institutes of Health. My brother, sister-in-law, two nephews, one niece, four great-nieces and one great-nephew all live in the Boston area.

Career: I had a very interesting career that always seemed to come back to strategic planning, formulating budgets, and reviewing how the money was spent. In between, I did what I liked the best — organizational management, program evaluations and management studies. After 38 years with the federal government, I retired (my first retirement) in 2007 as Chief of Budget Formulation and Strategic Planning for Homeland Security Investigations in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Before that, I had worked at the U.S. Customs Service (which was subsumed into DHS in 2003), the Veterans Administration, and the headquarters offices of the Treasury Department. The best thing about my career was that it provided a constant education, whether it was Customs and Immigration laws and programs, medical programs, or other areas. After one year of retirement I joined a firm that did contract work for the federal government and conducted budget and special projects for five years, retiring (for the second time) in 2013.

What I do for fun: I love to travel. My favorite destination is Hawaii. I have been to Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, Australia and New Zealand, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, as well as many of the U.S. states. In recent years, land tours have given way to cruising Alaska, the Panama Canal, the Baltic (including St. Petersburg, Russia) and the Caribbean. In the last few years, I have reconnected with several classmates as I've traveled in their vicinity. I do volunteer work with the sisterhood of my synagogue and serve as its treasurer. I belong to a book club, attend many Rutgers football games in N.J., knit, swim and Zumba. It's a good thing I'm retired, because I couldn't fit working into my schedule!

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Career: After an M.A. in Physics at Wesleyan University, I married and we moved to Manchester, England and had two daughters. I became a volunteer with the Citizen Advice Bureau on and off until 2013. I was involved in my local Anglican Church in various ways, including running the church office. I was licensed as a Reader in 2006, supported my husband as Lady Mayoress of Manchester 2006-2007, served three years on the national General Synod of the Church of England and was then ordained as an Ordained Local Minister in 2012, which is a great privilege.

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S/P Graduate School: Washington University, J.D., Law, 1968; Carnegie Mellon University, M.P.M., Masters in Public Management, 1992
Children: Sara, 1969; Hobey, 1972
Grandchildren: Salvatore, 2003; Willow, 2004; Chase, 2006; Josie, 2006; Sam, 2007

Volunteer Service: Board member, Washington Council for Children and Families; Faculty Affiliate, Center for Communication, Difference and Equity, University of WA
Honors and Awards: Smith College, Dean’s List 1962-64, 1965-66; University of Pittsburgh, M.S.W., University Scholar Award (highest distinction) 1980; University of Pittsburgh, postdoctoral fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology, 1994-97
Activities and Interests: Going to Block Island with family every summer; reading and discussion with friends; tennis; hiking in the woods; sailing; playing with grandkids and granddad; working for women’s rights and civil rights
Career: Research Associate Professor at the University of Washington School of Social Work and also Adjunct Research Associate Professor at the University of Washington Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; principal Investigator of the MOMCare Program at the University of Washington School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry; mental health services researcher, working to improve depression care for socio-economically disadvantaged childbearing and childrearing women. Research is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and focuses on 1) adapting evidence-based models of depression care to be relevant both
to the culture of poverty and to the culture of race or ethnicity, 2) developing an engagement strategy, based on motivational and ethnographic interviewing, to engage and retain difficult-to-reach individuals with depression in mental health care and 3) disseminating effective treatments for antenatal depression in the Seattle-King County public health system.

Blessings of Time and Place

"I have walked through many lives, some of them my own, and I am not who I was, though some principle of being abides, from which I struggle not to stray."
— from The Layers, by Stanley Kunitz

1) St. Louis days — growing up with a large and loving family, including an African-American "second mother"; going to an all-girls school (4th-12th grade); having a college guidance counselor who made me apply to Smith; making dear high school friends and meeting my husband when he was a mere, funny boy of 16.

2) Smith days — living in Lamont and making dear friends; dissecting a tomcat with Sally Beck Baker, thereupon realizing that I did not want to major in zoology; falling in love with philosophy, as well as admiring my female philosophy professors; Smith giving me a full scholarship for junior and senior years after my father died, a very painful experience, but Smith was there for me.

3) Korea (short) and Pittsburgh (long) days — marrying Bob Grote, living in Pusan, Korea for a year during the Vietnam War, and having 2 children, Sara and Hobey, and a dog, Amy, named for my mother; taking care of my husband's brother (who had alcoholism) and his family; making dear Pittsburgh friends; working at an abortion clinic; getting my master's in social work and practicing individual, marital and family therapy; getting a Ph.D. in developmental psychology and writing my dissertation on love, based on OUR Smith 25th reunion questionnaire.

4) Smith days — getting hired as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department from 1992-94 for two years. My husband made me apply for this position after getting my Ph.D.; feeling apprehensive at first, but loved the teaching and the students and made dear friends and colleagues; "dating" my husband every weekend; feeling re-empowered by the entire experience.

5) Pittsburgh days — kids getting married; working on a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) postdoc in psychiatric epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh, provided by Dr. Nancy Day, Smith '67; achieving tenure at the Pitt School of Social Work; attaining an NIMH career development award for developing a culturally relevant, evidence-based intervention for perinatal depression in socio-economically disadvantaged women.

6) Seattle days — my husband and I moving to Seattle to be near our kids and five grandkids; working at the University of Washington School of Social Work and getting a larger NIMH grant to help impoverished, pregnant women with depression in the public health system of Seattle; sadly experiencing the marital separation and likely divorce of our son and daughter-in-law; going with my husband on a civil rights pilgrimage to the South in 2014 and becoming founding supporters of the Center for Communication, Difference and Equity at the University of Washington. I am so grateful for everything in my life, especially my dear, loyal, long-time friends, and for the privileges I have had.

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S/P Graduate School: MIT, M.S., Sloan School of Management, 1968; MIT, Ph.D., Sloan School of Management, 1970


Grandchildren: Miles Walsh Lucas, 2008; Ali Nassar Lucas, 2010; Declan Walsh Lucas, 2011; Salma Dajani Lucas, 2013

Volunteer Service: Planned Parenthood; Stephen Ministry; Visitors Center of Annapolis; Annapolis Women Giving Together; Survivors Offering Support (SOS)
Twenty-five years full-time homemaker and mom; not a housewife – I was not married to the house, but made a home. –Dorinda Derow

Activities and Interests: Choral singing, French conversation group (Alliance Francaise.), book group, international travel, visiting grandchildren

Career: I was a management trainee at Chase Manhattan Bank in NYC and then at New England Merchants Bank in Boston. Then I worked as the office manager at Arcata Investment Company in Menlo Park, CA. I then went to San Jose State University and got my M.UP. (Urban Planning) degree. After raising two sons to 11 and 13, I went back to work in 1986 as a French teacher, retiring in 1999.

Over the past 50 years I have had many opportunities to live and travel in the world. I began by spending my junior year abroad in Paris, and then traveling from France to the Soviet Union the summer after my year abroad. What a contrast! The first year after I graduated from Smith, I went to Spain and Ireland with two friends from work. I loved exploring the different cultures. Hank and I got married in 1968 and spent our honeymoon in Switzerland and France, where my French major came in very handy. After he graduated from MIT we lived in California while Hank taught at Stanford. We explored Mexico and Hawaii. Having two sons did not slow us down. We lived in the Netherlands in 1977 while Hank taught at the University of Groningen. 1981 found us in Belgium while Hank was on sabbatical working at IBM La Hulpe. We drove through parts of Europe, showing the boys different northern countries. In 1985, we lived in Fontainebleau, France and had them attend a French school. It was a challenge, but each managed to understand and speak un peu de français by the end of the school year. We took them to Munich and Prague that summer, where they saw the difference between a communist country and a western country.

In their teens, the boys started to travel with camp and orchestra groups. Hank and I were both teaching and paying college tuition bills in the 1990s, so our next sabbatical was in 1997-98 to Singapore, where Hank taught at Nanyang Technological University. We returned to an empty house, Scott at the U of Chicago studying for a Ph.D. and Jono in LA learning to be a screenwriter. In 2000 Hank received an offer to be an endowed professor at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, and we were ready to move ourselves and our sailboat to the Chesapeake Bay.

While we missed our NJ friends, we made new friends in Annapolis with similar interests in sailing, singing and traveling. Life became a bit complicated in April, 2002, when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had a lumpectomy, chemo and radiation, all the treatment I could stand with hope that it would not return. I began to appreciate having good health and the comfort that my sister survivors gave me. I joined SOS, Survivors Offering Support, to comfort other women touched by this disease. I feel blessed to be cancer-free since then.

I am very fortunate to have two welcoming daughters-in-law, three grandsons and one granddaughter along with our two delightful sons and our mini-dachshund, Frankie. We continue to explore the world and enjoy our family. Hank and I feel very fortunate to be in good health and happy together.

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S/P Graduate School: Union, Ph.D.
Grandchildren: Lucy Peck, 2006; Will Frank, 2008; Henry Peck, 2008; Matt Frank, 2011; Sadie Harman, 2015

Honors and Awards: Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Activities and Interests: Politics, tennis, art and architecture

Looking back a half century, I see Smith as the crucible that enabled me to gain the confidence central to what has been an enormously productive and satisfying life (so far).

I came to Smith with a passion for politics, born when my high school boyfriend and I stood on the floor of the 1960 Democratic Convention in Los Angeles, which nominated John Kennedy for President, and met Eleanor Roosevelt. But my exposure to dazzlingly bright and motivated young women, a broad menu of courses, New England fall, time with friends in New York City, dates at Amherst and Princeton and two summers in Washington as part of Bruce Carroll’s fledgling program gave me tools I have valued and used for a lifetime.

Many in our class have been far more active alumni. But my trips back for reunions and events (like Kathy McCartney’s investiture as president), commencements (I was speaker in 1994 and again in 2004, and received an honorary degree), as well as a stint as trustee have meant so much. When I surrendered my seat in Congress to run for Governor of California (which I lost), I gave my papers to Smith in hopes they would inspire others to seek elected office. It was an out-of-body experience to see them curated and on display as part of the Sophia Smith Collection. It was also colossally inconvenient to be without them (I did not) when I decided to seek my old Congressional seat in 2000! Of course I gave papers from my next five terms to Smith too.

But my life has been far more than professional achievement. I would never have predicted two marriages to fascinating men — and two children from each who are healthy and accomplished and who have produced five grandchildren, with more to come (I hope).

Shortly before Sidney died in 2011, he convinced me to resign from Congress to become the first woman to head the Wilson International Center for Scholars, the living memorial to our first internationalist and only Ph.D. President.

What a gift! The place combines Wilson’s passions for scholarship and policy, and offers me a platform to continue my service on government and public boards, Sunday talk shows and the Presidential Debates Commission.

My kids and grandkids filled the deep void left by Sidney. Then, in 2014, a Harvard Law classmate introduced me to Bob Dickie, who has become the lovely man in my life. We are partners, though based in different cities (he in Boston), and enjoy travel, tennis, kids (he has three plus four grandkids) and the process of building a deep and intimate bond.

My late mother — in whose memory I named and endowed the Smith writer-in-residence program — told me that my years between 40 and 60 would be the most exciting. But 70 is even better! My professional satisfaction, love of family and openness to new intimacy continue to grow. It may sound foolish, but I look forward to the next 50!

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interesting and paid better. This occupation led me to a variety of technical positions in a number of different places, ending in Minnesota.

I applied to Smith because I really wanted to learn a lot, and earning a liberal arts degree achieved that goal. I used my degree in economics while working at the United Nations, but then I learned about a relatively new profession called computer programming, which paid really well. So I started working with computers as a programmer, then as a manager and then as a consultant. I started in New York, moved to Montreal and, finally, to Minneapolis. I worked on both mainframes and supercomputers, and now I understand only a little about those devices that we use at home!

Over the years, I traveled to many places in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America. By far, my fondest memories are of trips to Kenya and Tanzania.

I have developed a great fondness for cats, and at one point I had five. At that time I also owned five horses. I had become very interested in dressage, bought my own horse and decided that breeding her would be interesting. Not a smart idea unless you own a farm, which I did not!

I am now retired and living in Palm Springs. After all, why stay in Minnesota when I can play golf year round? My partner, Michael, and I played many golf courses here, especially in the summer when the rates are very cheap! Sadly, he died three years ago. Now, I play golf, do lots of puzzles and visit old friends.

I do think about the people I met at Smith and I am grateful for what I learned from them and from the school.

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Activities and Interests: Reading, theater, movies, travel

Career: I have worked entirely in the public sector, first, for the City of New York and then for the federal government. In New York I worked at the Housing and Development Administration under Mayor Lindsay. I spent most of my time at the West Side Urban Renewal Project. With the federal government I worked at HUD, covering community development programs in New England communities.

I was born in Newton, MA. My family moved to Pennsylvania when I was four. I went to high school in York, PA. When I was a junior, my friend Judy Young invited me to join her and her mother on a trip to Smith. Judy's mother was an alumna and had arranged for Judy and me to spend a weekend on campus. Our hostess was the daughter of Judy's mother's college roommate. Our hostess's roommate was the aspiring actress Bonnie Franklin. After that weekend, I wanted desperately to go to Smith.

At Smith I majored in government and then actually worked in that field, first for New York City's Housing and Development Administration, then for the federal government at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I enjoyed working at HUD, being involved with New England cities' community and economic development programs. In 1992 I married Bob Brown, a wonderful, kind, thoughtful, and generous man who had a great sense of humor. We were almost mystically compatible. In 2010 Bob died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage. Now, more than five years later, I miss him every day.

I am retired and I do what retired people do. I do some volunteer work, I travel, I go to movies and the theater, I read a lot and belong to a book club. I spend a lot of time with Bob's family and I have a group of wonderful friends. Our classmate Noel McCoy has been my best friend since college. I can't imagine life without her.
My plan was to discover bold and innovative methods of eliminating worldwide hunger through harnessing the oceans’ microbial bounty. Sadly, that didn’t work out. –Deborah Diemand

By any objective standard, I am fortunate. However, what I miss more than anything is having someone in my life who, when I come home at night, cares how my day went.

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S/P Occupation: Consultant
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S/P Graduate School: Stanford, M.S.CE., Civil Engineering, 1972
Children: Emily Howell, 1980
Grandchildren: Elsie Thomsen, 2013; Evan Thomsen, 2015
Career: I didn’t really have a “career” as such. I worked at a number of different jobs and finally, when I married, worked for my husband, doing the administrative work and accounting.

I left Smith after one year and my life was pretty convoluted for a while. I lived in California, then NYC, and then Cambridge, MA. I met and married John Major, who was getting a Ph.D. at Harvard in Chinese History. When he got a Fulbright to study Chinese in Taiwan we moved to Taichung and lived there for nine months, after which we went to Kyoto, Japan. We ended up staying there for two years. We both taught English conversation to Japanese businessmen. It was lucrative work, and we spent our money collecting Japanese antiques and crafts. We traveled all over Japan, which was interesting and fun. We returned to the U.S. and John was teaching history at Dartmouth. After a few years I returned again to Japan for another two years, John and I had an amicable divorce after ten years of marriage.

When I returned from my second stay in Japan I lived in Palo Alto, CA. I met Greg Howell there and went to work in his business. We were married and had a daughter, Emily. After some years Greg got offered a position at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. We lived there for ten years and, during that time, I finally returned to school, graduated, and got a master’s degree in education. I got involved in school reform, which was quite interesting but like banging your head against a brick wall; it feels so good when you stop.

We moved to Ketchum, ID 20 years ago. It is a beautiful, small ski town. Emily graduated from high school there and then attended Stanford. She got a law degree from the University of Colorado. Now she is a public defender in Kalispell, MT. She has a daughter who will turn 3 in January and a son who turns 1 in February. We spend a lot of time driving back and forth from Ketchum to see her and the family.

It has been an unconventional, but good life. I have gotten to travel a lot, which I always enjoy. I live in a lovely place and have a supportive family.

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As trite as it may sound, I still can't believe that we are about to celebrate our 50th college reunion! It has been a terrific ride though, as I am sure is true for all of us, and there have been a few bumps along the way. I am also sure that my very recent retirement has contributed to some nostalgia for our years at Smith, when all the challenges, joys, and sorrows of the world awaited. But I would not trade anything for the family and experiences that are such an integral part of who I am today.

After graduation I moved to Washington, DC to attend law school and intern in the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. Those were exciting years! The travel and demands of my job led me to drop out of law school, which I later completed when John Doar, head of the division, asked me to come to New York to work with him at the Bedford Stuyvesant Development and Services/Restoration Corporation.

As the years passed I met my first husband and started my legal career at Cravath Swaine & Moore. Funny, thinking back, that I was one of only two women lawyers there then. Needless to say, my female friends were dismayed when I decided to leave Cravath to be a full-time mother, but that felt right to me, and I have never had regrets.

Eventually, as daughter Kate grew, I decided to return to the workplace. In the early '70s I set up a program at the Children's Aid Society providing mediation and social services to truants and runaways who ended up in family court. Now that mediation has become so prevalent around the country, it is amusing to recall how often back then people confused mediation and meditation!

That wonderful run led me to continue a tremendously rewarding career in mediation, beginning with creation of an all-women mediation firm in the '80s. It was so novel at the time that we got front-page coverage in the New York Law Journal! How times have changed — think how many men are stay-at-home dads these days! Ultimately, the firm was purchased by JAMS, an international provider of dispute-resolution services. I retired from JAMS just this year.

Being very happily remarried now, with two children who are engaged in activities they care about, and four wonderful grandchildren, life is blessedly good. The challenge now is how to use my newfound time. I look forward to conversations with those of you who have successfully navigated this passage. Even more, I look forward to seeing old friends on the campus that hosted our treasured times to these many years ago!


Comstock housemate Sandra Wixted writes of Marty: “I remember the strong closeness she had to her family and always enjoyed meeting her parents, who were so warm and embrace of Marty's friends. I also remember how comfortable Marty was with her major in government, which grew into a lifelong love of and involvement in American political life. We were at Smith when John F. Kennedy was assassinated, and Marty was a companion in grieving and celebrating an historic political life.”

"Marty always had a smile and radiated a warm and welcoming personality," recalls Kathleen Gill Miller. "I remember a wonderful mountain day we spent with other classmates at a local park enjoying the sunshine and eating s'mores. I saw Marty again years later in New York when her daughter was
grown, and she hadn’t lost any of that wonderful warmth and charm.”

After leaving Smith, Marty and her husband, Paul, moved to the Pacific Northwest, where Paul taught in the oncology department at the University of Washington Medical School. Her children, David and Wendy, got her involved early on in volunteer activities.

In the early 1990s, Marty developed breast cancer. In 2000, she wrote the following for the Smith Alumnae Quarterly: “If I could reinvent myself, I would be cancer-free. I have lived reasonably compatibly with breast cancer for a number of years, but I’d be happy to shed it for good!” Despite complications from metastasis, she added, “friends are a great joy,” and she was delighted that both of her children had settled nearby.

Susan Zevon, another Comstock housemate, writes: “Marty was a loving, loyal and funny friend since our freshman year. I had the pleasure of visiting her several times in Seattle and seeing her when she visited NYC. On her last trip, she knew her time was limited and came to say goodbye. How I wish we could share this upcoming reunion. She will be in my thoughts.”

Marty was survived by her husband and two children and two sisters, including Helen Lazarus Freeman, Smith ’70.

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Volunteer Service: 1970s: part of the Urgent Action network of Amnesty International; parent representative to the Gifted and Talented Committee of Rockaway Township Schools; 1980s: program planner in charge of publicity and later chapter president of NA’AMAT, a Feminist and Zionist organization; 1990s-present: fundraiser for United Jewish Appeal (now Jewish Federation of Northern NJ); 2002-2004: member of the Committee on Diversity

This family picture was taken in 2014 at the Bar Mitzvah of my grandson Elijah, who is the third from the right in the back row. My husband is to the right of him and my son Jon (Elijah’s father) is on the far right. To Elijah’s left is my other son David, and to his left are his wife, Wen-chi, and two of his children, Kjersten next to Wen-chi, and Dietrich on the far left. In the front row from left to right are Hilary (my daughter), yours truly, Isabel (another granddaughter), and Leo, the youngest grandchild.

Honors and Awards: Special Service and Teaching Award at Bronx Community College, CUNY; National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship; Mellon Fellowship

Activities and Interests: Writing poetry, reading, gardening, enjoying grandchildren. A special passion is the Poetry Circle of Tenafly, which I began in 2010. I continue to volunteer as a Democratic committeewoman in Bergen County and am secretary of our local Tenafly Dems. I also enjoy feeding the birds that come to our yard and am a member of the Audubon Society.

Career: From 1970 to 2004, I taught English at Bronx Community College, a branch of the City University of New York. Since I was always searching for the right textbook for my courses, I began writing my own and published one for basic writing students with Prentice-Hall (now Pearson) and one for freshman English students with Holt, Rinehart and Winston. My real career, however, or maybe just my dream of a career, has always been writing poetry — definitely a nonprofit occupation.

The fall after graduation I began to work on my Ph.D. at Columbia, but marriage and childbirth jostled with my literary ambitions. Here are some excerpts from a poem that captures my mood then:

When Keats was dying of TB,
He said, "I never quite despair,
And I read Shakespeare."

I see a lovely pallid face,
Serene, though suffering,
Liquid eyes intent,
Both on the page
And on some inner firmament.

I even think how lovely it would be
To have nothing to do
But read Shakespeare
And die of TB.

But I must bathe the baby,
And the shopping must be done.
So I cough softly, wipe my eyes, return
To washing, cleaning, and preparing food.
A mother has no time to brood
On Keats. The baby smiles so sweetly,
And I quell the inner yearning.

But every now and then I see
In an unwanted ecstasy,
Keats’ eyes before me, burning.

Despite interruptions, I finished my Ph.D. By this time I was teaching at a two-year branch of the City University of New York. The search for a good book for my sadly under-prepared students led me and a colleague to write All in One, which was published by Prentice-Hall. Then Holt published my Writing With Style. The books helped me teach better, but I had a lot to learn.

The hardscrabble world of my students was in sharp contrast to what I had known at Smith. Being born in Newark, NJ, and the first in my family to attend college in no way prepared me for the Bronx, which in those years was literally burning. Many of my students were single parents on public assistance; some were recovering from drug addiction; some had served time in prison. As they shared the circumstances of their lives, shadowed by poverty and racism, I grew to see them as heroic. They were my other family, for soon two more children were born. Mothering three children, teaching, research and writing made for a very busy life.

One morning the civil rights lawyer Monroe Freedman invited me to speak at a conference on the fraught subject of Group Defamation and Freedom of Speech. The paper I presented became a chapter in a law book and led me to explore the subject of ethics in language. I proposed a committee against campus bigotry and later one on diversity and tolerance. These committees did some good work for a while, but unfortunately, they have expired.

I am now, in retirement, focusing on three G’s: gardening, grandchildren and going to Florida, but I still write poetry; and, if you are in New Jersey on the second Thursday of any month, please drop in on the Poetry Circle, which meets in the Tenafly Library at 7:00 p.m.

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at home mommy.” I have been truly blessed. Maybe not quite the apex of Smithie achievements, but for me, in hindsight, what really matters.

Now, what am I going to write to make up the allotted 400 words? Nothing more! Only to say I have always been proud of my Smith education. It has always added to my self-esteem and contributed to my approach to my life and happiness.

Where am I now? I live in the Colorado mountains, doing what I love best: staying close to my children and grandchildren (not necessarily physically as one family resides in Spain), and weekly, as one grandchild lives just 15 minutes away. And I ski, snowshoe, hike, bike and rejoice in the incredible nature that surrounds me.

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The 50 years since my Smith time have been spent painting, drawing and traveling to paint, and often I have won the privilege of making a living at what I was born to do. —Joellyn T. Duesberry

Children: Leslie Harris Taylor, 1975; Siobhan Catherine Harris, 1980

Grandchildren: Lauren Susanna Mucha, 2015

Activities and Interests: Ballroom dancing, gardening, horseback riding, French conversation, reading, traveling


When I graduated from Smith as a French major, I had no idea what I wanted to do. And in the spring of 1966 there were not a lot of opportunities for females, even those with a B.A. from a college such as Smith. I wanted to live in NYC, and fortuitously I stumbled into a job at the United Nations. It was great fun, lots of young people from all over the world, but it didn’t pay very well. And there was little opportunity for advancement, especially as an American woman. I managed to increase my pitiful salary by passing all the U.N. language proficiency exams in French and Spanish, but still I was living hand-to-mouth. To improve this sad state of affairs, I started scanning the newspaper want ads and I found that several companies were looking for people with mathematical aptitude to be taught computer programming in-house. I had the aptitude. I passed the tests. And I was offered a job by two different companies.

I joined the trainee class at Allied Chemical in the autumn of 1967 and I was paid rather well to learn computer programming. That was the beginning of my professional career. I subsequently changed jobs many times for various reasons, but always found job opportunities. In 1970 I married a Brit who worked for Arco and I found myself being transferred from pillar to post quite frequently, as he successfully climbed the corporate ladder. We lived in NYC, Philadelphia (twice), Los Angeles (twice), Dallas, and finally Toronto, Canada, where after 18 years of marriage, we divorced.

I moved with my two daughters to northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area) to be near my parents and my brother and his family. Once the girls were more or less settled, I needed to find a job. Fortunately, it appeared that job opportunities for mainframe computer programmers still existed. Having spent the preceding 14 years as a stay-at-home wife and mother, I felt the need to brush up on my skills. So I enrolled at the local junior college, learned the newfangled stuff, got my confidence back and rather quickly returned to my former career. My professional aspirations were somewhat dampened at this point, however, since I wanted to give higher priority to helping my two daughters through the rest of their childhood and adolescence. They are both now fully functioning adults of whom I am very proud. And I am now a happily retired person, sharing the companionship of a terrific guy for the last 12 years and anticipating more years of the same.

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S/P Graduate School: University of Pennsylvania, LL.B., 1965
Anne on her deck in November 2015

Children: Sharon Mayer, 1971; Molly Ferguson, 1974; Kate Pignata, 1977
Grandchildren: Lily Mayer, 2002; Kaelin Ferguson, 2005; Joshua Mayer, 2005; Garrett Ferguson, 2007; Brody Ferguson, 2010; Annie Pignata, 2012; Cullen Ferguson, 2013

Volunteer Service: School board, PTA president, volunteer tutor, hospital board, hospital volunteer
Activities and Interests: Golf, bridge
Career: Career Volunteer

F is for “Family”: the most important part of my life — my wonderful husband of 46 years, Paul Bschorr, three terrific and dynamic daughters, three successful and dedicated sons-in-law, and seven super grandkids. All of this has been most rewarding for Paul and me — two only children!

I is for “In volunteer service to community”: my “working” life since my children were born has been spent entirely in the volunteer arena. It has mostly been centered in the local schools and our local hospital. I have learned a host of different skills and it has never been boring. Perhaps the most interesting of all was running for and being elected to a seat on the Rye, NY Board of Education. My two terms were both fascinating and challenging.

For many years, I have also been on the board of a local charitable foundation that presents four-year college scholarships to students intending to study medicine or a related field. Every spring we interview several students and I find that each year I am more impressed by their accomplishments and their plans for the future. They are so much more focused than I ever was as a high school senior, and they certainly give me hope for the future.

F is “For the moment”: I am enjoying excellent health. As I observe others around me who are not so lucky, I am most grateful and trying to do all I can to maintain the status quo.

T is for the wonderful “Travels” that Paul and I have been lucky enough to have taken. Trips to such fascinating places as South Africa, St. Petersburg, Brazil, Japan and Vietnam. To name some of the more exotic destinations have only made me want to do more. I think a lot about the dangers of travelling in today’s unsettled world, but I have concluded that you cannot let what “might happen” stop you from living the life you want to live.

Y is for the “Years ahead”: I have a couple of long-standing game addictions that I intend to continue to practice — golf, bridge, crossword puzzles and watching Jeopardy. Who knows where this wonderful life’s journey will continue to take me? I hope to be “game” for whatever is coming.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th in May!

Edith LEVERENZ Stunkel

House: Hubbard
Degree: Pembroke College, B.A., Psychology

Edith Leverenz Stunkel died on October 11, 2001 of lung cancer.

Edith did not graduate with the Smith Class of 1966, instead earning a B.A. in psychology one year later at Pembroke College. She went on to study gerontology at the University of California, Berkeley, and was awarded a Master of Social Work in 1973.

She spent 17 years as assistant director of the Center for Aging at Kansas State University, and was widely recognized for her role in improving the lives of senior citizens. In 1990, Kansas’s governor honored her with the Kansans Caring for Kansans Award. In 1998, she became director of planning and research at the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, and served in that capacity until her death.

Edith was also active in politics. She served two terms on the city commission of Manhattan, Kansas. In 1995 and 1996, she served as Manhattan’s mayor, and led the selection process for a new city manager. She founded a local food bank, served as president of the Manhattan League of Women Voters and volunteered for more than 20 years with the international Hunger Project.

Edith was survived by her husband, G.M. “Jay” Stunkel; a daughter, Julia Catherine, and a son, Carlton Frederick.
Carolyn LEWIS Mehew (Carrie)

House: Morrow
Major: Education & Child Study

Carolyn Lewis Mehew died on June 11, 2013, after a debilitating neurological illness.
Carrie was born in Arlington, VA. “She was the first Morrowite I remember meeting as a freshman,” writes Sandra Putnam. “She was a trend setter. I was intrigued by her exotic appearance, her taste and sophistication. As we progressed through our college careers, I was impressed by her deft use of makeup and clothing and her possession of a proper gentleman caller from Yale who was applying to medical school, to whom she became engaged. As an engaged woman, she was allowed to compete in the hoop roll through the Quad prior to graduation, wearing graduation robes. She may have won — was the prize being the first to marry? Something like that. I am sure they do not still have that archaic custom, but it was amazing to behold, and it made those of us who were not in a committed relationship feel outdone, or at least uncomfortable.”

After graduating from Smith, Carrie taught high school science for three years in Boston, then moved to Newport News, VA, where she raised her son and daughter. In 2000, she moved to Scottsdale, AZ with her second husband, John Mehew.

“Carrie was always a lady, and was a good role model — much more settled, less rebellious and more mature than I was,” Sandy Putnam writes. “I was very pleased to have known her and learned from her (I still wear the same eyeliner she wore, and have done all my life). I was so sorry to learn about her illness, which must have been heartbreaking. I am sure she was very brave.”

Carrie was survived by her husband, two children, six grandchildren, two stepchildren and five stepgrandchildren.

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S/P College: Yale, 1969
S/P Graduate School: Oxford (Rhodes Scholar), 1971; Yale Law School, J.D., 1974
Children: Nathan, 1990; Celeste, 1993

Activities and Interests: Tai chi, ballet, hiking, playing cello, gardening, music, theater and dance performance, travel
Career: My career has included teaching theater and dance and I have been an executive director and development director for arts organizations.

I left Smith at the end of my junior year, got married and moved to Berkeley, CA, where I'd grown up. I got a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Dramatic Arts from UC Berkeley.

My husband and I went our separate ways when I was 25. Over the next 15 years, I taught theater to adults and creative movement to children, was director of a dance non-profit serving choreographers and dance companies in San Francisco, did fundraising for International House at UC Berkeley. Most recently I was development director at the Crowden Music Center, a music and academic school for fourth thru eighth graders. I retired from Crowden in the summer of 2013.

I lived on my own for many years before I met my husband, David Row, an attorney working in the California office of the Environmental Defense Fund. David and I adopted our two children, Nathan and Celeste, at birth in 1990 and 1993 respectively. Both Nathan and Tess live in the Bay Area.
I married my first date at Smith, multiplied, divided and remained single for the middle two decades. —Nan Clare Fitzpatrick

Over the years, I’ve greatly enjoyed a variety of volunteer work: helping found a credit union; doing a live weekly public radio show; interviewing men and women in jail for a residential facility; funding, with other youngish people, small socially progressive Bay Area organizations and serving on the board of an innovative performance space.

I now do volunteer fundraising for our local YMCA, a wonderfully diverse community where David and I exercise and I help out with programs through our county food bank.

Each of my jobs held great pleasures for me over the years, but retirement has come at a wonderful time. I’m enjoying learning T’ai chi and returning to work at the barre in ballet classes. I’ve begun cello lessons again after a long hiatus and spend as much time as possible working in our garden. David and I have done some great travels with our kids and my sister and brother-in-law to Italy, France and Oaxaca, and the two of us to London, India, Cambodia and more Italy.

My greatest joy comes from spending time with David, our children, family and dear friends. It’s been a protracted growing up process, but I seem finally to have achieved a welcome degree of self-acceptance and a deep gratitude to be able to relish this time in life.

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S/P College: MIT, BSEE, Electrical Engineering, 1963
S/P Graduate School: NYU, MSEE, Electrical Engineering, 1965
Children: Wendy, 1970; Edwin

Grandchildren: Talia, 1999; Kira, 2003; Jazzlin, 2006; Skylin, 2009

Activities and Interests: Classical music
Career: Worked as a chemist. Owned a computer/services business for 20 years.

I came to Smith via the route of an emigrant from Gulangyu, China, to Hong Kong in 1949 and as a foreign student from Hong Kong in 1963. My life was changed forever because of Smith’s foreign student program office, which not only provided me a full scholarship for four years, but also repealed my U.S. visa application rejection by the Hong Kong U.S. Consulate.

I started with the class of 1967. After one year, I was advanced to the class of 1966. I can still remember the confusion among the girls in Gardiner House when I had to change my gym color from green to red! This saved one year of scholarship funds for another foreign student. Most of my friends are from my initial class. I went to Columbia for my graduate degree.

After a short stint as a chemist, I chose motherhood over a career. My husband Calvin (MIT ’63) met me at Smith. We lived in New York, New Jersey and Ohio during our career days. We are now retired and live in the beautiful Olympic Peninsula of Washington State. My daughter Wendy lives nearby in Kirkland. My son Edwin lives in San Mateo. We visit them often and love spoiling our four granddaughters.

In recent years, I resumed my lifelong love for classical music and attend concerts and operas regularly in addition to listening to CDs and broadcasts. To exercise my brain, I do Sudoku and Kenken, and read nonfiction and Chinese novels. For entertainment, I will read The Martian.

I do not have much to report in the category of “life achievements” — no medals, no awards, no titles, no inventions, no discoveries. One contribution to society would be that my husband and I provided employment for quite a few people for over 20
years through our computer services business when we lived in Ohio. I am also proud that both of my children continue to contribute to our modern society as MIT graduates.

I have much gratitude to Smith. I have very fond memories of the beautiful grounds and Gardiner House, and of the excitement and wonderment of meeting all those "foreign American girls" when I first arrived on campus in 1963. The education Smith gave me continues through my lifetime. It sustained me when business was tough in Ohio and there was no one to rely on. It gave me comfort when I lost my mother when I was barely 30. And I continue to revel in the expanded worldview gained through our wonderful liberal arts education at Smith. I am a Smithie forever!

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Grandchildren: Benjamin Bloch Pardo, 2012; Nora Bloch Pardo, 2014

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Honors and Awards: J.D. Summa Cum Laude; B.A. With Distinction; Phi Beta Kappa; Sigma Xi; Order of the Coif
Activities and Interests: Reading, skiing, tennis, swimming and magic "by marriage"
Career: Upon entering Smith, I planned to major in Political Science but didn't count on meeting Alice Dickenson, my calculus teacher. An incredibly impressive, intelligent woman, with a career and a family!!! I had never met anyone like her; so, of course, I decided to major in math - oh, the logic of an 18-year-old! After Smith, I got graduate degrees in Math and then Computer Science. Then I decided law school was the best route to improving the world. So, off to law school, then to clerk for Thurgood Marshall. Finally, I realized that I just loved school and that the best way to stay in school was to teach. Hence, my career as a professor of Constitutional Law!!!

After graduating from Smith with a math major, I married my college sweetheart, Rich Bloch (Dartmouth '65). We moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where Rich finished law school and began his long successful career as a labor arbitrator. I got a Masters in math and a Ph.C. in Computer and
Communication Science, hoping to improve the world by understanding the brain and using computers to improve educational techniques. But it was 1972 and I was impatient; Watergate convinced me that the best way to improve the world was to go to law school. So I enrolled in University of Michigan Law.

I graduated summa cum laude in 1975, and we moved to Washington, D.C. so I could clerk first for Spottswood Robinson on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and then for Justice Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court. From there, I worked for a law firm, Wilmer, Cutler, and Pickering. By then, we had two children, Rebecca and Michael, and I decided that I preferred teaching over practice, even though the law firm had allowed me to experiment with a variety of pioneering part-time arrangements.

Thus, in 1982, I joined the Georgetown University Law School faculty where I have been ever since. Teaching courses in Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, and Supreme Court practice in the nation’s capital has been a true privilege. I love teaching, writing, and mentoring young people. Our two children have become public interest lawyers; both are public defenders trying to reform the crippled criminal justice system. And Rich and I are still enjoying our work, still living in the same house we bought when we arrived in D.C. in 1975 and loving our new roles with our grandchildren, Benjamin (4) and Nora (2). When we’re not playing these roles, we also play the role of magician and his assistant at a variety of venues, including our theater at Bethany Beach, Delaware, cruise ships, and the Magic Castle in Hollywood. Life is great and I thank Smith for helping me get on the right path.

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Activities and Interests: Golf, bridge, crossword puzzles, gardening, cooking  

I grew up in Marin County, California, just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. I had never traveled east of Iowa, where my parents grew up, but because of an active Smith club, I became interested in going east to college. I chose Smith without ever visiting the campus. I have never regretted this important life decision.  

I majored in American Studies, a very new interdepartmental major, with a minor in French. I also student taught in 5th and 8th grades at the Smith Campus School. I fully intended to continue my preparation for teaching at Stanford, but delayed this for a year, instead taking a job at a small private college in Denison, Iowa as a French tutor. I had previously met a certain Yale graduate who happened to be a farmer not far from Denison and wanted to get to know him a little better. We were married on August 5, 1967. Thus, I began my life as a busy farmer's wife and partner.  

In 1969 our daughter, Heather, was born followed by a son, Jason, in 1971 and another daughter, Jennifer, in 1974. Although I never taught in a classroom again, I was always involved in our local school, community and church in all types of capacities. I also served on the Odebolt-Arthur School Board for nine years. I thoroughly enjoyed those busy child-rearing years.  

It was a delight when Heather decided to attend Smith and live in Hubbard House just as I had. She graduated the same year as our 25th reunion, in 1991. Jason graduated from Bethel College in St Paul, MN in 1993. Our youngest, Jennifer, attended Northeast Missouri State, transferring after junior year to earn her doctorate in chiropractic medicine from Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN in 1999. When Jen started her own chiropractic and acupuncture practice in 2001, she asked me to be her administrative assistant. This had been my career for the last 13 years until a diagnosis of uterine cancer and the subsequent treatment took me down another path.  

Thanks to a wonderful team of doctors at the University of Nebraska Cancer Center in Omaha and all the prayers and support of family, church and friends, I have been cancer free for over a year. I now work for Jen as a sub in the office and am fully enjoying the freedom of retirement.  

Herb and I enjoy lots of travel, the activities of grandchildren and a full church- and community-centered life. I belong to several bridge clubs, play golf in the summer and like to tend my flowers. Life is full and rich. I have always been grateful for the wonderful education and experiences that Smith afforded me and look forward to our 50th in May!  

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Volunteer Service: Current: co-chair, TEA Summit; U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) Fellows MIS Task Force. Past: Thea Awards Committee; Wally Foundation Board; co-chair, USITT’s Golden-Trigue-winning Prague Quadrennial Committee
Honors and Awards: Distinguished Service Award/TEA (2015); Life in Light Award/LDI (2007); Fellow, USITT (1985); New England Theatre Award; USITT Health & Safety Award

Activities and Interests: World Heritage and World Monuments sites; Indian, Himalayan, and Southeast Asian art, archaeology and society; performing arts and art history; exploring new corners of the world

Career: From 1966 to 1996 I worked as a journalist, writer, editor and publisher. I founded Entertainment Technology Communications Corporation, which published Theatre Crafts International/TCI and Lighting Dimensions. (now published as Live Design), and founded the entertainment technology industry trade show and seminar event, LDI. Since 1996, I have divided time between content creation and producing for a wide range of themed attraction, entertainment and special events, new and old media projects for clients that include Times Mirror Group, Fox TV Studios, Warner Bros./Six Flags, Paramount Parks/Viacom, On Track Themes, Landmark Entertainment, Universal Studios, C2C, The Hettema Group, and Quite Specific Media.

An English girls school followed by four years in Northampton sent me out in the world with the sure conviction that a girl could do anything.


Single in New York! The starter job at Parke-Bernet Sotheby's was fine, but it was immediately apparent that there was more fun and $ in advertising. Truly Mad Men! I transitioned to being a writer: ad copy, marketing copy — whatever needed wordsmithing.


Life as a freelancer writer/journalist/editor led to the Entertainment Technology field. When the magazine I edited gave me the opportunity to purchase it, the Entrepreneurial Phase (of big shouldered silk suits) was next! A staff of three grew to a company of 55. We started new magazines, purchased existing ones, published books, created workshops, launched a trade show and created an internet portal before the WWW existed.

Life in Manhattan, lots of theater, and weekends in Woodstock. And travel — because, well, there's always a trade show in Singapore. Or a spectacular new production in London. Or an international symposium in Warsaw or Prague.

1996 and on.

In 1996 I sold my media company and, with a non-compete agreement in effect, I had to reinvent myself. We moved to Hollywood and I went from writing about Entertainment Technology to working in it. A crazy world of projects all over the globe with outlandish budgets, created by teams of amazing creativity and passion. Plus I continue as editorial director (developing book projects) for Quite Specific Media.

Behind the scenes.

I married Ralph Pine, the publisher of my first book, in 1976. Justice of the Peace in Litchfield. Twelve friends for lunch. My extended family is professional colleagues: those who mentored me, the people I've hired, the teams I'm worked with, the students I've mentored. I'm fortunate to be able to encourage, enable talent, and develop creativity.

Care giving for family and friends and volunteer work for professional trade organizations is an ongoing commitment.

Travel has been focused on Asia for the last 20 years, but I'm sure there are still a few undiscovered ancient cities still to explore.

I hope what I set in motion in Entertainment Technology made a difference to an entire industry. My colleagues tell me it did and they have given me a tidy shelf full of industry awards and accolades. And they say very nice things about me.

I'm humbled and very grateful for all the opportunities!

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Watergate convinced me that the best way to improve the world was to go to law school. –Susan Low Bloch

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S/P Graduate School: Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, 1964; Stetson University, L.L.B., College of Law, 1967
Children: Thomas, 1972; Eleanor Grace, 1974
Grandchildren: Aidan, 2002; Thomas, 2006; Caitlyn Grace, 2008

Volunteer Service:
Docent with local historical museum and garden, various other local history organizations, public schools advisory committees, etc.

Honors and Awards:
International journalism fellow, consulting to group of Mexican newspapers

Activities and Interests:
Sailing, travel, art, creative nonfiction

Career: Nearly 50 years in print journalism, including 18 years on the editorial board of The Miami Herald.

We are too young to be so old. I think of the alumnae parade during our 25th reunion as a stunning display of women through the ages, from the determined, smiling faces of those few in their 90s being assisted down the road to the freshness of the graduating seniors. We were in the middle of the pack. Do we really belong now toward the front?

Having come through a tunnel of loss into a fairly good place, I’m finding this time of life much like college. The day is no longer defined by work (nearly 50 years in print journalism when there was such a thing) and family (a husband of 36 years who died shortly after I left full-time work to play with him and two children with families of their own). Rather, time comes portioned out much like a college day with classes, volunteer obligations, supper with friends and such. It’s a time to fill in the little holes in my education and to deepen friendships with people I’ve known for decades and make new friends found well outside the context of work and family.

It is odd not having long-term goals for career and caring for family. Time is measured in trips to see the children and grandchildren in Houston and Seattle, the start of a new term in classes and occasional adventures. Although I am grieved not to have Ron to share this, I am most grateful for all this in the spring of my old age.

And I remain deeply grateful to Smith for all that it offered, whether or not I was smart enough to take full advantage.

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Grandchildren: Cosimo Zanchi, 2005; Luca Lowenbach, 2007; Pietro Zanchi, 2008; Emma Lowenbach, 2009

Informal, pro bono mentoring and English-language support (ongoing).

Activities and Interests: Traveling, gardening, reading

Career: Over the past 40 years, I have worked, as both a staff member and a free-lance consultant, for United Nations agencies in Italy (the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the World Food Programme) and Switzerland (the International Trade Centre). My work has involved editing/revising annual reports, other publications, governing body documents and articles for corporate websites. I have also edited various books (for UNICEF, Rädda Barnen [Save the Children Sweden] and the African Development Bank); and coordinated a major research project (for UNICEF), serving as joint editor of the final project report.

I have lived abroad for the past 50 years, mainly in Italy. I took the first unwitting step towards an expat life three days after graduating from Smith, flying to Europe on a trip meant to last two months.

Towards the end of the trip, I decided to attend the University for Foreigners in Perugia for a term. In December 1966, finally heading home, I visited relatives in Florence, a city just devastated by floods. Within days, I was drawn into the massive, international clean-up effort. Soon the National Library offered me part-time work helping to restore books, and I also found a teaching job at an American language school. As I could just manage to support myself, I thought I would stay abroad a little longer.

In time, I met a charming Italian. We were married in 1968. In six years, his job took us to Mantua, Siena, Crema and then to Rome. In between packing and unpacking, we had two bright and beautiful daughters.

In 1975 I began working for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, the first of various jobs with UN agencies in Italy. In 1986, we returned to Florence, where, by happy coincidence,

UNICEF had just opened a research center. Over the next twelve years, I immersed myself in children’s rights issues, working as an editor/reviser. I also coordinated a two-and-a-half-year research project, which resulted in a well-received publication on the “two faces” of education in ethnic conflict. After UNICEF, I became an itinerant consultant, finding a niche market for my editing skills mostly in the Rome-based UN agencies.

My marriage ended in the mid-1990s. Twelve years ago, on assignment in Rome, I met an English journalist, also charming! Nick and I love to travel, and have taken his small motor cruiser up and down the canals and rivers of France, and to Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Holland — no small feat at five miles per hour!

In 2009, we moved from Rome to the south of France, to a village near the coast. We are half-way between my two daughters (one in Paris and the other near Florence) and only a short flight from Nick’s family in England. I see my four grandchildren when I can, and they have happily spent parts of their summers in this very special part of the world.

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Activities and Interests: Needlepoint, quilting, photography, travel. Grandchildren!!
Career: Taught high school math and was an administrator in independent schools (day and boarding) for 40 years. Served in the Peace Corps in Tunisia for two years.

The most important part of my life is and has been my family, immediate and extended. While work, church and volunteer activities have played important roles in every aspect of our lives, my central focus is and has always been family.

I married my college beau, Richard Henry — I met him February of freshman year — three weeks after graduation. We have been fortunate to continue to love being together, traveling together and helping each other through the ups and downs of life. We share interests in photography and travel and he indulges my love of stitching, especially needlepoint and quilting.

I loved my years of teaching and working in independent schools; the faculty and students of those schools challenged me and expanded my mind. Keeping in touch with so many of them (mostly through Facebook these days) continues to make me feel enriched and thankful for their roles in my life. Earning a master's degree reminded me how Smith taught a love of learning!

Grandson Jack and Anne at Dick's 50th college reunion, June 2014.

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Spouse/Partner: Richard L. Henry, 1966
S/P Occupation: Architect
S/P College: Princeton University, B.A., Architecture, 1964
S/P Graduate School: Harvard University, M. Arch., Architecture, 1967

Honors and Awards: Professional Volunteer of the Year, Jr. League of Philadelphia; Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Choate Rosemary Hall
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Recently I read a long interview with Gloria Steinem and Ruth Bader Ginsburg and kept saying “me too” to their recollections of how they were treated early in their careers. –Ann Eglin Allen

My volunteer work for my high school, the Junior League and our church has been very gratifying. Extraordinary demands were placed on Dick and me when we served for two years in the Peace Corps in Tunisia. Living in a different culture, speaking a truly foreign language (Tunisian Arabic), and living among strangers really challenged us to rise to new experiences. That time colored our entire future focus.

It is our children and grandchildren that truly bring joy to our lives. Megan, in Texas, has followed me into independent school teaching and administration and is a single mother of a lovely three-year-old, Elisabeth. Megan is also active in her church and sings with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. Marion is a Navy pediatric surgeon in California, married to a wonderful man, Andy Colyer, and the mother of our three other grands — Jack, Maggie and Katie. Her life is crazy and busy but she is a successful commander in the Navy. Our son, John, is single, works for GolfChannel.com, and is an avid golfer. He is the most thoughtful uncle you can imagine! Dick and I could not be prouder of our three children and our four grands! I spend as much time as I can with all of them and fly back and forth from SC to San Diego and Houston frequently!

Karen MARSHALL Booth

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Aline Massey

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Aline Massey died on August 25, 2009, of lung cancer, in Boston, MA.
Aline was born in Greenwich, CT. When she was 5, her family moved to Sewickley, PA. Stephanie Gerard writes: “Aline was one of my oldest friends even before we got to Smith. She and I attended Sewickley Academy, and I spent a lot of time at the Massey house. We loved to present formal tea in the garden on summer afternoons. Aline was an early feminist, along with her mother and sister, so conversation was heated but friendly. We got together with our other Academy classmates for our 40th birthday and then again for our 60th birthday. Sadly she became sick and died within a couple of years of our last reunion.”

After graduating from Smith, Aline worked as an economist for banks in Melbourne, Australia and New York City, and earned a master’s degree in college counseling and student development from Hunter College of the City University of New York. She worked for Hunter’s open admissions program for several years in the early 1970s, then moved to the Boston area. At the time of her death, she was a senior products manager for the Interactive Data Corporation.

Candace McElroy remembers Aline as part of the Baldwin House group that served as her “small but supportive family at Smith.” Anne Marshall Henry writes: “Aline was one of my best friends, and filled our lives with joy and spark every day. We studied very different things but had such fun together both at Smith and in our dating lives!! Although we did not stay in close touch in our post Smith years, she is always one of the first faces that pops into my head when I think of Smith and those years of study and play!” Caroline Carbaugh adds: “I remember hanging out with Aline at Baldwin House, along with Connie Birgel, Jennifer Urquhart, and Pat McKay.” And Jennifer Urquhart writes that she especially missed Aline at the first Baldwin reunion — and continues to miss her dear friend to this day.

Patricia J. MacKay calls her suitemate a “close friend throughout our adventures in New York in the ‘60s and each new phase of our lives. She left us too soon. I hope she knows what a wonderful son she raised in Christopher Koda-Massey and what a fabulous woman he married last October, Christina Figueredo. Aline, you would be so proud!” She was survived by her son Christopher; her sister, Daryl Massey Bladen, Smith ’69, and three nieces.
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Congratulations for 50th reunion.
I wish that I could join the reunion but I regret that, due to my prefixed schedule, I am not able to do so.

I miss the beautiful campus and Cushing College when I spent my prime in my life, studying, playing sport, walking, and chatting with my classmates. I was very much grateful for your helping me in teaching friendly English. Time flies but memory does not fade away. It was the happiest moment.

Regarding myself, my husband passed away two years ago but I am now surrounded warmly fully by my family, my two sons married and to my eldest son his wife gave birth to a baby. I finally has become a granny!

I enclose a photo of my family. All of my best wishes to my classmates.

With love
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S/P Occupation: Retired
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Grandchildren: Sara Carroll, 1995; Sam Carroll, 2004; Allison Wrenn, 2007; Charles Wrenn, 2012

Volunteer Service: Board member and Volunteer Coordinator, FISH (Fellow Islanders Sending Help); volunteer and former board member: Friends of the Pine Island (FL) Library
Activities and Interests: Reading, cooking, travel
Career: Sales: architectural and engineering services and supplies; sales: real estate; banking (Citizen Bank) 1993-2003 — all in Rhode Island

Linda and Bill in 2014
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Marital Status: Widowed
Spouse/Partner: Robert Howden Burwood, 1986
S/P Occupation: Self-employed, property management

Volunteer Service: Lions Club, New Hartford, CT; therapeutic riding program, Harwinton, CT
Activities and Interests: Horseback riding — pleasure and competition; dog training — hiking and competition; photography; needlework/crafts
Career: I am an occupational therapist and have been working with children since 1970, initially in a school in South Africa for six months, then in a pediatric hospital in CT for ten years, and since then in a public school system in CT.

After Smith and graduate school, I spent a year in South Africa, enjoying new friends and my first job as an occupational therapist. Then, after six months of traveling in Europe, I came home to another OT job in a children's hospital in Newington, CT. I married Walter van Ham, Jr., in 1974, and after working at the hospital for ten years, moved on to working in a public school system, where I am still employed. Walter died from a lung tumor in 1981, at the end of my first year in the school system.

Shortly thereafter, I joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and have found this to be one of the most important and best decisions of my life. I had been searching for a church to join, and everything just fell into place and fit. I have found wonderful support and guidance through fellow members and the doctrine and leadership.

Five years after Walter died, I fell in love with Bob Burwood, whom I had met through our church's singles program. We were married in 1986 and had 25 happy years together.

Through the years, in addition to working with children, I had the opportunity to raise, ride and compete with horses. In more recent years, I have turned to raising dogs, and hiking and competing with them. Competitions have included breed showing, obedience, rally, agility and drafting. We had a variety of breeds and mixed breeds until 1991, when we met our first Bernese Mountain Dog. It is with this beautiful breed that I have done the various competitions.

When Bob became ill and disabled with COPD, two of our Berners, in succession, were his service dogs and were a great help. Sadly, Bob died in 2012 and I am grateful to still have three of these dogs for companionship and for giving me a reason to go hiking. In addition, they each work as reading and pet therapy dogs in the school system where I work.

I am currently in another chapter of my life since receiving a diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma (in my tongue and lymph nodes) in July 2015. I consider this a wake-up call and that I have cancer because I am sick (not that I am sick because I have cancer). I am regaining my health with holistic treatments and am very optimistic about the outcome and future.

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S/P Occupation: Consulting Engineer: Energy Conservation & Co-generation
S/P College: Memorial University of Newfoundland, B.Sc., Physics, 1965
S/P Graduate School: M.I.T, Ph.D, Nuclear Engineering, 1970
Children: Claire Forbes, 1978
Volunteer Service: Various local, state and regional architectural, historical and historic preservation boards and committees  
Honors and Awards: Preservation Massachusetts: Profiles in Preservation Award, 2010  
Career: Self-employed architectural historian/preservation consultant

May 1966. Me:  
"In 50 years I will be: Old ... Retired ... Wise. And I will have: A wise, old, retired husband ... five or six grandchildren ... fond memories of a career as a successful, well-paid artist. Whatever I do in life, I will NOT spend much time writing. I've had too much of that in college!"

May 2016. Me again:  
"How could I have been so naive?"

Today I wonder what that 22-year-old girl/woman could have been thinking. I am not old — I just have a cranky knee that gives me trouble sometimes. I am not retired, although I seem to work more slowly than I used to. And I don't feel much wiser, but I'm working on it.

I was not an artist for very long, although one of several five-year blocks of employment was as an elementary art teacher that actually did pay a salary. Somewhere along the way I fell in love with architecture, and turned all my training in visual skills — and yes, in writing (at Smith and beyond) — to 30-plus years of figuring out what buildings have to say to us. It's never boring, and it never gets old. What a surprise!

What a surprise, too, that the neat, predictable domestic life I was led to expect turned out to be a bit different. My wonderful husband, Ian, actually was pretty wise, but he never got to retire or to get old. His death in a boating accident in 1994, eight months after our only daughter Claire underwent surgery for a devastating brain tumor, changed my life. Today I am thankful every day for him, for her, for family and friends, for work that I love and the good health to do it. I try not to take any of my good fortune for granted, and that includes my four years at Smith. So maybe I have gained a bit of wisdom after all.

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S/P Occupation: Lawyer  
S/P College: Harvard, A.B., 1966  
S/P Graduate School: Harvard Law School, J.D., 1969  
Children: Mark, 1974; Gina, 1978; Dan, 1981  
Grandchildren: Lucy, 2010; Emily, 2013

Volunteer Service: Recorded books for Recording for the Blind.  
Honors and Awards: Overseer at the Huntington Theatre in Boston  
Activities and Interests: Theater, opera and grandchildren  
Career: After graduating from NYU School of the Arts, I worked 20 years for TIME Magazine as a researcher in the Maps and Charts Department. I moved to Boston, and then taught acting at the Actor's Workshop for an additional 12 years. Now I teach a class on reading Shakespeare at the Arlington Senior Center.

My life seems split into two eras, before and after meeting Jack Fabiano.  
I had been single in the "City" and then I was married to a widower with three kids in the 'burbs. In New York, I had received an MFA from the NYU School of the Arts and pursued a career as a professional actress for a few years. In Boston, I taught acting at a small professional school. In New York, after deciding that acting was not for me, I worked for many years at Time magazine as a researcher. In Newton (near Boston) I cooked meals, drove car pools of kids and did the laundry. For this split life I must give credit to my

Noel
BFF and fellow classmate, Susan Lang, who introduced me to Jack Fabiano.

Now the kids are all grown up and married, I feel I have been really blessed. Our kids and their spouses live close to us and we have two beautiful grandchildren. My mom just turned an amazing 102! Jack and I are trying to figure out how to make this time of retirement meaningful. I hope I will be able to call this my “third” era.

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**Grandchildren:** Sophia Hammond, 2002

**Volunteer Service:** Advocate for Conservation as a member of the Garden Club of America; Advocate for Animal Science as a member of the Livestock and Meat Industry Council at Kansas State University.

**Activities and Interests:** Native plants, butterflies and bird watching; travel

**Career:** At the age of 39, I assumed the job of managing our family’s cattle ranches in the Flint Hills of Kansas. This has meant, among other things, adapting to the ever-changing opportunities and challenges of animal agriculture as ranches and cattle have evolved through the decades!

Fifty years! Sounds like a very long time, yet over my shoulder it seems but a blur of motion and experiences, friends, responsibilities, dreams, disappointments, heartache and much happiness.

Living in Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, I took in the landscapes and character of each place, feeling that I belonged in every one. My two marriages of 21 and ten years taught me to live where I was planted and make the best of each piece of my journey through life. I found that though we might spend our youth with the misguided idea that we can plan and work to achieve our futures, it is the totally unexpected turns that have the most dramatic effect.

In sophomore year I left Smith to marry my boyfriend and move to Williamstown. We moved four times in six years while my husband finished his education, and I became a mom. The best thing I ever did was to parent my son and daughter. Like most new mothers, I entered this field unprepared, with only Dr. Spock and lots of love to guide me. Happily, the children themselves helped their father and me to become better parents, and they blossomed into fine adults. While my first marriage was sliding away, the children found solid ground.

When my father became ill in the early ’80s, I moved back to Kansas near my parents and am grateful I could spend time with my dad before he died. He taught me how to manage our family’s cattle ranches and, since his death, that’s what I’ve done. Our cow-calf herds are raised on native tall-grass prairie that has remained so because the land is too rocky to plow. As someone who also loves native plants and wildlife, I have a great job that I would never have expected when I was at Smith.

The years following the move brought my divorce, remarriage two years later, and, two years after that, in 1987, the loss of my son in an accident. I have for some years now settled into life on my own near my daughter and her family, and feeling so fortunate to be doing a job I love with friends and family nearby. Life is one long education, still full of surprises, with the assignments handed out as we travel through it. I feel blessed and hoping for more up ahead.

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A Smith education is designed to make your mind a wonderful place in which to live for the rest of your life." So true. —Linda Cornell Weinstein

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Spouse/Partner: Timothy J. Cheadle, 2006
S/P Occupation: Machinist; Rental Properties

Volunteer Service: Teaching conversational English to immigrant women, editor for Portland Youth-at-Risk newsletter, interviewer at Mainspring Portland Food Emergency Services, team member on Emergency Shelter Project for women and children.

Activities and Interests: Tennis, choir, fitness, cooking, reading, boating, volunteering

Career: I'm retired from a career in social services and semi-retired from a private practice in psychotherapy.

This may be a different sort of essay from many in this book. I wasn't going to write one, but my husband, Tim, encouraged me. I had a psychotic break while a sophomore at Smith. Seeing a psychiatrist twice a week, plus faking normal, helped me make it to graduation. I spent the next two years at McLean Hospital where I learned what had happened in my early life. Now I could build on the truth.

I married my first husband, James, two years later; we turned a cow barn near Boston into a home, with a goat camped inside the front door. I worked at a library, sorting books and the bits and pieces of my broken mind. Over the years, working a variety of jobs helped me build a more solid footing in the world and in myself. In 1975 we bought a 900-acre ranch in eastern Oregon, where our nearest neighbor was five miles away. I built corrals, herded chickens, fixed fences, hauled water from an outdoor pump. The director of the local mental health clinic hired me as his administrative assistant and group therapy co-leader because I'd been in a mental hospital. James and I built a two-story timber-frame home complete with solar panels and satellite TV. I began a journal of my emotional struggles, which became the seed for the manuscript I worked on for the next 40 years entitled MAD GIRL: FACING MADNESS WITHOUT MEDICATION. Not taking meds was no boast. I just didn't want my ragged edges chemically soothed. I wanted to heal through satisfying work and relationships. It took a lot longer than I thought it would.

After 18 years, James and I split up. I moved to Portland and worked as a free-lance editor, nanny, stage and voice-over actor and manager of a floating home community. (I'm grateful to Smith for all the doors it opened professionally.) In 2001 I earned a Masters in Social Work and began practicing psychotherapy. No one's stuff scared me or grossed me out because my stuff had been scary and gross, yet I was coming through.

I married Tim Cheadle in 2006. With his help, I'm discovering the parts of myself I couldn't when younger due to my harsh inner judge. He's softer now and I can enjoy life. My proudest accomplishments are redefining myself through insight, courage and compassion, and helping my clients do the same.

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S/P Graduate School: Columbia University, M.Mus., music education, 1953; Columbia University, D.M.A., choral conducting, 1966
Grandchildren: Caleb George Hurtt, 2007; Madison Nancy Hurtt, 2009

Volunteer Service: Great Waters Music Festival (NH), co-founder and board member; Hartford School for Girls; Unitarian Church committees; Nantucket Community Music School board member; A Safe Place, secretary; Lightship Basket Museum fundraising event

Honors and Awards: Architectural work published four times in national magazines
Activities and Interests: Tennis, reading, paddle tennis, garden design, foreign films, bridge, travel, French
Career: I started out teaching sixth grade in a private school in Los Angeles and ended up teaching 12th grade advanced honors English in a public school in CT. After five years of teaching and working on a masters degree in English at the U. of Hartford, CT, I left the workplace to raise three children but, after about eight years, I got itchy and went back to school to become an architectural designer. I worked for a number of years in a firm in Hartford, CT and then, in the '80s, went on my own specializing in residential design. I am still working now on Nantucket Island designing custom homes. I have been lucky to have my work published in several national magazines.

Japanese Garden
At this moment in my life I am creating a Japanese garden, and I ask myself why now? I have always felt Japanese gardens were special, exceptionally beautiful and peaceful. I have fond memories of meandering up to the teahouse on the Smith campus as a student and then returning there like a pilgrim at reunions. Why this draw? Was it just aesthetics? I never knew and pondered it little. But now I am in the midst of creating one with rather a vengeance — endlessly digging, planting, hauling rocks, agonizing over their placement. So there is something deeper pushing me on. I was always rather doubtful of my religious teachings. I didn't like the way the church had an attitude toward women, and after a rather unsatisfactory exchange with my pastor I became an agnostic. Then I gradually became an atheist. And that was fine for a while, but now I seem to be on some sort of a spiritual journey, and the Japanese garden calls. I have started to conclude that this is my way of working things out — a way of feeling part of something much bigger than myself — a kind of oneness with nature perhaps. It is just a small start, and my garden is hardly finished.

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S/P Occupation: Suicide Prevention
Children: Eli; Timothy
Grandchildren: Viola; Nora; Ever; Foxwell

Volunteer Service: National Wildlife Federation: teacher/naturalist; Smithsonian Natural History Museum: taxidermy lab assistant and bat research assistant; Mount Aventine, Chapman's Forest: docent and crafts director
Honors and Awards: Book of the Month Club Primary Selection for The Yarn Animal Book
Activities and Interests: Art/nature journalist, paper crafts, kayaking, writing and illustrating
Career: see essay

I met my husband while at Columbia. After graduation I worked as a fashion illustrator in the garment district. Moved to DC and discovered we had to be married to have a joint checking account. So we had a "home" wedding the following Saturday. John wrote a lovely ceremony based on the roles of a husband and wife as defined in the I Ching. We did sound and lights at Alexandria Roller Rink rock concerts for Blood, Sweat & Tears, B.B. King, The Jeff Beck Group, Jethro Tull, etc. Our plexiglas furniture was featured at Bloomingdales. I taught advertising design at Washington Technical Institute (now UDC) for five years.

After meeting an editor at Simon & Schuster I was hired to write The Yarn Animal Book. We moved to a farm in Ontario where we raised vegetables, chickens, pigs, hay and cattle, plus one milk cow. We sold or traded meat and skim milk for eggs and whatever we didn't raise ourselves. Our heavy cream was famous but we never parted with our homemade butter, yogurt, crème fraiche, sour cream or cheese. We shared those with people from all over the world who stayed with us — in the middle of nowhere — to go cross-country skiing and hiking. My time was spent working on The Yarn Animal Book (which included meeting wonderful people from all over the area who volunteered to test patterns), cooking for guests, taking care of our organic vegetable garden, running the surveyor's shop in town and having our first child, Eli.

We returned to metro DC to renovate houses. Our daughter, Timothy, was born at home. I taught classes to kids of all ages at the National Zoo — things like "Am I an Animal?" and fun topics like "Magic for Kids" and "Dungeons & Dragons." I homeschooled Eli and Timothy, earned my blue belt in Shaolin and wrote for Mothering, Cricket and Ranger Rick.

Other activities included walking our border collie, measuring bat skulls at the Smithsonian and running a home office, Sigma Financial, where we worked as mortgage brokers for 28 years.

I have devoted a lifetime to illustrating journals of nature observations, kids' stories and crafts. Now I am happily working on several books for Kindle, including The Single-Minded Prince and How to Draw Dead Bugs (tentative title), running a B&B for kayaking and canoeing on the Potomac here in Bryans Road, and enjoying my grandchildren!

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Timothy (daughter), Foxy (grandson) and Grandma Carrie wearing post-it to remind daughter to take Foxy's medicine when she leaves
I think Sophia Smith would like the ways Smith has informed and enriched my life.

—Dorothy Wheeler Bacon

Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: E. Barry Nann, 2003
S/P Occupation: retired
S/P College: Princeton, B.S., Engineering, 1957
Children: Whiting Dimock Leary, 1971; Robert McHutchison Dimock, 1973
Grandchildren: Melina McHutchison Leary, 2004; McKenna Burke Leary, 2007

Volunteer Service: Literacy Volunteers; Habitat for Humanity; Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement
Activities and Interests: Raised, trained and showed Arabian Horses for 25 years
Career: Many rewarding years as high school English teacher; realtor for the past ten years

Peaks and troughs in the last five decades. Happy marriage for 23 years, then disaster. Eight years of solo adventures (and some dating nightmares!), then Match.com came through — married in 2003, and back to my maiden name. Painful losses along the way — parents, sister, best friend. Cancer surgery in the fall of 2014.

Through 2005 an exciting, rewarding career as a high school English teacher — national AP grader, London theater trips, student newspaper, Mock Trial, etc, all amid adolescent angst and enthusiasm. What’s better than getting paid to read books and talk about them? Now I am a full-time realtor, and it’s interesting and challenging, but not always rewarding....

For 25 years I raised, trained and showed Arabian horses — my family and my career were able to make room for my passion; and I had many unforgettable moments — in my top hat and tails, and in the quiet morning barn and every moment in between.

I have been blessed with two phenomenal children, and now two wonderful granddaughters. My daughter is the Dean of Students at Colorado Law and lives in Boulder, and my son is an architect in Brooklyn. I am so fortunate to have these outstanding individuals, along with my husband, in my life.

Although not every moment at Smith was wonderful, many of them were, and I remain grateful for the opportunities and experiences I had then, and the life that has followed.

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Volunteer Service: Currently president of a 250-member women's club in Salt Lake
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choices and opportunities — for minorities, for women, for people with disabilities. We’ve enjoyed unimaginable breakthroughs in science, technology and health. We’ve achieved the greatest, broadest access to scholarship and the arts humanity has ever known.

How lucky we are to have lived through this time! And how lucky I am to have had an unparalleled view of the action.

I left Smith hoping to become a doctor. Instead, I fell in love with journalism. It was like continuing to go to college: always learning, always encouraged to explore and ask questions. I worked for Newsweek in New York for 20 years, starting on the mail desk and ending as National Affairs editor. Then my husband and I were hired by U.S. News & World Report in Washington, DC. As co-editors, we ran the magazine for a decade. Nowadays, we ghostwrite and edit nonfiction books.

Over the years, I’ve written about religion, politics, education and energy policy. I’ve edited several books about Bill Clinton and a memoir by civil-rights legend Dorothy Height. I ghostwrote for gun-control crusader Sarah Brady, wife of Ronald Reagan’s grievously wounded press secretary, and for William Iggiagruk Hensley, the Inupiat hero who won money and land for Native peoples after Alaska became a state. I’ve edited books about heart disease, South Africa and Kay Thompson, author of Eloise. What variety — and what fun!

Mike and I never had children, but we revel in our extended family. We have had a wonderful life, filled with adventure and friends. We’ve lost loved ones, of course, and suffered disappointments. But life is decidedly good.

I’m no Pollyanna. I know we face huge challenges, from crumbling infrastructure and climate change to militant religiosity and political paralysis. There are many developments I deplore: the left’s political correctness, for example — including its recent manifestations at Smith — and the right’s close-the-borders jingoism.

But what an amazing half century! Our air and water are cleaner now. The Soviet empire is gone. We have statins and antilock brakes, Google, microfleece and Honeycrisps. We went to the moon. We elected an African-American president. And as I write, it’s just possible that we will soon put a woman in the Oval Office. Not a Smithie, but close.

Yowza!

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S/P Occupation: Attorney
S/P College: Dartmouth College, B.A., Philosophy, 1959
S/P Graduate School: Yale Law School, J.D., Law, 1966

Volunteer Service: Vestry (and sometime Vestry clerk), Trinity Episcopal Church, Lenox, MA; board member, Literacy Network of S. Berkshire, Lee, MA; board member, Edith Wharton Restoration, Lenox, MA.; volunteer for foster-care hearings, Pittsfield, MA.

Activities and Interests: Reading, politics, fitness
Career: Teacher, social studies and art history, Dwight School, Englewood, NJ; court attorney, New York Family Court, New York, NY
Chapter I: The Early Years
Eager to finally get away from home, I worked at The Economist in London the year after graduation. I had a wonderful time but determined that another degree would lead to a more interesting job. I returned to the Fletcher School at Tufts where I got a dual masters in economics and met a wonderful, diverse group of friends, including my best friend, whom I married. We moved to New York in 1969 to start “real” life.

Chapter II: The Busy Years
For the next 31 years I worked for an investment management firm where I had a number of different jobs, initially economics and investment-related and then mostly management. Jon and I had two daughters, who have grown into wonderful, accomplished, funny women. The combination of family and work was fun and busy, allowing little time for anything else, but able to be summarized in two sentences.

Chapter III: The Years of Everything Else
In 2000, after a period of working more and enjoying it less, I retired — cold turkey. I once read that retirement should be viewed as the dessert of life, and one should feel free to sample the whole buffet table. I have. To celebrate my retirement and my husband's shift from a big law firm to a small non-profit, we spent three weeks hiking in New Zealand and fell in love with it. We have returned regularly. Upon our return from that first trip, after working for six months in a small commercial garden, I took up painting to exercise the right side of my brain, and attended art school for five years. Fortunately, I have not had to earn a living with my brush, but painting is immensely fulfilling. I have kept my hand in the investment world by serving on a number of boards and investment committees, including a wonderful ten-year stint on the Smith Board. If retirement is dessert, the icing on the cake is grandparenthood. We now have two splendid grandchildren. I still garden at our house in NW Connecticut, paint whenever I can, and read, read, read — holding my nose as I order another book for my Kindle instead of buying at the local indie. But I push aside all this, and certainly anything resembling real work, to make as much time for the grandkids as possible.
House: Hampshire  
Major: English Language & Literature

Marital Status: Divorced  
Children: Nicolle, 1967; Erica, 1969; Carrie, 1973  

Volunteer Service: Member of the Junior League 1971 to present. The most satisfying endeavors were volunteering as an art museum docent for many years in Toledo and then St. Louis, as well as being a CASA and volunteering for Planned Parenthood.

Activities and Interests: Tennis, golf, knitting, needlepoint, reading, travel, yoga

Career: I had a brief career as an English teacher. Later I worked for a non-profit, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of NW Ohio. I also sold residential real estate in St. Louis, MO.

I was married a few weeks after graduation to Russ Gervais, my high school sweetheart from Northampton. We stayed in the area for two years, both taught, had our first daughter. We left in 1968 to become corporate gypsies, living all over the country as he climbed the corporate ladder and I was mostly a stay-at-home mom and avid volunteer — first in schools, later in the arts. We had two more daughters, one in the Pacific Northwest, the third during a three-year stint in the Chicago suburbs.

Our life was frenetic, with frequent moves, but with many great people and experiences. We often returned to Northampton to visit family, but I have never been to a Smith reunion. I did enroll my middle daughter in the fall of 1987 (class of ’91), but she only stayed a year and then transferred to Michigan. First daughter graduated from Boston College and then got an M.B.A. from Kellogg at Northwestern. Third daughter also went to Michigan, then got a master's in museum studies from the University of Washington.

Russ and I ended our travels in St. Louis in 1990, where he became president of Silgan Plastics. Our 38-year marriage ended in divorce in 2004. He is still with the much younger woman who replaced me, but they never married. I was fortunate to meet and spend five glorious years in a wonderful relationship with a handsome Italian. He died of pancreatic cancer three years ago.

These past few years have been very full of both joy and sorrow. My parents lived into their 90's and were happy and still "with it" in a lovely assisted living facility in Northampton, where I encountered some folks from my Smith days — Nellie Hoyt and Helen Chinoy, among others. I have five incredible grandchildren, four boys and one girl. Oldest daughter, married no children, lives in Chicago; middle with the three boys in Cambridge; youngest with boy and girl recently relocated from Massachusetts to Jacksonville, FL. I am busy traveling to visit friends and family as well as seeing as much of the world as I possibly can. I live between St. Louis, where I have now spent 25 years, and Lexington, MA, where I am near daughter Erica's family. I am in very good health and remain active. Travel is my passion!

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S/P Occupation: Attorney/partner  
S/P College: West Point, B.S., 1966  
S/P Graduate School: Yale Law School, J.D., 1972  
Children: Virginia; Sandra; Genevieve  
Grandchildren: Grace; Genevieve; Jackson; Emma; Teddy; Charlie; Sophie

Volunteer Service: Fundraising for Greenwich Academy and Smith College  
Honors and Awards: Soccer coach of the year 1991  
Activities and Interests: Reading, writing, photography, hiking, skiing, sailing and other outdoor activities. Interested in science, national security policy, military affairs and the mechanics of writing. Also very interested in brain development and the education of children. Have belonged to a writing group for almost 14 years.
Every time I started to think about a different path (social work, for example), an acting job would come out of the blue. –Stephanie Braxton

Looking back over the past 50 years, I am extremely grateful for my Smith education. I learned how to think and to analyze problems while at Smith and that helped me in the various twists and turns of my life, from being an Army wife and a mother of three girls to pursuing academic interests in international relations and in science and later concentrating on becoming a writer.

I began graduate school in Public Law and Government at Columbia University in the fall of 1966, specializing in international relations. I completed all my coursework for a Ph.D. when a move to Washington, D.C. and the birth of a second child, who had health problems, ended my graduate studies. Some years later I returned to school to study science. I took calculus and completed all the premed requirements and I worked in a biology lab. When my in-laws developed dementia, I managed their health care system for six years while commuting between Washington and Boston. Later I managed my mother's health care, commuting between Washington and Connecticut. I studied their medical cases. I kept multiple notebooks with nursing notes and questions on treatment on one side and my writing on the other. In addition, I coached soccer for 15 years, applying my analytic skills to studying the game, my players and how to design training to maximize my team's efforts.

I believe in the education of women. I raised my daughters to be independent thinkers, to be athletes and to pursue their academic interests. I felt it was essential that they be capable of doing what any man could do physically and intellectually. Although they were all accepted at Smith, they went to Williams, Tufts and Harvard. They entered interested in science, but only one majored in biology. None felt supported in the sciences at their institutions. If I returned to Smith today, I would study science and math. If women want to be players in the current world, I believe they need to understand math, science, engineering and technology. To stay in science, they need encouragement, not the discouragement that my daughters encountered. I trust that young women at Smith today are encouraged in science while being held to the same high standards I was held to in the Government honors program.

I still love to think, to write and to study. I hope to impart the importance of a lifetime of learning and adventure to my grandchildren.

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Marital Status: Widowed
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S/P Occupation: Professor, Writer, and Theater Director
S/P College: New York University, B.S., Chemical Engineering, 1947
S/P Graduate School: Stanford University, M.A., Speech and Drama, 1949; Stanford University, Ph.D., English, 1954
Children: Jessamyn Blau, 1982
Grandchildren: Eloise Blau, 2015

Honors and Awards: Thorud Leadership Award, University of Washington, 2008; First Annual Distinguished Alumni Award, Department of Literature Graduate Program, University of California, San Diego, 2001; Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques, French National Ministry of Education, 1989; Excellence in Research, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 1983; Smith College, magna cum laude, 1966; Phi Beta Kappa, 1966
Activities and Interests: In October 2015 a group of faculty and graduate students attending a session on public scholarship in the humanities at the Simpson Center for the Humanities at the University of Washington in Seattle were asked to jot down our various identities: the first I listed was “a reader.”
Career: Professor of English and director of the humanities center at both the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (1977-2000), and the University of Washington (since 2000). Author of three books — most recently, Statistical Panic: The Cultural Politics and Poetics of the Emotions (2009) — and editor of several collections of essays, including Figuring Age: Women — Bodies — Generations (1999) and The Myths of Information: Technology and Postindustrial Culture (1980). I have also worked with national organizations of higher education, including the Modern Language Association, Phi Beta Kappa, and the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes.

Love and work: I’ve been exceedingly fortunate in both. My life has also been marked by the loss of my three partners — my first husband Bob Woodward to divorce in 1970, the exuberant Michel Benamou (he was French) to death by stroke in 1978, and Herbert Blau, a brilliant man and my second husband, to cancer in 2013 (we were married for 33 years!).

Herb and I had a daughter, Jessamyn Blau. She is finishing her second year as a resident in internal medicine at the University of Washington and just became a mother. As it happens, I also work at the University of Washington, and the three of us are living in my loft-like Seattle house — Jess’s daughter’s crib where my husband’s desk used to be. It makes me smile to see newborn Eloise surrounded by books by her grandfather, Freud and Marx, Sartre and Lyotard. (Between 1986 and 1998 we lived part-time in Paris in the 10th arrondissement; some of the most satisfying days of my life began with taking Jessamyn to her public school in the 1st and then going on to the Bibliothèque Nationale to do research). To the library in Eloise’s room we’ve added Pat the Bunny, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and Goodnight Moon. We plan to stay at The Plaza Hotel in New York someday.

One of the surprising constants of my life has been my commitment to higher education in the humanities. (Imagine: At Smith I received a mortifying C in freshman English and majored in Economics!) With my doctorate in literature from the University of California, San Diego, and my intellectual heart and research in interdisciplinary subjects, for almost 40 years I’ve worked at two public research universities as a faculty member in English and, more importantly to me, as director of their humanities centers where the ethos is collaborative. The work is challenging and intellectually engaging. I’ve written on poetry and the novel, women and aging, higher education, and the emotions — grief, anger, shame, and what I call “statistical panic.” And I’ve had the continuing intellectual honor and joy of working with creative and committed colleagues and the wonderful opportunity to advocate for the importance of the liberal arts.

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Major: Biological Sciences
Laurie by the numbers:
A large and loving family scattered all over the
country, from Vermont to Maryland, Texas to
Colorado, South Carolina to Virginia, New York to
Florida.
1 husband x 47 years
2 children, 1 a computer programmer, 1 an Army
lawyer
1 son-in-law and 1 daughter-in-law
3 grandsons, ages 13, 10 and newborn
1 93-year-old mother in upstate New York
2 brothers, 4 sisters-in-law, 2 brothers-in-law
5 nieces, 3 husbands, 1 nephew with 1 fiancée,
4 grandnieces

10 moves, 8 long distance and 2 local:
2 years in Virginia
5 years in Boston suburbs (2 moves)
1 year in New Jersey
14+ years back in Boston suburbs (2 moves)
7 years in Florida
1 year in another Boston suburb
10 years in Chicago suburb
7 years retired in Florida

The moves — as wrenching and heartbreaking
as it was to leave close friends, jobs and a house that
we had just fixed up (each time!) — did bring us
closer together as a couple. Each place enriched us,
bringing new job challenges, new friendships and
new regions to explore or, in the case of Boston,
favorite places to savor.

Many challenges, but even more blessings. Now
we are back in the same town we lived in from 1990
to 1997, so have a number of friends that we’ve had
for 25 years. We are deeply involved in our church,
with both of us having leadership positions and
attending classes. I am taking a class in Centering
Prayer (reading a book by Thomas Keating) and Bill
is taking an early church history class.

With a brand-new grandbaby to visit in two days,
we are brimming with joy.

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Shawl ministry at church for 10 years
Activities and Interests: Travel, visiting family —
especially grandchildren! — knitting, biking, walking,
reading, yoga
Career: First career: 29 years first as a nurse (pedi-
atrics and labor and delivery), then nurse practi-
tioner (maternal-child health). Second career: self-
taught publisher, author or editor of six books. I
am most proud of creating and editing the latest,
Sacred Moments: A Pause with God, by Deborah
Kaiser-Cross. I have never forgotten my nursing
roots, though, and have continued to act as a
patient advocate for friends and family facing seri-
ous illness or surgery.

Graduate School: Columbia University, B.S., Nursing,
1968; Boston College, M.S., Maternal-Child Health,
1983

Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: William Bohlke, 1968
S/P Occupation: engineer
S/P College: M.I.T., B.S., chemical engineering, 1965
S/P Graduate School: R.P.I., M.S., nuclear engineer-
ing, 1967
Children: Kristen, 1971; Kevin, 1974
Grandchildren: Alex, 2002; Josh, 2005; Jackson, 2015

Bill and I with our daughter’s family in Paris, 2015
Immediately after radiation treatment on 33 consecutive days, I created a small painting, hoping this would help me better express and understand my emotions. —Sara Blakeslee Busch

Major: Government
Graduate School: University of Kentucky, Economics, 1966

Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: C. Thomas Murrell III, 1968
S/P Occupation: Banker (retired)
S/P College: Western Kentucky University, B.A., Business Management, 1965
S/P Graduate School: University of Kentucky, M.B.A., Corporate Finance, 1967
Children: Matthew Thomas Murrell, 1973; Sarah Murrell Knight, 1978
Grandchildren: Reeve Murrell, 2008; Owen Murrell, 2010; Eleanor Knight, 2010; Elliot Knight, 2015

Volunteer Service: Elementary reading tutor for Everyone Reads; monthly volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House; family court judicial advocate for abused women through The Center for Women and Families; Blessings in a Backpack volunteer; past volunteer in a medical clinic for families with no health insurance; former PTA president of elementary school
Activities and Interests: I enjoy reading nonfiction and fiction and belong to a book group. I am active in our Episcopal church and a former vestry member. I love to travel with my husband, Tom. Classical music is also a favorite. I spend time working on family genealogy and attend an aerobics class.
Career: Instructional Assistant, Princeton City Schools, Cincinnati, OH

I arrived at Smith in the fall of 1962 from Lexington, KY, where I had grown up. After a brief bout of homesickness, I adjusted to life in Capen House, to my classes and to living in the Northeast — a real education in itself.

Challenging courses in various departments enabled me to learn a lot about the many different components of a liberal arts education.

After graduation from Smith I moved on to a fellowship in economics at the University of Kentucky, where I was one of the first female grad students in the College of Business and Economics. It was there that I met my future husband, and we were married in 1968.

A series of moves with Tom's job followed, and a long year as he served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. I worked for the Kentucky state government and for the Lexington city government. I then spent 20 years working in inner-city classrooms, which were challenging and yet rewarding. Tom worked as a commercial banker for U.S. Bank.

Tom and I are both retired now and enjoying our children and grandchildren. Matt, our son, is an anesthesiologist at NY Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. He and his wife Jocelyn live in NYC with their sons, Reeve and Owen.

Our daughter Sarah lives here in Louisville, not far from us, and is a case manager and social worker at Frazier Rehab Hospital. She and her husband Dan have Nora and Elliot.

Tom and I are enjoying retirement, aerobics classes and Pilates at our fitness center, travel, reading and being with our grandchildren. Volunteering as a legal advocate in family court for victims of domestic violence has been rewarding for me.

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Graduate School: New York University, M.A., History, 1968
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Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: James Harry Alleman, 1990
S/P Occupation: Retired
S/P College: University of Indiana, B.A., Economics, 1965
S/P Graduate School: University of Indiana, M.A., Economics, 1967; University of Colorado, Ph.D., Economics, 1976
Children: Adam Alleman, 1970
Grandchildren: Grace R. Alleman, 2002; Noah C. Alleman, 2004

Volunteer Service: Colorado Music Festival, Boulder; Democratic Party — Limited Election Participation
Activities and Interests: Travel, music, art, performing arts, gardening, the New York Times

I am undoubtedly not alone in finding myself amazed beyond imagination that (as of this writing) nearly 50 years have passed since I received that stiffened piece of paper titled Baccalaureus in Artibus from then Smith President Thomas Mendenhall (via the diploma circle). And now we are to the Class of 2016 as the Class of 1916 was to us!

So what have I done since May 1966? And what did Smith do for me? In fact — a great deal.

With apologies to my classmate and dear friend Ellen Berelson — who knows this story only too well — I had the great good fortune to spend my junior year (1964-65) with the Smith group in France, which started with six weeks in the heavenly town of Aix-en-Provence and continued with an academic year in Paris. It is no exaggeration to say that this experience shaped and predicted my future life.

After a few years teaching French in New York City junior high schools, I landed a job with the Cultural Services of the Embassy of France in Washington, DC. I then transferred to our own Foreign Service in 1975, and the State Department was gracious enough to send me to the US Embassy in Paris a year later.

After 12 years in the Foreign Service I met my first and so far only husband in the State Department building — although he was then employed in the private sector. I still consider it a pretty straight line from Junior Year Abroad to the Foreign Service to meeting my spouse on State Department premises.

Jim came with a teenaged son who is now himself the father of a teenaged daughter and an 11-year-old son. So I skipped the children part and am now grandmother to two grandchildren who know that Jim and I consider them to be our gods:

Of course there have been downsides: That adventurous spirit ignited by a year in Paris probably led to too much time spent with the wrong men; my father died too young (at 63); my mother suffered a long and painful decline; I have had some significant but fortunately solved health issues and lost several friends and other family members too soon.

I have to thank Smith — and my parents — for launching me from career to wonderful friendships to marriage to a still-traveling retirement and a wish to have written this with more humor!

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S/P Occupation: Clinical Psychologist
S/P College: Dartmouth, B.A., English, 1967
S/P Graduate School: University of Chicago, M.Ed., Education, 1972; University of Chicago, Ph.D., Educational psychology, 1977
Children: Daniel Schwartz, 1976; Michael Schwartz, 1978
Grandchildren: Calille Luginbuhl Schwartz, 2013

Activities and Interests: Hiking, painting, opera, theater
It's hard to summarize the past 50 years. I've grown and changed a lot. I've worked in three different fields: early childhood education, the restaurant business and architecture and interior design. The most difficult field was early childhood, but it was also the most rewarding and I knew that I was making a difference. I stopped teaching when my son Dan was born in 1976 and, by the time I was ready to go back to work, I wanted to try something else. I worked for the longest time (more than 17 years) at an architecture and design firm that specializes in restaurants and hospitality.

I retired in February 2011. Since then I have been busy with two weddings and the arrival of a grandson. We are blessed with wonderful daughters-in-law. Grandparenthood is spectacular! Son Dan lives in Providence, Rhode Island, and works for a publisher of monthly magazines. Michael lives in Oakland, works in transportation planning in San Francisco and is the father of our grandson, Calille. We travel to both coasts frequently.

Don, my husband, is a clinical psychologist who has been in private practice for the past 36-plus years. He is beginning to cut back and plan for more free time. We both love to hike and have taken many wonderful trips. The most absorbing thing for me these days is painting. I am part of an all-women studio, which I love. The woman who started the group believes that artists are more productive when they paint together. The collaboration and support within this group are amazing.

The last time I was at Smith when students were present was for my niece's graduation in 1995. I was struck with how comfortable the atmosphere was and how confident the students seemed to be. I'm looking forward to coming again and seeing old friends and catching up.

P.S. I graduated in 1967 so my photo is not in the 1966 yearbook. The yearbook picture above is from my high school year book!
Activities and Interests: Choral singing has always been my primary hobby/interest outside of work. I am a founding member of a 24-year old singing group here in Fairfield. (Look up Chamber Singers of Southeast Iowa on YouTube — here’s one song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgUXHiMneoY.) I also keep up my keyboard skills and play the organ half-time at a nearby Episcopal church.


I spent the first four years after Smith working as a secretary at Yale, enjoying all the benefits of a great university without doing any homework! I married Mark Spencer in the fourth year and moved to Denver, but we divorced after two and a half years. In 1972 I began to practice the natural, effortless Transcendental Meditation (TM) technique as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, becoming a teacher of TM in 1976. I took a temporary leave from planning continuing medical education meetings to teach TM in Denver for a while, then resumed my prior work for several more years. In 1987 I moved to Fairfield, Iowa, to the university Maharishi had founded, and earned a master's degree. At the end of that year, one of the deans asked if I had any debts, and when I answered in the negative, invited me to work at the university (which paid only minimal stipends). Fortunately, my father's prudent investing and generosity to his four children allowed me to live comfortably without depending on my stipend.

In 1998 I sold my house in Denver for a profit (had been renting it long distance), and built my own home in Fairfield according to the principles of Vedic architecture (Vastu), moving into it in March of 2000. I traveled abroad twice during my years at Maharishi University of Management: once to Holland in 1998 when Maharishi invited the entire faculty to visit (I had to arrange all the housing!), and once in 2003 on a Rotating University trip to Greece.

A few months after I returned from our 40th Smith reunion in 2006, I was asked out by David Fitz-Randolph, a colleague who had rescued me from various computer mishaps, and we were married less than four months later! Sometimes you just know! Marriage to David is the best chapter of my life so far — and SOOOOOO much fun!

I retired in December of 2009 and David followed six months later. Retirement has been a blessing, allowing us to travel (mostly driving), visiting family in sickness and in health, and seeing a lot of our beautiful country (even a few cruises). I have no giant accomplishments to report, but also no complaints about the life I continue to enjoy. New motto, from an Episcopal blessing: “Be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.” And I keep right on singing!

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Major: Government

Marital Status: Married

Spouse/Partner: John C. Thacker, 1968
S/P Occupation: Satellite engineer
S/P College: Cornell, B.A., Electrical Engineering, 1966
S/P Graduate School: Brown University, Ph.D., Applied Math, 1974; Foothill J.C., A.A., Fine Art Photography, 2010
Children: Abigail, 1973; Ben, 1974
Grandchildren: Natalie, 2004; Addison, 2006; Evan, 2007; Grant, 2008

Volunteer Service: Reading tutor
Activities and Interests: In no particular order: cooking, reading, tennis, hiking, travel
Career: Administrative work in redevelopment, city planning, HR and sales
Just as in my Smith days, doing this at the last moment. Life is good. Love living in California. Thankful for family, friends and, as a woman, being born in USA. I wish the whole world could enjoy the advantages we have.

Barbara MOOK Richards (Bobbie)

House: Laura Scales
Major: Government

Barbara Mook Richards died on June 8, 2013.

Classmate Patricia Minkler Fitz-Randolph writes: “Bobbie was a member of Smithereens when I was. One fall she got the Smithereens invited to perform at a special party in her hometown of Cooperstown, New York. I remember how warmly we were received by her family and the party hosts, and what an exciting adventure this field trip was for our group (mostly we just sang at Wiggins Tavern or campus events). Bobbie had a beautiful low alto voice, and was a great asset to the group.”

After graduation, Bobbie earned a master's degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania. She taught government at Cedar Crest College and Connecticut College. She then went on to serve as director of development at Radcliffe College, assistant dean of women at Penn, director of the Groton, CT, campus of the Hartford Graduate Center and development officer for the University of Connecticut Foundation.

Lindy Hough met Bobbie when the two were fourth-floor freshmen in Laura Scales. “She was an energetic wise soul, always truthful, cheerful, full of plain talk, and a cool head,” Lindy wrote. “She died much too young, and was beloved by her family and friends.”

She was survived by her husband, Rob Richards, six children and their spouses and ten grandchildren.

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Volunteer Service: Currently, Willow Valley Volunteer Services
Activities and Interests: reading, hiking, needlepoint, watching sports
Career: Taught middle and high school English and history; taught lower school reading and math; headed K-12 school for 17 years

Fifty years in 400 words or less — piece o’ cake. Or so it seemed. After rooting around in the cake tin, looking for the perfect slice and finding only random crumbs, I did what I would have done 50 years ago; I went whining to my college roommate. Her response was bracing, if not particularly sympathetic: “Look, you went to Smith; you can write an essay. Don’t even think about not doing it.” And that was that.

So, greetings, dear classmates, and cheers to us for reaching this splendidly geezerish milestone. At such a moment, it both touches and amuses me to recall the days when dinosaurs roamed the earth, and we sat in John M. (“And did those feet in ancient times...”), wondering what the next day as a Smith freshman would bring. The next 50 years, not so much!

But on those years have come, and my own path through them has been more happily fulfilling than
my skimpy biographical details would suggest. A moderately interesting aspect might be that underlying all of it is a series of ironies. Determined to be completely independent, ready to change course at any moment, I actually followed the same profession in only two institutions for almost 40 years. Convinced that four years of women's education at Smith was a nourishing experience, but quite sufficient, I ended up heading a K-12 school for 600 girls. Never interested in having offspring of my own, I was happily awash in children and teenagers throughout my professional life, developing, among other things, boundless respect for those of you who are parents.

Today, I am a reader and needlepointer, a treadmill strider [sic] and sports fan, a nervous Democrat and optimistic citizen, and a retiree dabbler in new interests. (Tai chi, anyone?) Grateful for the opportunity, I savor the day and am curious about tomorrow.

I have always been a stubborn non-reuner, but I am drawn back to Smith this time by the prospect of hearing your stories, and getting to know the person 50 adventurous years have forged. How fortuitous it is that the divergent paths on which we all set out so long ago will bring us back together in the spring.
Three loves shape my life's path: marriage and family, libraries and an obsession with exercise, the outdoors and travel that encompasses both.

Mike Brown and I married weeks after graduation in Northern Ireland and honeymooned on the Mediterranean, where his ship was based. After the Navy came journalism school for Mike and an editing job for me, then a move to Louisville, where he began his career at the Courier-Journal. I worked until we had children — one adopted, followed by four biological over 13 years.

I had the luxury of staying home with young children and sought volunteer work that would make a difference but allow flexibility. I took courses toward an M.L.S. and earned my degree in 1982, two years after we moved to the Washington, DC area, where Mike oversaw the C-J bureau.

Working for Arlington Library — as practicum student, sub and, since 1985, permanent employee — has confirmed my belief in the transformative role libraries play in people's lives every day. For 16 years I worked with teens, creating a book-review program for middle and high school that still encompasses 200 students and is my proudest legacy. For ten years I have worked with the director on an annual Arlington Reads; my favorite was in 2010, when Wendell Berry spoke and Central Library partnered with local nonprofits to create an organic garden that continues as a source of learning and sustenance.

Highlights of our strenuous, satisfying travel include summer 1969 hitchhiking and cycling through Europe, backpacking Vermont's Long Trail, the White Mountains to Katahdin, the WA Pacific Crest Trail, John Muir Trail and long-distance trails in France and Spain. In 1989 we biked from Arlington to Seattle with sons and later from Seattle to CA by coast with our youngest daughter. With our oldest daughter we biked Alaska, Haines to Skagway, Vancouver Island to the mainland and over the B.C. coastal range and the Great Divide Trail in Montana. We and two soul-mate couples have cycle-toured eight countries, most recently Turkey and Chile, making our own routes and reservations.

This summer we hiked the Haute Route, Chamonix to Zermatt, with three kids, their spouses and a granddaughter, ending in Geneva, a poignant 50 years after junior year abroad.

From Smith I gained appreciation for a good library, the confidence of language and overseas travel and invaluable role models, professors and peers, who have inspired me over a lifetime.

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Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: Ben Verdugo, 1979
S/P Occupation: Law enforcement (retired)
S/P College: University of Hawaii, A.S., Administration of Justice, 1985

Volunteer Service: Have organized, emceed, and served as pronouncer for many spelling bees, local and statewide; served on two condo boards — president of one, treasurer of the other — involving inter-island travel; serve as lector at church; help various community members compose and edit newsletters and other communications

Honors and Awards: Fellowship from National Endowment for the Humanities, humanities speaker and facilitator at the annual University of Hawaii reading program for high school students

Activities and Interests: Walking for fitness, reading for pleasure and participating in a book club, walking my dog on the hiking paths near our home, continuing my research on Jack London's Hawaii stories, writing study guide materials for children's books, foreign travel

Career: I taught English language and literature at four private schools in Hawaii over a period of 44½ years. After receiving my M.A. in English, I decided to teach at the college level — evening classes, because I was still teaching 7th and 8th grades full-time during the day. My college students were highly motivated Asians or nontraditional students who worked full-time all day, then attended my courses in introductory literature or composition at night. The last 20 years before I retired, I taught secondary English, grades 7, 9, 11 and 12, at Iolani School.

In medias res as well as in the middle of the Pacific Ocean:

Having recently spent time with my centenarian aunt, despite being in our 50th year out of Smith, I now see myself as in the middle of my life rather than nearing the end. I have lived in Hawaii for 50 years, taught secondary school and college English for more than 44 years and been married to the same man for 36 years. Milestones, yes, but not end points. I am more or less retired, but even that is still more intermediate than end stage. I continue my now 23-year stint as assistant editor of the Iolani School alumni magazine and fly from Kauai to Oahu a dozen times each year to pursue that.

When I was 50, I was selected a fellow by the National Endowment of the Humanities to study with arguably the foremost expert in Jack London's writing, Dr. Earle Labor. Notwithstanding my mother's plea that I was "too old to embark on a summer of study such as that," I discovered my penchant for research and scholarly writing. To date, I have presented three scholarly papers at international conferences and have nearly completed a fourth. All have focused on my special niche: Jack London's Hawaii stories.

Now retired from classroom teaching, I enjoy a quiet life in the hills of the Island of Kauai. I treasure my excellent physical health as well as my continued passion for reading and writing. My husband and I relish walks on the paths of the nearby golf course with our 80-pound Lab-Chow, Baxter. I met Ben when he was stationed at Pearl Harbor and nearing the end of his stint in the U.S. Navy. He earned a degree in administration of justice, pursued a career in law enforcement and eventually retired from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Now we have the time to pursue such activities as volunteer work, pleasure reading and research, and to travel wherever and whenever we like. We have visited Australia five times, exploring different parts of that continent each visit. We recently took a cruise around the British Isles and enjoyed a rendezvous with friends who gave us personalized tours of Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland. We travel to the U.S. mainland several times each year for family occasions and recreation, and have also cruised in Alaska. What a life!
If women want to be players in the current world, they need background in math, science, engineering and technology. -Virginia Meyer Grandison

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Graduate School: London School of Economics, M.A., History, 1969

Marital Status: Single
Career: Worked for 40 years at the Council on Foreign Relations, an independent nonprofit foreign-policy membership organization, think tank and publisher.

Barbara MYRUN Milstein (Bonnie)

House: Park
Major: History

Barbara Myrun Milstein died of breast cancer on February 20, 2015.

Raised in Hartford, CT, Bonnie Milstein became a pioneer. She was one of just three women in her class at the University of Connecticut School of Law, and she became the first woman to practice criminal law in New Haven. Eventually, she settled in Washington, DC with her husband Elliott, a law school classmate. There, she served as deputy assistant counsel for civil rights at the former US Department of Health, Education and Welfare, then as counsel at the Center for Law and Social Policy, the Mental Health Law Project and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Her son, Jacob, summed up her accomplishments for The Washington Post: “Bonnie Milstein spent her life on the hunt for justice; justice for the disenfranchised, people with disabilities, people with mental illness, people without homes, imprisoned people, poor people and people who are unfairly accused.” In pursuit of justice, she became “the consummate public interest lawyer, both working on behalf of individual clients and pushing forward policy changes to advance social justice.”

Classmate Katharine Svenson Townsend recalls how concerned Bonnie was about a brother with cerebral palsy, and indeed, Jake attributes her passion for justice to that concern. “It was society's view of Philip's disability that gave her purpose,” he wrote. “She saw unfairness everywhere she looked: no wheelchair ramps, no bathrooms big enough for a wheelchair, the stares, the social stigma.” During her career, she was part of the team that successfully lobbied for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. At HUD, she fought for countless people with disabilities, all across the country, helping them to obtain independent housing. Classmate Susan Rubinow Gorsky, who attended high school with Bonnie, wrote that she “committed herself to helping those who needed help, professionally and personally.”

In 2010, Bonnie faced a new battle: this time against breast cancer. “Facing her final illness with courage and humor, Bonnie was determined to do all she could as long as she could,” writes Susan. “She flew across the country to join two dozen high school friends in a group 70th birthday party. My final memory is Bonnie's smiling face during that gathering.” She held the cancer at bay for five years — long enough, Jake wrote, “to really get to know her granddaughter Willow. She and Willow spent countless hours together on sailboats, at the zoo and on vacation together. There is no photo of Bonnie with Willow that doesn’t have a smile in it.”

Bonnie is survived by her mother Sophie, two siblings, son Jake, daughter-in-law Jennifer Arterburn and Willow.
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Marital Status: Widowed
Spouse/Partner: Arnold D. Siskin, 1980
Children: Craig (stepson), 1957; Cheryl (stepdaughter), 1960

Volunteer Service: Have volunteered over the years with Literacy Volunteers of the America, the NYC public schools and an agency providing services for homeless women and their children.

Activities and Interests: Theater, movies, reading, writing, concerts, museums

Career: I spent a brief time as a social worker, then had a short stint in advertising. Also spent seven years with NBC News in its political unit and then 20 years with Chase Manhattan Bank — first in Government Relations and then in Corporate/Employee communications. I retired from Chase in 2000.

Now I’m trying to adjust to my new status. (The word “widow” sends chills up my spine and still does not seem to be about me.) Fortunately, during my husband’s long illness and countless hospitalizations, I was careful not to lose myself in the role of caregiver. I therefore didn’t have to build a life from scratch when he died. I have an active and emotionally fulfilling life of courses, theater, museums, long walks and meals with dear friends — including my sister, who is also my best friend. I’m in a writing group where I am privileged to share my personal narratives with a group of six incredibly smart and supportive women. And my family sustains me.

As I contemplate turning 71 and look back on my life, I think for the most part I’ve done just fine. I fully expect to continue doing so.

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Marital Status: Single

Volunteer Service: I have served on many work-related boards, editorial boards, task forces and panels. Since 2007 I have served on the editorial board of the Journal of Photomedicine and Laser Surgery.

Activities and Interests: I enjoy the Boston Ballet. I also enjoy working with a personal trainer on weight-training (13 years, thus far). I am a loyal fan of New England Patriots football, and I have a special interest in improving cognitive function in people who have had traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Career: I am Research Professor of Neurology, Boston University School of Medicine, and have worked for 43 years in medical research with the Department of Veterans Affairs. My research has focused on studying language in the brain in stroke patients (CT and MRI scans) and, most recently, on traumatic brain injury.

The past 50 years have been happily wrapped around academia. While working on my Ph.D. in linguistics, I developed an interest in language representation in the brain (was a German major, Zoology minor at Smith so did post-doc work in neuroanatomy.

In 1972, I began my long and continuing career with the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 1977, I transferred from the Palo Alto VAMC to Boston VAMC and the Department of Neurology, Boston University School of Medicine (Research Professor of Neurology). My research with brain CT scans and MRI scans has been funded by grants from the VA and NIH (www.bu.edu/naeser/aphasia). I have published over 100 papers and book chapters, and serve on various editorial boards, including Photomedicine and Laser Surgery.

In 1981-83 I studied acupuncture at the New England School of Acupuncture. In 1986, I lived in Shanghai, China for two months where I learned to apply painless, noninvasive red-beam laser light to acupuncture points (no needles) to treat paralysis in stroke (www.bu.edu/naeser/acupuncture), and also learned how to use it to grow hair in alopecia areata! I studied Chinese herbal medicine 1991-93. Have published two books — one on laser acupuncture and one on Chinese herbal patent medicines in pill form.

My current area of brain research includes application of red and near-infrared light-emitting diodes (LEDs) to the head, to improve thinking (executive function) and memory in people who have had traumatic brain injury (TBI). My lab is also working with this technology to help patients who have dementia (early Alzheimer's Disease), PTSD, stroke and autism. These areas of research are challenging (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46oBjzW5OJM). I enjoy teaching them in continuing education classes at Harvard Medical School. I have no financial interest in any of the LED/laser companies.

My career has involved travel in the U.S., Europe, South Korea and New Zealand. On trips to England, I enjoyed visiting with Clara-Mae Chittum '66 and her husband Ruud; and in Germany, with Gretchen Freiheit Ridgeway '66 and family in Wiesbaden (we had spent our junior year in Hamburg). We even returned to Hamburg in 2011 to participate in the 50th Year celebration of the Junior Year in Hamburg Program!

My brother married a fellow Ziskind House resident — Barb Sillcocks '63. Their daughter, Christiana Naeser Zelloe, '90, lives in nearby Marblehead, MA with her husband and two children. I enjoy visits and holidays with them! I plan to stay in the Boston area.

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S/P Graduate School: San Francisco State University, Radio/TV/Film, 1968

Volunteer Service: AARP (coordinated programs in connection with Graduate School of City College); Temple Emanu-El of the City of New York (docent)
Activities and Interests: Baseball — New York Mets; ballet, especially New York City Ballet; crossword puzzles; detective fiction
Career: Administrative assistant (architectural firm, graphic design firm), early childhood teacher, volunteer program coordinator (New York City Ballet)

First, the facts:
- I was among the first class of women undergraduates at Dartmouth College (Summer, 1963), taking classes in art history and architecture.
- I moved to Berkeley, California in the fall of 1966 to live with my fiancé, John Blauner (married in 1967), and worked for the university in the dean’s office of the College of Environmental Design, as a secretary and student adviser.
- We moved back to New York in the fall of 1969, and I worked as an executive secretary/office manager for Unimark International, a design firm. My boss, Massimo Vignelli, was one of the leading graphic, corporate identity, product designers worldwide.
- I went back to school, Fordham University, in 1972 and received a M.S. in teaching, specializing in early childhood education.
- I did substitute teaching in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and bilingual French and Spanish first grades.

- I started doing volunteer work for New York City Ballet in 1986; this led to a staff position as the associate director of the Volunteer Department. I also conducted interviews with dancers and tours of the theater, and instituted an “Introduction to the Ballet” program for 4- and 5-year-olds.
- I’ve been doing volunteer work since 2000, including arranging cultural programs co-sponsored by AARP and the City University’s Graduate Center, working with seniors from the Carter Burden Center at Temple Emanu-El and giving tours to visitors of the Temple.

In short, I have a wide diversity of knowledge and talents. Did Smith contribute to this? Absolutely, instilling an acute curiosity about things all around me, cultural, intellectual and spiritual.

My passions:
- I love the ballet (especially New York City Ballet), sports (especially baseball and the Mets — we actually bought a house in Port St. Lucie, FL to vacation during Mets’ Spring Training), theater, novels, art, animals (dogs!, wild creatures — thank you, Wildlife Conservation Society), the beauty and intellectual challenge of the Torah and the magnificent music of Sabbath services, life-long friends from Clark House and, most of all, John, who has made me stronger, happier and never fails to make me laugh.

- I have abandoned fretting over, obsessing and wasting precious time on daily annoyances and inconveniences that truly don’t matter. After 9/11, I eliminated “small stuff” from my life in order to concentrate on a life well lived.

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S/P Occupation: Physician
S/P College: Marietta College, 1965
S/P Graduate School: U. of Michigan Medical School, M.D., Endocrinology, 1971
Children: Joshua, 1970; Benjamin, 1976

Activities and Interests: Reading in French (though I'm not particularly fluent in it!)
Career: Started out as a librarian (after earning my M.L.S), but changed careers, became a CPA, and worked for 25 years at a firm here in Fullerton — mostly on a part-time basis — until I retired October 15, 2015.

Probably the most significant event in my life happened shortly after graduation, when I received a phone call from an “unknown caller” who told me his cousin, who knew my dad, had suggested he call and ask me out. We were married six months later.

Soon after, we moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where, while Steve graduated from U. of Mich. Medical School and did an internship/residency in endocrinology, I earned a Master's Degree in Library Science and worked at the graduate library on campus. Our son Joshua was born in Ann Arbor on the first Earth Day! After his birth, I wanted to work part-time, but at the library it was 40 hours a week or nothing, so I changed careers! I took accounting courses at the U. of Mich. Business School, and became a CPA. We then spent three years in Bethesda, MD, while Steve was at the NIH, and I worked for a local CPA firm.

In 1976 we moved to Fullerton, CA, where we are still living happily. That same year our other son, Benjamin, was born. Steve joined a local medical group, and is still very busy/happy in his endocrine practice. I have worked during the last 40 years as a CPA, mostly on a part time basis (except for tax season!), and just retired in October, 2015. I look forward to this next chapter of my life, during which I plan to pursue some of my hobbies, do volunteer work (at the local library!) and spend more time with my grandchildren. Son Joshua lives in L.A., is a lawyer for Disney, and has two sons. Ben is a head and neck surgeon in Brooklyn, has 4-year-old twins and is about to relocate to San Diego.

Though we do visit family on the East Coast about twice a year, we feel deeply rooted in California after so many wonderful years here. We love to travel in Europe, and regularly take summer vacations in Spain and France.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to attend Smith College, where I received a wonderful education in a very nurturing environment, and regret that I have not maintained contact with my Smith College classmates. I do, though, very much feel the loss of Adele Schweitzer Rebell, ’65 — my closest Smith friend and roommate for two years — who passed away a few years ago.

Ann Nisula

House: Franklin King

Ann Nisula died on May 18, 1963. Housemate Susan Field Mullens wrote the following tribute:

Ann Richmond Nisula arrived at Smith from Cohasset, Massachusetts, with a fine mind, an abundance of artistic talent and a wonderful, dry sense of humor. At Cohasset High School she excelled in athletics, art and music. Her academic achievements were notable, and she was a National Merit Finalist. Her senior year she was voted Most Likely to Succeed AND Most Talented.

At Smith, Ann jumped into her classes enthusiastically, but still had plenty of time for fun and scintillating conversations with her Franklin King housemates. She pursued her love of art, taking Art 13, a studio art class. Her friends cherished the drawings and woodcut prints she gave them.

In May of her freshman year, Ann died in her sleep in her room in Franklin King. The cause of death was an undetected heart problem. “We lost her during finals week of freshman year, leaving us in utter shock,” writes Pamela Schwarz. “My most vivid memories of her are her laugh and her creativity.”

Perry Palmer recently contacted Ann’s sister, Mary, and got this wonderful response from her: “It was certainly a surprise to hear from you. I’m touched to know that you, and some of the others,
Now is a time of growing and deepening learning and knowledge, along with a slowing of the CPU processing and retrieval of information. –Ann Veirs Solem

Class of 1966

remember Ann. I certainly have vivid memories of that year from a little sister’s perspective. It was all so exciting, from the moment she received her early acceptance letter from Smith. I have always been grateful that she had that happy year. She loved her school, Franklin King House, her classes, her sports and most of all, her new friends. It was a big deal when ‘the college girls’ came to Cohasset for a visit. My thanks to all of you for what you contributed to her short life. It was the happiest year of her life.”

An angel now guides Ann’s pencil while she draws.

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S/P College: University of Hawaii, B.S., Business, 1965
S/P Graduate School: Pepperdine University, M.S., Business Administration

Volunteer Service: HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union volunteer
Honors and Awards: Hawaii State Spelling Bee champion and later judge; Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Hawaii; president, Theta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, honorary for women educators; member, Pi Lambda Theta, honorary society for women educators; president, State of Hawaii, National Association of Secondary School Principals
Activities and Interests: Traveling, orchids, alternatives in medicine, origins of man, writing, love shopping
Career: Teacher, University Laboratory School, University of Hawaii; curriculum developer, Curriculum Research and Development Group, University of Hawaii; vice-principal at Hickam, Nimitz, and Mililani-Uka elementary schools; acting principal, Mililani-Uka Elementary School; principal, Kahala Elementary School; Hawaii State DOE Personnel Administrator; author, The Wright Group/McGraw-Hill

Memories of Smith College still sparkle in my mind’s eye. Journeying from Honolulu to
Northampton in 1962 opened such new worlds to me. I learned as much from the people at Smith as from the curriculum. Sister Northropites, classmates, and the Smith community gifted me with warm friendships, an awe for excellence, a zeal for scholarship and a confidence in myself as a woman. The rigor of our Smith education supported me later as I earned an M.A. in English at Claremont Graduate School and a Ph.D. at New York University. Still, the Smith "treasures" I hold dear today are friendships with my Northrop suitemates, Fran Donoghue Thompson and Susan Froehly Teich, who have kept the Smith connection going for 50 years. I love news of Northropites like Lydia, Judy, Trish, Kathy, Christy, Rae, Winn, Nancy, Karol, Polly, Laura, Marg and others who got together over the years.

Highlights of my life after Smith must include living in Kyoto and Paris with New York University's humanities abroad doctoral program. I cherish such experiences as when our lecturer was mistakenly handed all the keys to Notre Dame cathedral, allowing us to actually step through a stained glass window to a breathtaking eye-level view of the rose window.

Returning home, I taught in elementary schools. As a curriculum developer, I wrote a literature curriculum for the public schools. I became the principal of Kahala Elementary School, perhaps my favorite career experience. A memorable event was co-authoring an early childhood book, now with McGraw-Hill. I completed my career as a state administrator for certification, development and evaluation. At the state offices, I found a soul-mate in my boss, Albert Yoshii, and was married, for the first time, at the age of 62! We both retired in 2009 with 40 years of service to the public schools. Our retirement together was a beautiful thing, like an extended honeymoon with all the traveling and relaxing we desired.

Today, reflections are very dear to me, as I face the passing of my husband, Al, the love of my life, from cancer in August 2014, and the loss of my father, Steere Noda, in 2012. I am a caregiver to my 96-year-old mom. Although blind and living in her own reality, Mom just said to me, "Lilli, is that you? Are you home from Smith College?" She said "Smith College" with such pride in her voice and so do I!

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Mary Nolan (Molly)

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Spouse/Partner: Ervand Abrahamian, 1986
S/P Occupation: Professor
S/P College: Oxford, History
S/P Graduate School: Columbia, Ph.D., Political Science
Children: Rafi, 1986; Emma, 1986

Volunteer Service: I am a peace and social justice activist with Brooklyn For Peace, a 35-year-old Brooklyn organization.

Career: Since receiving my Ph.D. from Columbia, I have been a professor of history, first at Harvard and since 1980 at NYU. I teach and write on twentieth-century Germany, transatlantic relations, and the history of human rights and neoliberalism.
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Marital Status: Formerly Married
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Volunteer Service: From 1992 to 2013 I co-directed, in collaboration with parents of children adopted from Peru, The Peruvian Children’s Food Fund, a nonprofit promoting cultural activities and celebrations while raising funds to support projects in Peru increasing nutrition for children living in poor communities, mainly shanty towns surrounding Lima. Worked for five years helping to organize youth soccer in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Honors and Awards: Partnership Matters Award, United Way of Greater Plymouth County, Massachusetts 2005

Activities and Interests: Bicycle riding; hiking; walking; swimming; most recently, listening to and studying the history of jazz, both electronically and live

Career: I have had a rich career administering nonprofit and government organizations focused on clinical, policy, research, community and program development for children and families. Major areas of expertise have included creating alternatives for children involved in the juvenile justice system; community and youth development to prevent gang involvement and violence; adoption, and homeless families. Have recently been working within the children’s mental health system to provide interventions and treatment for pre-school children.

Why did my pace at the gym pick up and my smile broaden when “Good Morning Starshine,” from the rock musical Hair, started playing recently during my “Strong Women” workout? The upbeat tempo and the absurdity of the lyrics are my introduction to the optimism and curiosity defining my journey even with its personal disappointments and continuing anguish about local and world affairs.

I feel so fortunate that the feminist movement, hatched by two of our own, happened during my years at Smith. Keeping in step, I embraced the social justice movements of the time and pursued a lifelong career in social work. After college I went into VISTA in eastern Kentucky, drawn by interests I had developed in the area when I was an exchange student through Smith’s program at Berea College. This experience staged my next step at the University of Chicago in social work. After graduation, I moved to Northern California, where I focused on child welfare matters that significantly informed my career path. I then followed my passion to explore Asia and spent a year teaching in a clinic in Kyoto, Japan, where I met the man I would marry, a graduate student in Chinese literature from Oxford. We settled in Boston for a five-year marriage before going our separate ways. Boston has provided the stage for an enriching personal and family life, including a late passion listening to and learning about jazz.

A life-changing event was my decision, at age 44, to adopt an infant daughter from Peru. As others will attest, being a parent — in my case a single parent — is a most rewarding but challenging endeavor. My daughter’s turbulent adolescent years when I was in my late fifties made me feel tired and prematurely old. Now that she has developed into an accomplished young woman, I am quite relieved and proud of us both.

At 50, I experienced a cardiac spasm, similar to a heart attack. Fortunately, it spurred me to make lifestyle changes that have so far worked to keep me quite active and healthy. While not yet retired, I feel thrilled to have reached successfully the eighth stage of contentment and integrity that Erik Erikson promised in his psychosocial development design. Relationships with family and friends, continuously refreshed, remain the core to love, support, and new adventures.
At graduation, I still didn't know what I wanted to be/do. So I entered VISTA, serving on Standing Rock Reservation, learning about Native Americans. – D. Rebecca Snow

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S/P Occupation: Government — mostly human
resources

S/P College: Buffalo State, B.A., Education, 1968

Children: Nathaniel, 1969; Karen, 1965; Elizabeth,
1972; Amy, 1992

Grandchildren: Andrew Bracher, 1994; Canaan
Strobel, 2005; Emmett Fulton, 2006; Isaac Fulton,
2008; Gabriel Strobel, 2010

Volunteer Service: Active in church, my children’s
schools, Children’s Welfare League (to support low-
income students)

Activities and Interests: Sewing, gardening, reading,
sports (both as a participant and as a spectator)

Career: Teacher — elementary school, community
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A cup of tea, a quiet morning, and a computer —
the perfect combo to reflect on the last 50 years.

After graduation, I went to Chapel Hill and met
Henry Strobel, a Ph.D candidate in biochemistry.
We were married in 1968 and later that year moved to
Ann Arbor. Nathaniel was born in 1969. We adopted
Karen (age 5) in 1970. We were her sixth home. Ellie
was born in 1972, shortly before we moved to
Houston.

We quickly began to get an idea of what we had
taken on with Karen. She was kicked out of public
school because of her mental and emotional prob-
lems, and had many other difficulties. Sadly, the
chaos led to Henry’s and my divorce in 1981, though
we were able to work well together on behalf of the
children. Karen was eventually diagnosed with
Borderline Personality Disorder. She got married in
1988, had Amy and Andrew, and was divorced. Amy
came to live with me early on, and I adopted her
when she was 4. She is on the autism spectrum.

Nathaniel finished college and medical school
and is in Houston. Married (Kim) with two boys, he
is the medical director of a pediatric critical care
unit. Ellie graduated from Tufts and earned a social
work/law degree. She married Brady Fulton and has
two sons.

In 2000 I moved to the Asheville area to help my
widowed mother. I found a teaching job right away
and pursued a degree not offered in 1966 — M.Ed.
in special education. I knew I had found my niche.
The Fulton four moved here in 2008.

Seven years ago, I realized that I really wanted to
meet somebody to do things with. Amazingly, I met
John Chromy, and we were married in 2010. We had
about three good years before John began to have
heart troubles, which aggravated his emerging
dementia.

In July 2015 we learned that Karen had suffered
a brain stem aneurysm. She died on July 2, with
Henry and Nathaniel by her side. Henry and I have
shared good times over happy events. Being able to
share support for an untimely death was a real gift
to both of us.

July 23, 2014, John fell, broke his hip, and died
very peacefully on August 9. Our faith says that all of
God’s children get to heaven, even those with storied
lives. Both funeral services were lovely.
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S/P College: Alfred University, B.A., Psychology, 1967
S/P Graduate School: Alfred University, M.A., School Psychology, 1970
Children: Sarah Elizabeth Kelland, 1980; David Norman Kelland, 1982
Grandchildren: Caleb Xavier Ceballos, 2008

Volunteer Service: Newcomers' Club: president; Junior League: VP, numerous committees; Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Webelos: many positions, including leader; executive positions with the Dutchess Interfaith Council, the American Association of University Women, the Mid-Hudson Institute (Arts), the League of Women Voters, the Dutchess Child Care Council; planning and zoning commissions of Poughkeepsie; vestry and vacation Bible School director for my church. Am currently president of the local school board and the coordinator of Extending Girls Horizons.

Activities and Interests: Reading, hiking, traveling, skiing, crossword puzzles, continuing education in history, art and music

Career: Peace Corps volunteer: trained teachers in Honduras, 1967-1969; taught social studies, reading improvement and math remediation on Long Island; full-time elementary teacher (Grades 2, 4, 5, 6); long-term and per diem substitute teacher in Andover and Wappingers Falls, NY.

For me, Smith was the college of my dreams: four years in a nurturing social environment with classes I looked forward to attending each day. I got my master's in social studies at Teacher's College, Columbia, then joined the Peace Corps. I trained at San Diego in elementary education and learned Spanish in preparation for training teachers in Honduras. I am grateful for two memorable years in another culture, learning as much as I taught.

Returning to Long Island, I taught reading improvement and social studies. I married Steve, a school psychologist, and moved to western New York. When jobs became scarce, I switched to elementary education. In 1974 we moved to the Poughkeepsie area, where we both worked in the Wappingers School District. I loved teaching, and found the elementary classroom a place for the modern Renaissance man, since I presented all subjects to the children.

I had our two children in my mid-thirties. I enjoyed their company and the round of play dates and activities. When the interdenominational Village Vacation Bible School foundered, I stepped up as director and ran it for four years. I became a Girl Scout leader, actively recruiting girls and additional adults with preschoolers, so that we became known as "the multicultural troop" and "the tagalong troop." Steve and I also had a Cub Scout den. "Our" boys took first place in Scout Knowledge every year; several boys, including our son, later become Eagle Scouts. Steve and I remained active in scouting even after our own children went off to college. Today daughter Sarah practices matrimonial and family law at a local firm and son David is a financial analyst for a business news service in Chicago.

I found enormous gratification serving on community boards in the areas of women, children, religion and the environment. This service gave me the opportunity to advance causes and programs important to me while developing leadership skills. I am currently president of the Wappingers Central School Board.

I retired six years ago to look after my grandson, Caleb, while Sarah went to law school. I take senior courses in history, literature, art and music, revisiting past favorites with the different perspective of 50 more years of life and without the pressure of papers and exams. I still run VBS at my church, and I coordinate workshops for girls in grades 6-12, a collaboration of AAUW and the Girl Scouts.
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Since last I saw you, a lot of things have changed for me. Three events literally changed my world. I had a stroke, had cataract surgery and joined AA (last drink 11/2009). The surgery on my eyes was a miracle. For the first time, I could see clearly. The stroke, I am still recovering.

One charm of the Irish, in addition to laughter and singing, is Gaelic gloom. I tried to cure it by marrying a German, but he is my “ex.” My son Larry lives in Montreal, where he is a luthier. He travels to New Jersey for his work, which is nice — closer to me in Virginia. He has girlfriends, but nothing promising.

My stroke was not just a “brain event,” but the Real Deal. Its main effect was aphasia. I could not speak, read or express complex thoughts. Of course I still had complex thoughts, a sense of irony, etc. This can be very challenging in the US of A, where to debate is not only a birthright, but almost a civic duty!

I spent a year in nursing homes. Expensive. I was scared and angry, and I wanted to be home in the neighborhood, just like Mister Rogers said. At Christmas, Larry brought a guitar he made to the nursing home. We sang, and suddenly we had a group. You can’t imagine how much I missed you all and our dorm at Smith. I played as I sang.

At Smith, I took studio art, and remember Leonard Baskin saying, “Of course, you realize, you are totally MAD.” True, but hardly helpful. Sophomore year, I had a three-week nervous breakdown at Christmas. My parents — everyone — must have been so worried. I returned to Smith. Not knowing what to do after college, I followed my friend Hope Weld to teach Indians in Yankton, SD. Those poor Indians!

After that, I missed the boat in some way. My achievements are few. I only sought part-time occupations — publishing, editing — thinking I should be a writer or artist. For years, I was restless, shy, uncomfortable in my skin.

Somehow, my “Stroke of Insight” worked. I am just so grateful. Today I am singing in the choir at the Unitarian Church, setting a good example of “serenity” at AA meetings, debating the legacy of Thomas Jefferson, trying to be a model citizen in the Neighborhood Association.

In the end, a well-rounded Smith education and a sense of humor — it’s saved me.

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S/P College: University of South Carolina, B.A., Political Science, 1957
Children: Schuyler, 1971
Career: Married to U.S. Foreign Service Officer, living abroad, doing different jobs en poste. Real estate agent when at home.

I have lived a good life these last 50 years, and Smith was a good beginning. Junior year in Geneva gave me a first look at life in other countries — a privileged place to start! After graduation, I interviewed at the CIA but quit when I was told my medical file was “classified.” Thus ended my career as a spy!

I worked for a stock brokerage firm for three years and learned probably even more valuable knowledge than I did at Smith, except for Art 11. I also met a nice Foreign Service officer named George, who decided that he liked me enough to marry me and take me with him to India. I said I wasn’t ready to get married yet, but that I had bought a PanAm round-the-world ticket and I would
Class of 1966

Patton OGDEN Tabors

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Major: Government

Patton Ogden Tabors died on December 13, 2014, at home in Cambridge, MA.

Classmate Paula Protze Titon, who attended high school with Pat at Dana Hall, remembers her well: “She was a leader who didn’t necessarily seek the limelight, but she was involved in intellectually interesting activities and venture-some pursuits. I held her in high esteem.”

After graduating from Smith, Pat earned a master’s degree in urban education from Syracuse University in 1968, then a doctorate from Harvard’s School of Education in 1987. Her doctoral research was in the field of language development in children, a subject to which she devoted her professional life as a research associate in Harvard’s Graduate School of Education. In 1997, she published One Child Two Languages, which became a basic text for preschool educators in Head Start and other programs serving multilingual children.

“Throughout, she maintained her role as a dedicated mentor of the next generation of academic women,” according to an obituary in The Boston Globe. And Pat was an avid photographer, as well, producing yearly calendars for family members and friends that beautifully catalogued the changing seasons.

She was survived by her husband of 48 years, Richard Tabors; a daughter, Malaika Patton Tabors; a son, R. David Tabors, and three grandchildren.

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and the years were not all smooth sailing. But having been divorced for 20 years, I can see the good that came from that time, not least, four great kids, all making their way through life pretty successfully. I, personally, grew up into a considerably more complex person with more skills and a broader perspective on life. The downside of the golden years is the usual: aches in the morning, more worrying than I remember having in earlier years, and learning to accept that there will be an end to all this and it is a lot closer than it was when I graduated from Smith.

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I was hired because the interviewer said I had a mind that could be taught the demands of the position. He said I went to Smith; that was all he needed to know. -Sharyn Stepner Levine

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S/P College: Univ. of Pennsylvania, B.A., Sociology and English, 1971

S/P Graduate School: Univ. of Massachusetts, M.Ed., Education, 1973

Children: Sura Krock Vollinger, 1973; Sarah Chandler, 1977; Rebecca Chandler Blackall, 1980

Grandchildren: Asher Theobald, 2012; Dylan Theobald, 2012; Finn Blackall, 2015

Volunteer Service: Family, family, family

Activities and Interests: Am quite family-focused these days; in a significant supportive role with aging family members, and at times a flying granny-nanny to help with childcare for beloved west-coast grandchildren. Having a great time in the art gallery (fabulous local artists). Have had a long-time love of and participation in women's groups, yoga, Qigong, and meditation. Still love to knit.

Career: Retired hospice and nursing home social worker. Currently working part-time at Salmon Falls Gallery in Shelburne Falls, MA.

In retrospect, a chance bus trip into the Berkshire foothills on a gorgeous day in October of 1962 (heading for a college mixer) initiated a gradual falling in love with Western Massachusetts, and the setting for my adult life. I have lived in several Hampshire and Franklin County towns — in a UMass tower dormitory, by a charming brook, on a great mountain top, above the Deerfield River, on an active farm, in antique and Victorian houses and now in a small town on top of what was once an ancient glacial delta.

It is in these places that I have been married (twice) and raised lovely daughters (one adopted and two step), where I worked in a variety of part- and full-time hospice and social work positions, and where I have shared deep friendships with women. The landscape, history, architecture, and community continue to nourish me.

Sadly, we are now under threat of the Kinder Morgan pipeline, which would bring fracked gas from Pennsylvania to the coast north of Boston for potential export, and would immediately carve and scar the landscape, and soon bring safety hazards and possible health risks. Time will tell.

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Children: Cynthia, 1969; Matthew, 1972; Steven, 1976
Grandchildren: Henry, 2006; McQuaid, 2006; Daisy, 2008; Luke, 2010
Career: As a teacher, trainer and consultant with the Episcopal Church, I have focused on working with clergy and lay leaders to build churches that are life-giving communities, rooted in authentic spirituality and meaningful service. This has involved strengthening the basic building blocks of congregational life; clarifying mission and ministry; staying rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus; discovering the “giftedness” of every individual; implementing effective volunteer management principles. This enables every person to be equipped and empowered to live out his or her faith both through the church and in daily life.

Over these five decades I have realized even more how much my life has been shaped by those four years at Smith: the strong sense of community that grew during the years I spent in Talbot House; the accessibility of the faculty; the opportunity to exercise leadership and the encouragement from everywhere on campus to take myself seriously. What a privilege and what a gift.

It was also at Smith, mid-way through freshman year, that Herb Goodrich entered my life. We were married in September, 1966. In 1967, after a year in Cambridge, MA, where Herb finished law school, we moved to Philadelphia, and I have been in the same home ever since. We raised three children: our daughter Cindy, who decided (wisely) to attend Smith (class of ’91), and two sons, Matthew and Steven.

As a young family, we had a four-year assignment in Brussels from 1974-1978. I was, and still am, so grateful for all the history and art history classes I took while I was at Smith, as well as all the time in high school and at Smith that I spent learning to speak French. It made our experience in Belgium deeply rich and rewarding.

Once we got back to Philadelphia and our children were in school full time, I began to be pulled toward the Episcopal Church. For over 30 years I have been working in the area of congregational development in a variety of capacities, on the parish, diocesan and national level. The work has been challenging, inspiring and fulfilling, and certainly nothing I could have imagined doing while I was contemplating possibilities at Smith.

In 2007 Herb died suddenly of a heart attack. We had been together for 44 years. It has taken a long time to come to terms with this new reality. Our three children and four grandchildren are living in Boston, New York and Los Angeles, so I am traveling a lot to stay connected to family and still relying on the pillars of my Smith experience: strong community, intellectual growth and trust that I still have something within me to offer the world.

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S/P Graduate School: Pennsylvania College of Optometry, O.D., 1961

Children: John Fishman, 1972; Elizabeth Fishman, 1974

Grandchildren: Noah Fishman, 2009; Isaac Fishman, 2012

Volunteer Service: Women's board of Baltimore Museum of Art; women's board of Johns Hopkins Hospital; women's committee of The Walters Art Museum; board of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation; board of trustees Roland Park Country School; board of the Baltimore Women's Giving Circle and chair of Grants Committee

Activities and Interests: Bridge, golf, photography, reading, theater, art museums, knitting, travel, hiking, yoga


As I am finishing my essay, I realize that the date is November 22. I can't help but be reminded that 52 years ago we shared the events of that horrific day. Maybe it — and the Cuban Missile Crisis a year earlier — were events that signaled the end of our innocence and forced us to grow up a little sooner.

Just about two years ago this Baltimore-born, -bred and -established girl and her husband sold the house and put into storage family heirlooms, a collection of contemporary art and way too much kitchen equipment. The reason for this rather dramatic move was two little grandsons living in the heart of Silicon Valley — along with their parents (my son and daughter-in-law).

Some of you followed our adventures on Facebook, as we drove cross-country in the month of December. Our art-centric trip included Charleston, Asheville, Nashville, Bentonville, Fort Worth, Marfa and Santa Fe.

We arrived in Mountain View in January, 2014. Our year of adventure continued in a different way as we accidentally lucked into house and pet sitting for people who, without exception, have become our friends. The highlights included a month in San Francisco and three weeks in Berkeley.

Adventure aside, the very best part of this move has been watching Noah (now 6) and Isaac (almost 4) grow and thrive. I don't know how two working parents (both rabbis) managed before we arrived to help. It's been a pleasure to watch them in their careers and as parents.

We are now settled in our own home — within walking distance of our family. I recommend it all: the downsizing, the having just what you want and need and the closeness to family. Any regrets? None whatsoever. We miss our East Coast family, longtime friends and involvement in the cultural and charitable life in Baltimore. After many years of working, Sheldon and I are cherishing the time we spend together on the golf course, at the bridge table and exploring a new part of the world. It has been a very good decision.

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About a year ago, as I was about to turn 70, at my annual physical I had some minor complaint to ask about. My doctor (I actually went out with his father while at Smith) said, "Time to get ready for the next phase."

Given the past year, would someone please define "phase"? The first part of the year included starting a wonderful relationship with a totally unexpected guy (talk about being a cougar — he was born the day we started Smith). Since the spring, the year has included three surgeries. The first was a simple carpal tunnel repair in May. Then, in August, I got even more bionic by having my left shoulder replaced. By the way, I had already done both hips and a knee. The day after being told it was healed and I could now prepare for the heavy physical therapy, I was simply changing my shirt when suddenly I heard a noise like tearing velcro. It turned out to be...
my rotator cuff tearing in two places, and these were unrelated to the first surgery. So, then rotator cuff surgery. As of now (I'm writing in late November), I have been in some sling or other since late summer.

Currently, I divide my time between Maine and Florida, and a few years ago I added a "tiny house" cabin (10x14) with no running water on a gorgeous lake in Maine. Life continues varied and fun — with wonderful friends in those places and around the world.

So, looking back, I would say entering my seventies isn't a new phase, it's just a continuation of my pattern: unexpected, unplanned and diverse happenings and directions. All in all, it's been great — fun and interesting — and I'm just hoping it goes on for quite a while.

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Children: Richard, 1977

Activities and Interests: I spent many years singing with the Rockingham Choral Society and plan to do something similar in the future. I enjoy bowling in two leagues, one mixed, the other ladies only. And I love playing cards and doing crosswords.
Career: I started my career in Boston at Loomis Sayles & Co., an investment company, in the accounting department but I soon left for a very small investment management company, where I worked for four years. In 1972 I went to work at Investors Bank & Trust Co. in trust operations, then in 1979 as Trust Operations Officer at Dartmouth National Bank in Hanover NH. After two years we moved back to Portsmouth from Hanover, and I worked in Boston for J. M. Forbes & Co., another investment management company. I worked 1986-1995 at my second husband's land surveying company. Later, I managed my own stock portfolio and worked part-time for a friend who had her own business.
I was married in 1968 to Alan Weeks. After we were married he wrote novels which he hoped would be published and change the world. He also wrote hundreds of poems. Unfortunately he didn’t realize that this would not put any bread on the table and we were divorced 16 years later.

Although I had wanted a family, I had a successful career instead. I was 40 and my motto was “Life begins at 40.” I had not dated until my senior year in high school and I made up for lost time. Had a blast, dated a fun 35-year-old for about a year, then met and fell madly in love with a charming and wonderful man 13 years my senior whom I dated also for about a year. Alas, he was not ready for another committed relationship at that time, but we are still friends.

I then met my second husband with an 8-year-old son who needed a mother. He had been adopted from Peru, S.A. in 1980. Dick and I were married in 1986 and I worked with him at his company. We split in 1995 and although I was unable to see my stepson for about five years, at age 22, he came to live with me and Jack, my third husband, in 2000. He has been with me ever since. He sees his father once a month or so, and, happily, I do not. My stepson had difficulties in school and cannot add or subtract, so I need to be around for him and live to be 105. He works in housekeeping at a nursing home nearby.

Oh, yes, Jack, my third husband, had been my high school and freshman college sweetheart. We married 35 years later in 1997. Too bad about that chemistry thing; we still had that, but little else. We split in 2006. A year and a half later, I met a lovely man through Match.com who turned out to be my BFF’s cousin. His other cousin is married to my double first cousin, so it’s a very small world. Frank and I were together - blissfully - for five years before he succumbed to a stroke in 2012.

Two years ago I bought a home in a retirement community in Maine near Portland, but I still own and manage the five-unit apartment house in Portsmouth NH that my parents bought in 1939 and where my sister, Louise, and I grew up.

As for seeing the world, my second husband and I did travel extensively, although I would love to travel more if I find the right companion. I’ve also spent time in Australia and spent a week in London in 1989 to sing in a choral festival.

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Marital Status: Single

Activities and Interests: Influences of diet and lifestyle on health; nature and the environment; on and off: art making, sewing and other crafts
Career: Practice of internal medicine

For about ten years after Smith, I worked in book and magazine publishing in New York. I developed an interest in health and ultimately in practicing medicine. In 1976, I went to medical school at the University of Connecticut. I practiced primary care internal medicine in the Boston area until 1999, when the long hours and open-ended obligations at last outweighed the satisfactions it had brought. Since then, I’ve worked in “urgent care” — minor acute problems treatable in an office setting rather than an emergency room. I’ve gradually reduced my hours and now work one day a week.
Some may recall that I majored in art. At the time, I thought that it was going to be my vocation, but in the end I just didn’t have that particular drive. Still, when I’ve had the time I take it up again for enjoyment, especially since I leaving primary care. Recently I’ve been doing some printmaking, which I loved at Smith.

Other current interests: mostly the influence of diet and other lifestyle factors on health and disease. I like wringing my hands over politics and other human folly. And in the last couple of months, for the third time in 60 years, I’m trying to learn to play the piano.

Family: there was a romance or two along the way, but, alas, the Mr. Right candidates got away, so I’m still single and have no kids.

A reflection: how antiquated and strange the world of 50 years ago looks on old film! The changes have been gradual, and, as life happened, it was always now and as up to date as it could be. So in personal memory the restrictions of the time don’t seem to be fossils. But we’ve seen large cultural shifts — not all good, for sure — but they are so good for the options available to young women. It warms my heart to have seen and participated in them.

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Children: Alix Roberts Ogden, J.D., 1968; Alfred T. Ogden M.D., 1970; Fell Ogden Gray, 1975
Grandchildren: Katherine Matthews, 1999; Alexander Matthews, 2001; Rani Ogden, 2006; Rohan Ogden, 2007; Charles Gray, 2009; Jordan Gray, 2014; Dylan Diouf, 2002; Leo Diouf, 2005; Hogan McGrath, 2011
Volunteer Service: Grosvenor Neighborhood House (NY), 1966-1976; The Chapin School, Alumnae Board, 2009 to present; Off the Record Lecture Series, 2008 to present; 564 Park Avenue Preservation Foundation, 2009 to present; Garden Club of Easthampton

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Hell’s Canyon Overlook, 2011
Activities and Interests: Golf, tennis, photography, bridge, Pilates, conservation and the environment

Career: I have worked in the nonprofit community for most of my career. I began as a volunteer and board member, worked in institutional advancement: major/leadership gifts, special events, marketing and communications and strategic planning at several cultural and conservation organizations over the course of 30 years. I have had my own consulting business for several years and currently sit on three not-for-profit boards.

I was a New Yorker, born and raised. I married shortly after commencement and returned to New York City, as it turned out, for life.

Marriage and motherhood were the focus of the next 15 years. I lost both parents before I was 30; I am sad that they never really knew my kids. I loved being a mother. My three children were the center of my life. I happily immersed myself in family and friends. The world was rapidly changing, but I was not.

When all of my children were in school, I worked part-time at The Chapin School, where I was a parent and an alumna. I also took up photography with a vengeance. It was a pivotal time for me. I remember feeling that life was like a train rushing by and I wasn’t on it. I emerged from my “cocoon,” studying at the International Center for Photography, and expanding my personal experiences. It was the first time I wasn’t someone’s child, mother or wife. My children were a bit skeptical at their “new” mother but were always supportive. Less so my husband, and divorce ensued. All of a sudden I was a single mom with three children.

So, in the spirit of my favorite motto, “Get over it, and get on with it,” I fell back on the skills I had learned as a volunteer, put my life on a page (pretty skimpy) and looked for a job. I was lucky. My volunteer work had given me credentials, enabling me to get a position as Director of Development at an independent school. This was the start of a rewarding 30-year career.

The ’80s and ’90s were wonderful times to be in institutional advancement. I worked with terrific people, both staff and trustees. I raised funds, produced glamorous events, and had the opportunity to travel. I led several trips to Africa and elsewhere and went to the Sydney Olympics.

I remarried and acquired two stepchildren. All five children went to college and on to successful careers, marriage and their own families. My first grandchild was born in 1999. Eight others followed.

Now, at 71, life is still busy but different. I sit on three nonprofit boards, play tennis, golf, and garden when possible. I regularly do Pilates and play duplicate bridge with Gail Clavel, my sophomore year roommate.

My grandchildren are a source of joy. Being with them puts many things in perspective. It has also been a time of change and loss. In the past year my sister and my stepdaughter have passed as well as several friends. My husband is in his 80s and the loss of his daughter has been devastating. So it’s a time of adjustment for us as well.

Thankfully, my children and their families are wonderful. I am so fortunate to have my mind and my health, both increasingly precious.

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Children: Katherine Farnum, 1970; Philip Pingree, 1972
Grandchildren: Margaret Michelle Searles, 2001; Anya Yale Gatchell, 2003; Gillian Gatchell Searles, 2004; Creighton Jameson Gatchell, 2005

Volunteer Service: Girl Scout Leader in Gloucester and Boxford and District Coordinator in the Boxford area; volunteering in Special Needs classroom in Boxford; giving out food at Peoples Pantry in North Andover for almost 25 years; working in thrift shops in N. Andover and Rockport for 25 years; cooking meals for Open Door in Gloucester; making sandwiches for homeless shelter in Gloucester; helping Hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans through Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul

Activities and Interests: Traveling, gardening, photography, birding, reading, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, kayaking, swimming, hiking, enjoying my grandchildren

Career: Right out of college, I worked for two years at Harvard Biological Labs as a lab technician for an Israeli graduate student who was studying sexuality of fungi. From 1968 to 1977 I was a stay-at-home mother. I started volunteering at the elementary school library in Boxford in 1977 and that led to employment, first as an assistant librarian, then as the head librarian. In 1993, I retired from my job but continued at the school as a volunteer assistant in the Special Needs classroom.

I was looking at what I wrote for the 40th reunion book and was surprised to realize that I probably could just submit the piece that I wrote then, with a couple of minor changes, to our 50th reunion book. My volunteer activities have expanded a bit. In addition to working at the People's Pantry in North Andover and at the Cape Ann Open Door, I now make sandwiches for the homeless shelter in Gloucester and volunteer in the UU Church Thrift Shop. I am also serving as chairperson of the Finance Committee for the Unitarian Universalist Society of Rockport.

Gardening, reading, crosswords and Sudoku puzzles are still my passions, but I have added Scrabble and a few computer games including Lumosity and Elevate to my list of favorite activities.

Every summer I go to Minnesota to have a reunion with 15 friends, most of whom I have known for over 55 years. We were all campers and counselors at Sherwood Forest camp. It seems that over the past few years we have become even closer and can maintain and support our friendship throughout the year with email.

I continue to travel a lot, mostly with Overseas Adventure Travel. I took a wonderful trip to Thailand and Cambodia in the fall of 2014. I continue to travel to New Orleans every other year with Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Morocco and a second trip to China are in my travel plans for 2016.

My grandchildren are growing up quickly. Kate's girls, Maggie and Gillian, are now 14 and 11. They still live in Wisconsin and own 55 acres of cranberry bogs. Kate and Corey are taking the girls out of public school to home school them for three months while they travel around the country in a camper.

Phil and Emily have just finished a huge renovation project on the kitchen of their home in Andover, MA. Their children, Anya (12) and Creigh (10) enjoyed two weeks of camp last summer, and in the fall are busy with soccer and numerous other activities.

Kate and her family come to MA every year for Christmas and for a week in the summer. My joy is to see how much the cousins enjoy each other.

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The challenge now is how to use my new-found time. I look forward to conversations with those of you who have successfully navigated this passage. —Margaret Lawson Shaw

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Ann Porter Lundy died of cancer on September 28, 2014. Her father was killed in World War II shortly after her birth, and she grew up the only child of a single mother. At Smith, she met Lee Lundy, Yale ’65. They married shortly after Ann graduated, and she went to work at Bankers Trust Company in New York, putting Lee through his final two years of law school.

Lee’s job took them to New York and London and eventually to Bryn Mawr, PA, where Ann joined the League of Women Voters and the Smith Club. She also began to concentrate on a longtime passion, landscape design, which she studied at Temple University. Ellen Roop Fisher lived nearby. “I remember her welcoming me to the area and to Smith Club meetings there,” she writes. “She was generous and kind to me at a time when I was facing some big challenges.”

In 1990, the Lundy family moved to Baltimore, where Ann established a landscape business and became a widely recognized expert in the use of native plants. Her accomplishments were wide, her contributions generous. Caroline McGrath Staples, who taught archery to Ann, writes: “Ann taught me that the most exciting thing a teacher can do is to teach someone else to be better at something than you are.” She served in numerous organizations striving to preserve and enhance the character of her neighborhood, her city and her state. She presided over the Guilford Garden Club and served in the Garden Club of America. She became an expert on orchids and served as president of the Maryland Orchid Society. She was also a devoted patron of art and music.

Ann and Lee traveled widely, in Australia, Asia and Western Europe. Both were birders and skiers, and they took canoe trips in Canada and Minnesota, camping for two-week stretches. Everywhere, Ann delighted in nature’s wonders. She could sit for hours watching a congregation of moose in a marsh or a lone osprey diving for fish, and she once discovered an orchid growing wild in an area where it was not known to grow. She loved the American West, and tirelessly hiked desert expanses and canyons, always on the lookout for native wildlife and plants.

Toward the end of her life, Ann said she had two lessons for others. First, empty your bucket list, because “someday” may not come. Second, it is nice to hear how much you mean to people. Don’t save it for a eulogy, she advised — and the myriad she had served as mentor and friend did not. In droves, they wrote to thank her.

Ann is survived by her husband; her mother, Jean Tansey Porter, of East Lansing, MI; her son, Travis Stuart Lundy and grandsons Alastair and Stuart Lundy of Hong Kong; her daughter Katherine Porter Lundy of Baltimore, and her cat, Yoda.

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S/P Occupation: College President and Full Professor
S/P College: Long Beach State, B.A., English, 1963
S/P Graduate School: Claremont School of Theology, Th.M., Philosophical Theology, 1966; Cal State Los Angeles, M.A., American Studies, 1969; University of New Mexico, Ph.D., American Studies, 1973
Children: Matthew Van Petten Pauley, 1970; Tasha Pauley Baum, 1972
Grandchildren: Truman, 2003; Channing, 2005; Gibson, 2007; Wilson, 2004; Rowan, 2005; Holden, 2008; Lucas, 2003


Activities and Interests: I like to read, garden, spend time with my grandchildren, walk and travel. When we can, my husband and I like to combine travel with walking, especially along the ninth century pilgrimage routes called the Camino de Santiago, The Way of St. James. We have walked portions of the Camino Frances, which begins in France and traverses 500 miles west to Santiago de Compostela. We have walked the 60 miles of the Camino Ingles, which runs south from the Atlantic to Compostela. We plan to walk other routes such as the Camino Portugués in the future. Walking along these centuries-old pathways is timeless and stirring. Simply put, I love it.

Career: I graduated from USC with M.S. degree in Counseling Psychology in 1980 and was licensed as MFCC in 1981. I received a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from USC in 1983 and was licensed as a Psychologist in 1989. I was in private practice 1981-2007. I specialized in depression, anxiety, couples therapy and alcohol and substance abuse. Later in my career I developed specialties working with severe mental illness, geriatrics and neuropsychological assessment.

My story is a tale of family, career, adventure, Smith, lessons learned and, above all, love.

The facts: I married at age 22, too young, without knowing what I was really about and, consequently, divorced after only 11 years of marriage. The lessons learned: that good can come from despair, that time helps heal wounds and that patience and wisdom can indeed come with maturity. The good things that came from despair: my two wonderful children and my career as a psychologist. My children, Matt and Tasha, now 46 and 43, are married and have three children apiece — how I love them all. I'm fortunate because both families live nearby, and I spend time with all six grandchildren every week.

Second, my career — I went to graduate school following my divorce and earned both my M.S. and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, particularly helped by my Smith education, which gave me the fundamentals needed to succeed, even though I'd never taken a psychology class before entering grad school. A few years later I was licensed as a clinical psychologist.

Over time, both my psychotherapy practice and my children grew. I grew, as well, becoming more secure financially and personally. Finally I was growing up — at least I think so.

I realized that my life would be just fine if I never remarried. Of course, that's when I met Dale. He was the president of the Southern California campuses of Antioch University, had been married previously and had two nearly adult children. (Today, he also has one grandson.) He, quite the romantic, proposed that we marry exactly 1 \( \frac{1}{2} \) years from our first.
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Nothing compares to the intensity and joy of the years when our children were growing up.

—Catherine Wilson Smith

Studies (SAIS). I met my future husband at SAIS and we ended up in New York City. It has been an exciting place to live, work and raise a family. Bringing up two boys with both of us working at demanding jobs was made easier by living in the city and having friends with similar lives of working moms and dads. We supported each other.

My career has been, for the most part, really interesting. I've lived through tough times when I had to lay off employees, but I also had incredible opportunities. In the last decade of my 46 years at Citi, I was the president and CEO of the Citi Foundation, responsible for global philanthropy focusing on opportunities for young people, especially in cities and for lower income families. I also led our environmental sustainability efforts. It was a great privilege to work on issues that really matter.

I retired earlier this year. I love the Yankees and I am taking direction from the example of Derek Jeter — quit while you're ahead and people want you to stay. I am on a few boards focused on economic development and the environment, issues I care about. I am trying to see more of friends and family. Our older son will be married next spring, and both sons live in Brooklyn, which they think is THE place to be. They are wonderful, interesting people, one a musician/programmer, the other in business, specializing in sustainability. They are our proudest accomplishment.

Throughout my life I have been helped by my wonderful husband of 46 years and friendships with a small cadre of wonderful women. I think this is a good way to end an essay about Smith.

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Children: Jonathan Rabinowitz, 1970
Grandchildren: Ragnar Isak Rabinowitz Ekhougen, 2011; Tyri Harriet Rabinowitz Ekhougen, 2014

Volunteer Service: Volunteer for Deval Patrick, candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, and later Governor, 2005-2014
Activities and Interests: Travel, reading, needlework
Career: I started my career as a school teacher. When I was laid off, I found a job as an administrator for a small, struggling arts and education not-for-profit. We worked with cultural institutions and elementary and secondary teachers to bring the rich cultural resources of the Commonwealth to children. In 1985 I was recruited to work as a senior administrator at Harvard University, where I spent the next 20 years in three progressively more senior positions. I retired in 2004 after eight years as the chief human resources officer for the university.

After Smith, I took the classic female route of preparing to be a school teacher by enrolling in the Harvard Graduate School of Education's M.A. program. I then taught elementary and middle school history, English and Latin for three years.

In 1969 I married Richard Rabinowitz. Our son, Jonathan, was born in 1970. After one more year in the classroom, in 1974 I shifted gears, turning to
educational administration, which I much preferred to classroom teaching. I worked for a year as a program officer at the Cultural Educational Collaborative (CEC) in Boston. The CEC was a not-for-profit organization that promoted collaborations between public schools and Massachusetts cultural organizations, such as museums, theater companies and historical organizations. In 1978, when the CEC's first Executive Director left, I succeeded her and served in that position until 1985.

In 1985 I was recruited to work as the Administrative Dean of the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. I went on to become the Associate Dean for Human Resources in Arts and Sciences and then the Associate Vice President for Human Resources (Chief HR Officer) for the University as a whole. I retired from that position in 2004, when I turned 60.

I was divorced from my first husband in 1982. In the same year I reconnected with the man who would become my second husband and the love of my life. Tom Parker and I had known each other in the 1960's when our then spouses were in the same Harvard graduate program. We began living together in 1984 and finally married in 1998.

Both Tom and I retired from our nine-to-five (more like seven-to-seven) jobs in 2004. We continued working on an ad hoc basis, he in international higher education finance and I in executive search. Since 2004 we have traveled so much that we have had to have additional pages added to our passports.

We spend lots of time in New York City, where we have five grandchildren. Tom's daughter Julia, her husband Joe and three children, Madeleine (19), Francesca (16) and Rowan (12) live in Greenwich Village. Jonathan and his wife Marte, with their son Ragnar (4) and daughter Tyri (1 year, 3 months) live in Washington Heights. We have a conveniently located "fractional share" apartment on West 66th Street.

In November 2015, Tom and I moved to a continuing care community in Pennsylvania. We moved into an "independent living" apartment, knowing that assisted living and even nursing home care is available at the same facility. I compare it to going to college — leaving behind friends and neighbors, but eager to make new friends and engage in new activities.

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Honors and Awards: 1991 SIRS/NERC Academic Freedom Award; 2008 Outstanding Genocide Educator Award (presented by the Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island)
Activities and Interests: Training, showing in conformation and rally obedience and very occasionally breeding Chow Chows; gardening; photography
Career: Taught social studies/history: first 22 years in girls' independent schools (Northrop Collegiate School for Girls in MN, Dana Hall School in MA), last 21 in public schools (Cranston HS West, RI). I was part-time Director of Middle School at Dana Hall for 10 years. In 1998 I traveled to Poland and Israel for an intense summer study program about the survivors and resisters of the Holocaust led by Vladka Meed, a resistor in the Warsaw Ghetto. This dovetailed with my work in the '70s with Facing History and Ourselves, a compelling interest born of courses taken at Smith with Harold Poor. At Cranston West, I advised an array of student groups including Mock Trial, Model UN, Peer Mentors, a group which made a public service documentary about Sexual Harassment with Cox Cable. I taught AP World History when it was first introduced toward the end of my career. All the varied activities kept teaching alive for me for 43 years.

I am today a single woman living in Maine with my Chow Chows and my cats in a fairly rural setting. I am a retired secondary school history teacher, a sister and an aunt, a mother of an adult autistic daughter, my only child. What I do: engage with others, mostly amazing women and their families, neighbors, old and new friends, dog people, Tai Chi practitioners, bridge and mahjong players, people in the deaf community.

One of my first true pleasures in retirement was to meet and learn from many older women who had led remarkable lives. Another was to become part of a group that spends a week every summer on Little Cranberry Island, that magical space. I garden, shovel snow, mow lawns; I train, groom and exhibit Chows and occasionally breed a litter. I think, read, listen to MPBN, taking an avid interest in world and national politics. I take photographs of the seasons as they rush by, of sunrises and sunsets, of the moon rising and setting.

Animals are, I suppose, a passion. Those who knew me at Smith may remember that I was a horsewoman who brought her horse to Smith. I regretfully renounced all that when I graduated, married and became a teacher. Then, 30 years later, in another turnabout after a divorce, I came to my Chows, and rediscovered that animals are and will be the companions who make my life whole.

The first Chow Chow I owned was also my first dog ever. I chose the breed after careful research because of its independent spirit, cleanliness and beauty. I was supremely lucky to be directed to one of the very best breeders of healthy and good tempered Chows, who lives in Maine and who became a mentor and friend. Just about all of my Chows come from her lines.

When I brought my puppy home in 1996, I was living in RI, teaching full time and assisting my daughter as she moved into independent living. That was sufficient until 2009, when I decided it was time to stop teaching and move to Maine. Teaching had defined me for my adult life and I loved it, but the constraints imposed by new mandates in education were stifling. And, lucky me, I was old enough to retire. Now my energy could fully move in new directions.

I do find that my current favorite activity is the training of puppies and dogs. The pleasure comes from the unlimited learning and honing of skills and from learning to understand of the dog's needs. I am fully engaged in learning: as a Tai Chi practitioner; as a neighbor and friend, engaging in providing respite for friends caring for their aging parents; as a gardener, a bridge player, as a mother of an autistic adult. Lifelong learning makes living fun and meaningful.

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Children: Megan Purcell Coffee, 1976

Honors and Awards: Dolphin Award for Outstanding Teaching at the College of Staten Island (CUNY); College of Staten Island Student Government Award for Outstanding Service to Students; City University Award for Significant Grants

Activities and Interests: Art Museums, National Museum of Mathematics, gardening, reading

Career: Professor of mathematics and director of the Teacher Education Honors Academy at the College of Staten Island (City University of New York)
The two loves of my life began at Smith College: my husband of 45 years, John Coffee (Amherst 1966), who has been the center of my personal life; mathematics, the basis of my professional life.

I met John in our sophomore year. He helped me in Art 11, I helped him in physics. Through the years we have continued to bridge the two-culture problem with each other's expertise. John is the Adolf Berle Professor of Corporate Law at Columbia University Law School. Thanks to his research, which includes aspects of international law, we have traveled widely (six continents, with only Antarctica failing to invite him to speak).

Neal McCoy was my honors adviser. He was an internationally recognized ring theorist, but I did not know that at the time. I just knew that he was a great teacher who gave me the best professional advice I have ever had. I was thinking about graduate school in math but was worried that I was "not good enough." He told me that if I did not try, then I would never know. I received my Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970 and have been a professor of mathematics for 45 years.

I began my career at Richmond College, an experimental college within the City University of New York system, which became the College of Staten Island (CUNY). I spent three years teaching mathematics at the United States Naval Academy as part of the initial cohort of women civilian instructors. Talk about culture shock — CUNY and USNA in the 1970's! I returned to the College of Staten Island as a math professor, and currently I also direct the Teacher Education Honors Academy, an NSF-supported program for undergraduate honors students in math and science who want to teach in high-need schools. I also continue to teach an abstract algebra course for math majors, and the last topic is always ring theory, with a special mention of Neal McCoy.

I consider that I have won the two-culture battle with our daughter, Megan. She was always an excellent student but seemed to enjoy math and science more. She graduated from Harvard as a chemistry major, earned a D.Phil. at Oxford in epidemiology (math modeling) but then took her own path — M.D. from Harvard, residency in infectious disease at Massachusetts General, director of the infectious disease unit at the public hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti after the earthquake in 2010. She runs a foundation providing medical treatment as well as clinical expertise and training for infectious diseases, especially for tuberculosis, in Haiti.

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S/P College: University of Western Australia, B.A., History, 1965
S/P Graduate School: University of Western Ontario, Canada, M.A., Sociology (Demography), 1973; Brown, Ph.D., Sociology (Demography and Medical Sociology), 1978; Harvard, M.PH., Epidemiology, 1986
Volunteer Service: Member, Service League of Morgantown, WV; WVU Campus Club (board of directors); various church groups; state and city health, alcohol and drug research and prevention committees; peer reviewer; reviewer of research papers for several health and addiction-related journals

Honors and Awards: Ph.D. Candidacy Exams. (Prelims.), High Pass, Sociology Department, Brown, 1976; M.Sc. With Distinction, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, 1972; numerous other awards of distinction

Activities and Interests: Swimming, knitting, reading, antiquing, using graphics and mapping software, traveling, word games

Career: Population health scientist for 38 years: Population Health Center, Delmarva Foundation; Social Solutions Intl., Inc.; Community Health Research Group and Center (U of TN); RI Department of Health; RI Group Health Association (RIGHA); research consulting with departments of public health, VA hospitals, abuse treatment centers and others

I am so grateful for the blessings in my life — a wonderful husband and family, great friends, a fine education, a welcoming church and three beloved Samoyeds.

I have been so happy, swimming in my pool (thank you, Ian) and in fresh water ponds, at the bayside and oceanside in Wellfleet, where four generations of our family have summered, shell fishing on mud flats, eating oysters, lobsters and clams as sloppily and with as much butter as possible.

I love the “culture of kindness” in rural Appalachia, having lived in Knoxville, TN, and now Morgantown, WV, both university towns. I have loved traveling to places like Australia (my husband grew up in Perth), New Zealand and Scotland (where I studied right after Smith). Sweden, Estonia and Finland were also special, and Halifax, Nova Scotia and Victoria and Vancouver are very dear to us.

My career has been dedicated to studying the adverse health effects of alcohol and other drugs and exploring community-based prevention and treatment strategies. I have not drunk alcohol since my marriage, which has contributed immensely to my happiness, productivity and clarity. I also hesitate to use addictive prescription drugs, although upcoming knee surgery may lower the barrier.

When I think of my days at Smith, I remember my rebellious, wild and crazy “social” self, and regret that I was not a more serious student, as the level of teaching was very high. I missed a lot. I am rereading the classics now.

But I am glad that I had the opportunity to attend Smith and that I had something against which to rebel (feet on the floor, curfews, all the rules). Minoring in religious studies and knowing Mr. Stenson, Mr. May and Mrs. Fuhler (who led a very thoughtful discussion of why George Wallace should be allowed to speak at Smith) were decisive for me. An English Literature class with Mr. Fisher was also a high point, and seeing him at Rahar’s was my first experience of humanizing faculty. But I am really glad I did not marry any of the young men I knew then. Waiting until I had become who I was to be allowed me to marry my soul mate.

We have recently experienced, Ian and I, the evil that sociopaths can wreak on good people. Please read the NBC investigative report on the academic fraud and attempted blackmail case. We have been disappointed at the university’s protecting its public image rather than faculty or students, but raised up by the open-handedness of officials who did the right thing. My husband had a heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery coming out of the stress of this, but we have seen truth and justice prevail (http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/ivory-tower-phony-sex-lies-fraud-alleged-w-va-university-n199491).

I am so immensely thankful for all the dear, good people I have met and known, who have raised me and taught, guided and helped me. I know without a doubt that love is “all we need.” Especially in the face of great evil.
Years of river-running in kayaks, rafts and canoes helped keep me sane as I tried to mold myself into a trial lawyer, despite the enormous stress and poor fit. –Shelley P. Smith

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S/P College: Pennsylvania State University, B.S., Business, 1969
Grandchildren: Miles Pride, 2002; Cordelia Pride, 2004; Oliver Pride, 2006; Caelan McMichael, 2003; Tyler Alexander McMichael, 2011; Thisbe Bertha McMichael, 2012

Honors and Awards: 2005: appointed Associate Dean of Community Health Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing. This appointment was unpaid but not “Honorary.” I was very pleased because many years earlier I had been denied tenure by this same institution because I had not completed my doctorate. Apparently, life experience counts for something because I had several doctoral students placed in my home care agency, under my care. Being a mentor to these students was a very happy way to end my career.

Activities and Interests: Sailing. My husband and I own a Bristol 45’5” sloop named “Daring,” hailport: Edgartown, MA. This boat generally spends the spring, fall and winter in the Chesapeake Bay and sails to Martha’s Vineyard for the summer. We enjoy cruising Maine, and the local ports around the Vineyard. Most years, we sail her back through Long Island Sound and down the coast to Cape May. Along the way, we like to stop at Newport and Block Island. Shelter Island is another favorite stop.

Career: Home Health Care and Hospice Administration. I am a registered nurse and have been involved with community health and nursing education for my entire career. I have taught nursing at the baccalaureate and masters level, and have participated in all phases of community health nursing, not-for-profit, from the field to senior management (COO, CEO) levels. At present I am retired.

My personal choice of an event that forever rocked my world has to be 9/11. Other historical events made me sad (the death of JFK) or angry (the deaths of RFK and MLK), but nothing has scared me as much as 9/11.

It was a hot day in Philadelphia. I figured that my major problems might be that employees would call in sick because of the heat. I was the COO of a large home care and hospice agency in the city, with 250 employees, most already out in the neighborhoods with a full schedule of patients to see and jobs to be done.

It was a calm morning and I attended the funeral of a hospice patient, but in the church, my cell phone lit up. I was annoyed but I went outside to take the call. The choir inside sang “Nearer My God to Thee” as he told me that a plane had just hit the World Trade Center. A few minutes later, he called again. A plane had hit the second tower. This call was followed by a call from my boss, suggesting I get back to the office. On my car radio, I heard that a third plane had hit the Pentagon. Once in the office, I set up a television and took it all in. These were terrorist attacks, not random accidents.

At first my boss felt that we should stay open and soldier on, doing the good work of Medicare, never missing a beat. A phone call from the mayor put an end to that idea. He had declared a state of emergency and was sending us all home. If NYC and DC were hit, Philadelphia was likely to be next. Schools were closing and children were being sent home. I went home, too.

My husband and oldest son were already there, glued to the television. We huddled together, trying to account for our other kids. Our younger son had
seen the first tower crumble while driving up the New Jersey Turnpike. He was okay. Our daughter, a teacher, was headed home. All spouses were safe.

Many people we knew had perished in the event. Our innocence was lost. The idea of an enemy who did not value life as we knew it was challenging to us all. How could we deal with an adversary who did not care if he lived or died? For me, this was life-changing.

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S/P College: Augsburg College, B.A., Economics, 1974

Children: Andrew Hargens, 1966; Ursula Hargens, 1971; Liesl Hargens, 1981

Grandchildren: Garyson Hargens, 2002; Holland Hargens, 2004; Noa Winikoff, 2003; Soren Winikoff, 2008; Olive Wilson, 2009; Felix Wilson, 2012

Activities and Interests: Sewing, quilting, cooking, gardening, hiking, kayaking, reading, yoga

Career: The majority of my career was spent at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis in various roles dealing with information management. I began my career as manager of the research library and subsequently became a certified records manager, adding that discipline to my responsibilities. I spent the last 15 years as a manager in the Information Technology Department. I managed technical staff who developed and implemented document and records as well as internet and intranet applications and systems.

I left Smith after junior year to marry Gar Hargens, Wesleyan '65, and returned to complete my senior year. I lived off campus with my husband and son, Andrew. A family gave me new academic focus. Senior year was a time of academic fulfillment and success.

In 1968, after a period in Cambridge, MA, we moved to Minneapolis. I earned a master's degree in library science at the University of Minnesota, while Gar studied architecture. We had three more children. Andrew (Harvard '88) is now Assistant Deputy Director at MassPort; Ursula (Columbia '94) is a ceramist and professor; Liesl (Smith '98) is an epidemiologist at Medtronic, and Kendra (Wesleyan '04) is an industrial designer.

I was mighty busy being a homemaker and volunteer in the public schools. However, I had my eye on the perfect job: librarian at the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, combining my economic training from Smith with my library expertise. I always felt my guardian angel looking out for me. I received a call from a graduate school classmate: would I be interested in job sharing — at the Federal Reserve? Needless to say, I accepted, and that was the beginning of a 31-year career. I began as an associate librarian. After a few years, my friend and I were promoted to library managers.

Halfway through my career, I became an information technology manager. A favorite sideline was developing the bank's historical archives. A highlight was an oral history program for the bank's 75th anniversary: interviewing the 30 oldest retirees and the five living presidents.

In 1988, after 23 years of marriage, Gar and I called it quits. Our lives and values had diverged. I spent 15 years as a single parent. It was difficult, but our struggles helped us develop strong bonds. I am very grateful for my partner, Abdul Hasnudeen. We have been together for over 20 years and are back in
Cambridge. We speak of marriage. Maybe someday it will happen.

I am never bored. I have a fondness for home-making endeavors: berry picking, making jam, growing vegetables, refinishing furniture. I get great pleasure from sewing. My favorite part of quilting is color selection. My reading tends toward history, biography, memoirs and historical novels. I love spending time with my six grandchildren, observing their unique personalities and interests. My passion is yoga. I also enjoy weights, walking, hiking, bicycling, kayaking and paddle boarding.

I had breast cancer in 2001. Once again, my guardian angel was looking out for me; it was treated at a very early stage. I had kidney surgery in 2013 to remove a large stone. My most recent issue is a shattered wrist bone due to a fall. I am diligently pursuing therapy, hoping to get back to down dog position in yoga.

Abdul and I enjoy concerts and theater. We also enjoy traveling, especially to national parks. Overseas travel has been meaningful in my life as well, although I am always contented to come home. Last, but not least, it gives me great pleasure to see my Northrop classmates at our mini-reunions, wherever they may be.

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Honors and Awards: Bruce Museum Chairman's Award, 2003; Bruce Museum Director's Award, 2007; YWCA Spirit of Greenwich Award, 2008

Activities and Interests: Choral singing (church choir at present), reading, tennis, yoga, travel, nutrition and fitness, keeping up with grandchildren


It is almost September, and the excitement of starting something new, with No. 2 pencils and notebooks in hand, is only nostalgia. Can you believe it has been half a century since we were on campus? Chuck, my husband-to-be, began commuting to Northampton freshman year; he claims he also earned a Smith degree.

I was recruited by McGraw-Hill as a senior to enter the editorial training program, the start of a vocation I’ve pursued on and off as our family grew and flew. I am grateful to have had that flexibility and for the Smith diploma to shine in my résumé.

After a short stint in NYC, we moved back to our hometown, both of us commuting until our children were born. With the luxury of choice, I stayed home

Halloween frolic with three of our grand girls
While I loved teaching, I became weary of the endless task of attempting to spark interest in students who were often unresponsive. –Katharine Townsend Svenson

and volunteered. Time spent in the Smith Chorus (thank you, Iva Dee!) led me to the local choral society and an a cappella group that performed in hospitals and nursing homes, our camaraderie as young mothers a gift beyond the music. There was a banquet of engaging volunteer work at our museum, library and schools. We remained, in Greenwich, moving only across the street to a house on the water (our best decision, it brings us joy every minute of the day). Over the years the town grew from a bedroom community to a cosmopolitan center, offering broader volunteer opportunities with nonprofits and church. Our roots are deep, but we do like to travel. Most of our trips have been with the Alumnae Association, from the Galapagos to the Panama Canal (in February).

Finding challenging work at age 40 was a blessing and the right decision for the next 25 years. Now, both of us virtually retired, we focus on the next generation and pray for the energy to keep up with them. One family is in Chapel Hill, NC, the other in Marblehead, MA, where we have a condo. We visit both of them often. It is clear one grandson will be an artist, one granddaughter an engineer. What will their college years be like, I wonder? Will they be on campus or take classes on a computer? Please, may I cloak them in Bubble Wrap against the slings and arrows of social media? And may I stick around long enough to see how and where they land?

I cherish most family, friendship, music, meaningful work and the beauty of our natural world. I strive to be curious, grateful, inclusive and open to whatever comes next.

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S/P Graduate School: Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons, M.D., 1968  
Children: Brian, 1968; Scott, 1970; Dale, 1976  
Grandchildren: Caitlin, 2000; Ashlin, 2002; Marquel, 2004; Miles, 2007; MacKenzie, 2012

Activities and Interests: Photography, quilting, reading, travel  
Career: Bacteriologist, college counseling, copy editor, realtor. They say everyone ends up with four careers in her life ... those were mine.

Post '66:  
Lived in NYC, NJ, AL, TX, CA (25 years), NC (6 years), and retired to TX (last seven years). Still married to Chris (Trinity '64) 50 years. Three sons, all engineers, all married; four granddaughters, one grandson. Four assorted careers: hospital bacteriologist, copy-editor at the Journal of Immunology, college counselor for high school students, realtor.  
Hobbies: photography, quilting, reading, knitting,
genealogy, exploring the internet, anything tech-related.

Accomplishments: raising three sons we’re proud of, marriage to same person for 50+ years, more travel than I ever contemplated, having some photos published and one honorable mention in a national competition, flying in small planes, facing a grizzly bear at 20 feet on bear photo trip to AK, seeing Antarctica, traveling above the Arctic Circle, visiting Iguazu Falls, living in a motor home for seven years.

In the 50 years since graduation, the greatest deviation from what I or anyone would have expected from my life (including our parents and children): Chris and I decided in 2000 to sell everything, including our house, and move into a large motor home to travel, when neither of us had camped or been in an RV. Our kids gave us six months, we gave ourselves two years. On the road after a few years, Chris found there was a huge need for Locum Tenens doctors around the USA, so we framed our travels around short-term positions he took, which allowed us to explore various parts of North America in more depth than many do, as well as to become members of a community for several months. While he worked, I volunteered (library), worked in a quilt shop, worked on my photos, sewed quilts, researched our area and future trips and recovered from two knee replacements. After two years we were having too much fun to quit, so we continued on, covering all the continental states and much of Canada. After seven years we happened upon our perfect retirement spot in Georgetown, TX in a senior community. After one more trip to Newfoundland with new friends in the RV Club here, we sold the RV. Now we are traveling internationally, usually by cruise ships (300+ cruise days so far).

Retirement has been wonderful: traveling, reading, researching travel and genealogy, sewing, cooking, lots of photography and just enjoying free time with my best friend, Chris, and our family.

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Activities and Interests: Gardening, landscaping, photography, architectural design, estate management, travel, sailing (cruising and racing), cooking, politics, stock market, film
Career: I'm involved in numerous projects with the Cultural Center at Ocean Reef Club, founded and still head Vintage Weekend at the club. On board of Farnsworth Museum in Rockport, ME, Beatrix Farrand Society, Bar Harbor, ME, and Grindstone Assoc., Winter Harbor, ME.; ex-Commodore, Winter Harbor Yacht Club

I came to Smith without a plan for my life and left with still no plan.
In fact, my life has been organized around the ambitions of the two men I married. My first husband wanted to sail a small boat around the world and so we did. It was a blissful time, during which I sold articles and photographs to various magazines and papers. I learned to cook on a rolling gimbaled stove, celestial navigation, how to live without refrigeration and that you get over being seasick after three days. It took us six years to complete our west-about circumnavigation by way of the Panama Canal and the Cape of Good Hope. Reentry into the real world was tough, and my husband never really came back at all. I started as a yacht broker in the middle of a recession in Ft. Lauderdale ...

I met my second husband when he bought a boat from me to sail round the world. Though he never could get away to do it, pretty soon I was involved in all of his projects: the reenergizing of a moribund yacht club in Winter Harbor, Maine; the restoration of a fleet of one-design boats built in 1907; the maintenance of a property in Maine with three houses on it; very competitive sailboat racing; the owner-buyout and governance of The Ocean Reef Club in Florida where we live in the winter; the building of a cultural center at the club; involvement with Schoodic Institute, a repurposed Navy base in Winter Harbor, which is now the largest research facility in the National Parks.

My personal projects have included a nine-year stint on the Board of the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland, Maine and assorted other golf club and community associations boards, and finally, a return to photography, which is much changed since I left it. The transition to digital and to Adobe has been humbling. I am also a fierce gardener and am in the midst of the third redesign of my garden in Maine.

When you take the long view, you have to be astonished at how lucky we all have been. We were born after World War II into a time of pent-up demand that produced middle-class prosperity and stability. Then we came of age just when blind regard for authority, the birth control pill and women's lib offered women a whole world of choices. And we have lived in a time when there were fewer people on earth so there was less demand for resources: we
had the luxury of waste and unlimited use. The
details vary but we have all led charmed lives and
none more than I.

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S/P Graduate School: B.U. School of Medicine, M.D.,
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Children: Matt Duffy, 1970; Neal Duffy, 1972; Meg
Touborg (step), 1963; Ann Touborg (step), 1965;
Sarah Touborg (step), 1968; Peter Touborg, 1971
Grandchildren: Mimi Zimmer, 1996; Nicholas Jebsen,
1994; Peter Jebsen, 2000; Molly Jebsen, 2002;
William Horn, 2003; Maggie Horn, 2006; Will Duffy,
2000; Katie Duffy, 2002; Charlie Touborg, 2007;
Maisy Touborg, 2010; Shea Duffy, 2006; Jack Duffy,
2008

Volunteer Service: League of Women Voters,
Brookline MA; Unitarian Church, Brookline MA,
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Church, Sherborn, MA, Music Committee;
Brookline, MA PTO, President; Brookline MA, direc-
tor of original musicals performed by parents
Activities and Interests: Singing — choirs and musi-
cal groups; travel
Career: I taught English to juniors and seniors in
Bristol Rhode Island, 1966-67; taught both junior
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Women Voters, Boston, MA, 1976-80; Mass State
Government — Communications/Administration,
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With our 50th reunion looming, and the deadline
for our essays upon us, I feel as if I am back in the
Wilder House smoker in the middle of the night with
a paper due in the morning. Write now, or forever
hold your peace!

Just before our last reunion, Jens and I moved to
Sherborn, MA, to a smaller, older house in a smaller,
older town. We've become embedded in the town,
established in 1652, and very attached to our house,
built in 1850. We're both retired and happily so. We
experience the occasional yen to be back in the mid-
dle of things, but it quickly dissipates.

We have established a whole new circle of
friends (while keeping the old), largely through our
Unitarian Church. I sing with two groups, our church
choir and the Music Makers, composed of about 12
women who perform for nursing homes and other
organizations. It's years since I sang regularly and it's
lots of fun. And for the first time in ages, I am part
of a wonderful book group. I never attend without
laughing a lot and learning something new.

Merry and Jens, 25th Wedding Anniversary

Both of us are involved in the Partakers group at
church, organized to tutor prison inmates who are
taking college courses. Naturally, this is more com-
licated than that description implies, as anyone
who has been part of such an effort knows.

We frequently see the members of our large
blended family — now numbering 24, including 12
grandchildren. My two sons and Jens' son live in
Massachusetts. Jens' three girls are farther flung —
two outside New York, the other near LA.

We and our children have had wonderful travel
opportunities over the years, and it is exciting now
to see the older grandchildren enjoying the same.
Nicholas, a high school senior in Pacific Palisades,
CA, spent summers in Australia one year, Argentina
the next. Mimi, a sophomore at Columbia, went to
China with her high school Chinese class.

In summer, family life revolves around our cabin
in Maine, which we built in 1992. We celebrated our
Smith College

25th wedding anniversary there last June with the whole family. It is a retreat and refuge for us all.

We both had serious illnesses in our 60s. Jens had septic shock, recovering only after many weeks of care. I had open heart surgery to replace my aortic valve. Neither of these health issues would have ended well without today's treatment options.

There is much to treasure, and we are busy doing just that. In Robert Browning's words:

Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made... Our times are in His hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half;
Trust God; see all, nor be afraid!"

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S/P Occupation: Metallurgist
S/P College: MIT, B.S., Materials Science, 1966

Volunteer Service: Volunteer arts administrator, 1975-present; other arts related service; coffee lady, junior and senior warden, Diocesan Convention Rep, lay preacher, Stewardship, Music Committee and tenor, St. George's Episcopal Church, York Harbor, ME


Activities and Interests: Writing, scholarly and fiction; music: piano, singing, composing


My long and fulfilling career as an artist-printmaker (thank you, Edward Hill, Elliott Offner and Leonard Baskin) is now on hold as I adjust to the fact of Ralph's death in October 2014. I gave up music for 30 years, believing that it took away from my art. I was right, but I no longer care, as I enjoy a late life tenor voice and an unexpected gift for composing melodies. My Ph.D. dissertation has come alive again with a massive infusion of new information about the political cartoonist, E.W. Clay (active 1819-1852). I enjoy the scholarly work (thank you, Louis Cohn-Haft). I am also trying to retire from a long, inadvertent volunteer career as an arts administrator as I step back from Barn Gallery in Ogunquit, ME. I work with a personal trainer three times a week and am planning knee replacement surgery in January 2016.

Ralph and I moved often during the first 25 years of our marriage as we followed his career and vocation as a metallurgist. We traveled widely — sometimes together, sometimes separately. In 1980 we bought a cottage in York Beach, ME. In 1985 I started an art gallery. In 1987 Ralph and a colleague started Technical Marketing Resources, a metallurgical consulting firm. Two years later we moved to York, ME, and for the first time, we truly became part of a community.

An artist friend once asked me to list "Five Things I Have Done" for a project. Here are 11 things.

• I became an artist at 7, a writer at 9 and a musician at 10.
• I wrote a dissertation that is a standard reference work.
• My husband and I were chased by an elephant in South Africa.
• I showed my etchings in Japan and Sweden.
• My husband and I gutted houses in New Orleans with a church group after Katrina.
• I found a nice assisted living place for my mother.
• I served as everything from coffee lady to senior warden to lay preacher in my Episcopal Church.
• I ran my own art gallery, BlueStocking Studio, in York Beach, ME for 23 years.
• I composed, wrote and staged "Noah! A Cantata in 3 Acts."
• I buried my husband after 48 years of marriage and gave his eulogy.
• I used my Smith College education and experience for all of it and I am not done yet.
Sometimes I feel less suited to an Age of Technology than to the mid-20th century, when phones and drones weren’t ubiquitous. –Kathryn E. Taylor

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S/P Graduate School: Emory University, M.A.T., Education/French, 1967; Emory University, M.B.A., Finance, 1975
Children: Stefan Martula, 1973; Rosemary Martula, 1977

Volunteer Service: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), Northampton, MA; leader of Parents Group of Western MA for families of addicted children; regional, state & national advocate with the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR), to increase adolescent treatment services; hotline for families of addicted loved ones; hosting of Fresh Air kids for six summers; hosting of Russian and Ukrainian adult students for five years. Northampton Center for the Arts board; Northampton Cultural Plan; Northampton Theater Alliance; teaching writing/theater workshops for children; parents’ council president, Williston-Northampton School

Honors and Awards: Winner of Individual Artists Grant in playwriting from Massachusetts Cultural Council; founder of The Northampton 24-Hour Theater Project (2002-ongoing); originator of Back to Back (2010), with focus on differentiating script from directing; co-produced Play by Play 2015, new plays festival; CASA service award; MOAR awards; Northampton Drug Task Force member award for prevention

Activities and Interests: Rock/pop music from the classic rock period until now, including regularly attending rock concerts; learning about the music industry and pop culture; supporting/advocating for marriage equality issues; film; gaining tech proficiency; travel, walking, attending readings/lectures/concerts; connecting with new people while staying in close touch with older ones

Career: Have been active in western MA theater for over 25 years, particularly in the creation of new work. Have worked as actor, producer, arts advocate, playwright, and am currently exploring solo performance. Founded The Northampton 24-Hour Theater Project, 2002, which involves 60 area artists. Plays include: Woops!, Two Women from Waldo, Arkansas, Fresh Air, Safe Lodging. My plays have received staged readings/productions at Chicago Dramatists, Spoleto Fringe; The WOW (NYC); Voice and Vision at Playwrights Horizon, but I consider the Pioneer Valley my theater home.

I’ve had 50 years of living and loving and fretting and birthing and standing by the dying — an abundance of things to write about. I just can’t prioritize. That’s why I love writing plays. You just make it up as you go along.

The Rockstar. I never guessed 50 years ago that at ages 64-70 my primary passion would be traveling to huge arenas and funky band venues in places I’d never been to. This giving me much joy after a convergence of later-in-life events, sadnesses that kept me in the grip of life’s noose tightening. I’d tried everything to get out of my too-long funk — meditation, yoga, prayer, therapy, meds, T’ai chi. But start going to rock concerts if you really want a fix. My Rockstar brought a joy, a life force, I hadn’t felt in years.

David and I. We will celebrate our 48th anniversary during our 50th reunion year. We had to grow up together. We tell young people who ask what it’s like to be married “that” long, “It’s been like being married and divorced several times over.” Up and
down, up and down is our truth. We have an anchor that stayed strong, repositioning when we thought it would give way.

Children, Stefan and Rose. In the delivery room, I looked into the faces of my newborns and finally understood Wordsworth’s “intimations of immortality.” I could see that those beautiful babes had come from somewhere and were going somewhere, that they were not blank slates, as I’d expected. They were totally themselves.

My parents. I was at the deathbeds of both parents two years apart, charismatic figures in my life. At my mother’s last breath, there was so much laughter and the hospice social worker almost threw my sister and me out of the room. When I got the word late at night about my father’s failing, I rushed to Dallas, arriving only an hour before he went into a coma. He sounded a little like Elmer Fudd as he said, “I wub you.” I am grateful that I was able to reside with him, for at least a little while, in that “thin place” between heaven and earth.

Addiction. I don’t know when addiction first landed in my family, but it almost buried me, so I won’t write about it much here. Yes, I had my own responsibility in the midst of it to live my life, and I have done that as best I could, but when the disease hits the people you love most ...

College. I used to think I wasted my Smith education because I didn’t excel, didn’t ever take a theater or writing course, the work I ended up doing later. But Smith changed my life for the better. I quickly realized I didn’t want to study a lot — but I did want to sit around and talk with the most interesting women I’d ever met, read books I’d never been directed toward. It was a place where I could see that curiosity was a good thing.

All is not perfect, of course. Global warming is real. I hurt my back again. Winter’s coming, and the house needs repairs. We need to rewrite our wills. But all I have to do is put on The Original High, my Rockstar’s new album. I prefer to listen to it in the car so I can turn it up LOUD. I’ve started taking singing lessons ...

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S/P Graduate School: University of Massachusetts, MBA, Business, 1972
Children: Katelyn, 1977
Honors and Awards: Manager of the Year, Lotus Development (now IBM), 1996
Activities and Interests: Travel, music
Career: Thirty-three years in various staff and senior management positions with various high tech companies including IBM, Wang Laboratories, and Lotus Development; secondary career as office manager for full-service day spa and facial plastic surgery practice
Both my husband, Bob, and I had wonderful 30+ year careers in high tech and we thrived on the excitement of those heady times of growth in that industry. Our success enabled us to travel widely, then head early into semi-retirement, commuting regularly between our condo in Boston and home on Cape Cod.

Two significant health crises placed shadows on those years: In 1974, my Crohn’s disease led to a perforated intestine, requiring a month-long stay at Mass General, a near-death experience that changed my life forever. The situation led to a strong health-focused lifestyle that I continue to this day. Later on, in 1996, I herniated a disc in my lower back while shoveling snow, causing me to miss the only reunion I haven’t been able to attend in these 50 years.

In 2004, we rather impetuously moved to St. Augustine (didn’t we always say we would NEVER move to FL?) when a developer friend started a project in World Golf Village, and Bob began a new career as a real estate broker. We gradually settled into this beautiful little town, full of history, with lovely neighborhoods, restaurants and music every night of the week.

Then another crisis: We had joyfully invested in real estate during the boom 2004-2007, but the recession nearly wiped us out. Both of us went back to work, full time, out of necessity. Luckily for me, I found a new career during this disastrous time, working as office manager for a large resort spa. After several years there, I was recruited by a respected facial plastic surgery practice to manage their office in St. Augustine. Who recruits a 70-year-old woman for anything??

April, 2015, another health crisis: As a result of a terrible fall, I had a partial hip replacement, but due to my generally good health, I was able to return to work in three weeks. I can say that over the years, I have personally experienced all the marvels of modern medicine.

And, in the summer of 2015, a dramatic change to our lifestyle: We have opened our home to our daughter, Kate, and her husband, Chad, along with their five pets (yes!) for three years as she pursues her M.F.A. in creative nonfiction. This has been a huge adjustment but one of the most rewarding experiences in our lives so far.

And so it goes.

Dagmar RISTIC Clark

House: Baldwin
Major: German Language & Literature

Dagmar Ristic Clark died on October 20, 1996, of cancer, at home in Hanover, NH.

Dagmar was born in Bad Bentheim, Germany. Six weeks before her birth, her father was killed in World War II. She became a U.S. citizen in 1957.

Baldwin housemate Turalu Brady Murdock writes: “Dagmar was one of my best friends during my two years at Smith. One of my favorite memories was the week I spent with Dagmar and her family at her home before sophomore year. During our sophomore year, Dagmar introduced me to her art world friends, broadening my life experiences immensely. I admired her sophistication and vibrancy in the way she lived life. I think of her often.”

Zena Dorfman Zumeta recalls Dagmar as “a very adventurous soul, liberated from her restrictive Midwest upbringing. We all watched in awe. I’m so sorry she is not here to finish her story for us!” And classmates Gretchen Freiheit Ridgeway and Margaret Naeser fondly recall their shared junior year abroad in Hamburg. Margaret writes: “Dagmar grew up in Milwaukee, but was actually born in Germany. She majored in German. She was very kind and generous, and often volunteered to teach German to students in Hanover, NH.”

Before moving to New Hampshire, Dagmar lived in Boston, New York and California, and was employed by the Prudential Insurance Company. In New Hampshire, she taught crafts and sold her products through the New Hampshire League of Arts and Crafts. She was a member of several choral groups, including the Handel Society Chorus at Dartmouth College, and she served on a number of community and civic committees. After her death a park was created in Hanover in Dagmar’s name near the neighborhood where she raised her family.

She was survived by her husband and two children, including Anne Morain, Smith ’00.
Picture me looking out over Point Lobos into the vast Pacific “Beyond,”
breathing in the fresh air and sunshine of this blessed coast. –Jane Taylor McCoy

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S/P College: Clarkson University, B.S., Engineering, 1959

Children: Nathaniel Shaw, 1968; Jeremy Shaw, 1970;
Alan Davis (stepson), 1962; Deborah Schlesinger
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Grandchildren: Heather Schlesinger, 1990; James
Schlesinger, 1991; Tommy Schlesinger, 1992;
Andrew Schlesinger, 1994; Ryan Davis, 1995; Kyle
Davis, 1997; Ethan Shaw, 2001; Nicholas Goudes-Shaw,
2001; Evan Shaw, 2002; Steven Goudes-Shaw,
2004; Zachary Shaw, 2013

Volunteer Service: American Red Cross Disaster
Services, 2011-2014
Activities and Interests: Writing (two books published),
skiing, travel, sailing, kayaking, music, family

Career: I was a public high school English teacher
for over 30 years. I was also a recreation therapist
at a psychiatric center for a couple of years. I
coached skiing for ten years.

Half a century later, I still find life an adventure.
My forays into the wilderness and to exotic foreign
countries have simply fueled my desire to do more
of the same. My third marriage, after being divorced
and then widowed, has provided me with the 24
happiest years of my life. Our combined families
have resulted in 11 unique and lovable grandchil-
dren whose progress through life we follow with
great interest.

Like many of my classmates, I have experienced
my share of loss and tragedy. Through these experi-
ences, I have learned the amazing resiliency of
the human spirit. One doesn’t “get over” these losses, yet

it’s possible to go on living, loving and laughing in
spite of them.

Since I retired from teaching 16 years ago, I have
published two books, both histories of upstate New
York ski areas. Since I’m a chronic procrastinator,
this is a major achievement for me. Once I was com-
mitted to each project, it loomed over me like a col-
lege term paper, and I actually experienced the angst
I used to feel as the paper due date crept ever clos-
er. Still, I couldn’t force myself to settle down to
work. Having recently finished my second book, I’m
still in a state of relief and euphoria, the albatross
having been released from around my neck. Will I be
crazy enough to embark upon yet another such proj-
ect?

The reality of finally having become an “old per-
son” does not sit well with me. None of the cliches
about the benefits of seniorism are of any comfort to
me. I continue to be startled when I look into a mir-
ror and see a wrinkled visage, spotted by age. I am
fortunate to still be relatively fit and able to continue
most of the physical activities that I’ve always
enjoyed, but I dread the day when, inevitably, I’ll be
forced to give up skiing, or biking, or sailing, or
kayaking.

Seventy-plus years used to sound like a good,
long chunk of time to be on the earth. Now it seems
far too short. I want to be around to see how it all
turns out.
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S/P Occupation: retired
S/P College: University of Wisconsin-Madison
S/P Graduate School: Harvard University, M.A., History of Science; Harvard University, Ph.D., History of Science, 1973
Children: Ethan Victor, 1979; Serena Luz Victor, 1985

Volunteer Service: New Haven Reads, Leila Day Nurseries, The Institute Library
Honors and Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, 1966
Activities and Interests: Knitting, gardening, traveling, reading

Career: During the final phases of getting my Ph.D. I taught history and other courses at the College of Wooster in Ohio. An NEH fellowship called me back to Cambridge, MA. We moved to New Haven in 1977 because my husband, Steve, had a fellowship at the Yale Art Gallery. We moved into alternative careers, he into museum work and I into library work as a bibliographer for European History. I spent the next 30+ years in this ever-changing position and learned a lot about my non-academic skills by managing projects and getting things done. Best of all I stayed in contact with the discipline I loved and the people who studied and practiced it.

Late August 2015

Looking at "where I was" in 2006, I’m dismayed by how unhappy I seemed: Work at the Yale library had become stressful and unrewarding. And now?

I retired in 2010 and soon found retirement to be, as I was warned, just another way to find too much to do. I am, however, more content now with my life. I continue my research on the Spinelli family of Florence in the early modern period. The family’s archives at Yale seem inexhaustible, but I still go yearly to use additional archives in Florence’s Archivio di Stato and to study Italian. Steve has joined me for part of the time, and we’ve enjoyed exploring other regions of Italy. In conjunction with this project, I took an online paleography course given by the Medici Archives and I do some transcribing for their digital project. Auditing Italian and history classes and art history lecture series keeps me from coming too narrowly focused. One of these years or months, I’m going to settle and write up the “Spinelli stories.”

Volunteering at a local reading clinic, a venerable old day-care center and a private library offer other rewards. I especially love all the friends I’ve made this way. Fortunate to be able to enjoy physical activity, I swim regularly with a masters team in addition to Pilates, walking, biking, gardening and kayaking. Over the past nine months I’ve been recuperating from a major fall in December that cost me the vision in my right eye. After regaining my strength and adding back all the above activities, depth perception, peripheral vision and balance are still challenging. Slowing down and uni-tasking help a lot with this! Otherwise, my health is good. I keep knitting more mindfully as well.

Steve and I have enjoyed some major travels, often visiting friends in recent years: South Africa, Australia for three weeks last fall, Vermont, London and Scotland, Morocco this fall. Our daughter Serena (just turned 30; works for WGBH in Boston) sometimes joins us. Our son Ethan (35) married Amanda four years ago in July; they live nearby in Branford, CT. He represents a distributor of products for spinal surgery; Amanda is launching her nursing career at Yale-New Haven Hospital. No grandchildren yet.

These days so much enjoyment comes from having time to travel to and visit with friends. I feel fortunate in the richness of my life and the number of my loved ones.
Connie. “When I dwell on the unfairness of her early death, and that of other classmates and friends who left us too soon, the only good that comes of it is to make me more appreciative and grateful for what time I have been given.”

She was survived by her husband and two sons.

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S/P Occupation: Radiologist
S/P College: Purdue, B.S., Science, 1966
S/P Graduate School: Tulane, M.D., 1970; Tulane, M.S., Biochemistry, 1970
Children: Tom Corcoran, 1969; Joe Corcoran, 1970; Ann Lentz, 1974
Grandchildren: Sarah Corcoran, 1998; Jack Corcoran, 2000; Ella Corcoran, 2004; Jimmy Corcoran, 2006; TJ Corcoran, 2008; Ollie Lentz, 2008; Cece Lentz, 2010
Volunteer Service: Many local nonprofits: Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Hospital Auxiliary (Peninsula Regional Medical Center), The Village of Hope (Transitional Living for women and children), Wicomico County Medical Alliance
Honors and Awards: Chairman’s Award, Community Foundation (2014)
Activities and Interests: Reading, biking, skiing, gardening
Career: After graduating from Smith I taught high school science for two years. In the 1980s I went back to Salisbury U. to learn accounting and worked for my husband for about 15 years. Throughout my adult life I have volunteered for many nonprofit organizations.

Here it is November 29, 2015 and I am just starting my reunion profile. Some things never change in 50+ years. My lowest grade at Smith was in freshman English with Mr. Young. I will never forget his scathing comment on a Heart of Darkness paper: “You
can't see the forest through the trees." Ever since I have been reluctant to write anything for a large audience. I will never be a Molly Ivins, may she rest in peace.

I hope that my photo submission will be worth a thousand words. As you see, I have a wonderful family and happy life here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. My kids live in Baltimore, DC, and Greenville, NC, so they can visit often, especially in the summer. We have a farm in Berlin, MD which is close to Ocean City and beautiful Assateague Island. We also spend time in Skaneateles, NY at my family's summer "camp." My husband is still enjoying his work, but we are in the process of negotiating our retirement. Any suggestions?

My fellow Gardiner classmate, Margy Turner Taylor, lives a few blocks away. Our families have grown up together and have celebrated many holidays and life events together. The Taylors moved to Salisbury in 1977 and talked us into joining them here, a decision we never regretted. Margy is a late in life blooming author of World War II-era historical fiction. I get to do some proofreading despite my lack of professional experience.

I am looking forward to returning to Smith for reunion. I had a wonderful time during my four years although I wish I had taken more subjects such as art history and music. My other regret is that the Smith of today is not the Smith of the 1960s. Neither my daughter nor my oldest granddaughter was the least bit interested in applying to Smith.

I hope to see many Gardiner friends and other '66ers who can make it. Best wishes to those who are unable to join us next May.

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Jane's Christmas 2014 family photo

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S/P Occupation: Professor of Neurobiology and Behavior
S/P College: McGill University, B.Sc., Mathematics and Physics, 1961
S/P Graduate School: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., Biophysics, 1965
Children: Matthew, 1973; Stephanie, 1979
Activities and Interests: Tennis, travel, trekking, cooking, reading, knitting, gardening, taking the courses I did not take at Smith
Career: I completed my Ph.D. in biostatistics in 1972 with a specialty in an area called statistical genetics. Following graduate school I did postdoctoral work at Duke University in immunogenetics for six years, during which I spent a year working in London. Shortly after my husband and I moved to Stony Brook I was fortunate to obtain a tenure track position in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics in 1981. I remained on the faculty for 30 years. retired in 2011 as a tenured full professor. My time at Stony Brook was divided between teaching, training Ph.D. students and research. I trained 25 Ph.D. students and was greatly aided by these people in my research on developing and investigating methodologies for statistical genetic analyses of complex diseases.
I had loved college and found summer jobs tedious, so I decided that I would be happier in graduate school. I chose biostatistics because it combined my mathematics major and my premed courses. I figured I might contribute to medicine without hurting anyone and I knew I would never be able to develop a theorem. Back then fellowships in science were easy to obtain, and it helped that biostatistics was in public health schools.

Given a choice of Yale or Harvard, I chose to be closer to parents and also to the boyfriend who at that time was pressing a convincing case for marriage (at that time he was a post doctoral fellow at Harvard). The first year after college was not a big change. I was in school but instead of Northrop, I lived in a medical school dormitory. Within six months it was clear that I would marry the lovely Canadian neuroscientist whom my parents had introduced to me when I was 19, so a wedding date was set. Lorne has been a world class husband, friend, father, mentor, cheerleader and appreciator of my cooking and other passions for 49 years. He is a real Grown Up — rare in men, it turns out — and a feminist.

So I have been married for 98% of these 50 years and thus the biography of Nancy Role (Mendell) follows the biography of Lorne Mendell. In 1968, Lorne took a faculty position in physiology at Duke and remained there until 1981, with a sabbatical year in London, and then he became a professor in the neurobiology department at SUNY Stony Brook. Consequently, in 1968 I met with the chair of the biostatistics department at UNC about transferring to his Ph.D. program. He wanted to accept me, but had a problem: Who would want to work with and support this professor’s wife? I mentioned my interest in genetics and, relieved, he assigned me to his most junior professor, who eventually became a leader in statistical genetics.

Lucky me. After that, the rest followed relatively easily. The Ph.D. adviser found me post-doc work at Duke, which in turn found me interesting work in London. Within a year of arrival at Stony Brook a position opened up in the applied math department. Although some in applied math were not looking to hire a biostatistician, there were others who thought I would be an interesting addition. Later, when statistical genetics became the thing for statisticians to do (aka funded), they were glad they had let me stay on.

Not everything came easily. Declared infertile, we feared a childless existence. However, happily we had the opportunity to adopt Matthew (age seven weeks) in 1973; and then, “impossibly,” Stephanie was born in 1979. Both are now very useful and interesting adults (Verizon cell tech and social worker), with deserving partners. And best of all, they all love to be with us.

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S/P Occupation: Railroad Executive
S/P College: St Lawrence University, B.A., Economics & Business Administration, 1965
S/P Graduate School: Northwestern University, M.S., Transportation, 1969
Children: Bradford, 1974; Thayer, 1978
Volunteer Service: Too many volunteer jobs to list, none of them all-consuming. The most meaningful have been those associated with Unitarian Universalist churches and the Unitarian Universalist Association, Regions and Districts.
Activities and Interests: Music performance, especial-
We’re both retired, and happily so. We express the occasional yen to be back in the middle of things, but it quickly dissipates. —Merry Reynolds Touborg

Ly of Renaissance music, has been my strongest interest. Currently I am doing less singing and more playing on viola da gamba, an early stringed instrument related to the guitar but played like the cello. Other interests are travel, quilting, genealogy, reading, attending opera and symphony performances and grandchildren.

Career: I was a librarian, starting at the University of Chicago Automation Project and working with the Library of Congress to develop machine-readable bibliographic records. I also had jobs in special and public libraries before getting certified as a school librarian; I then served elementary and high school students for the rest of my career. Before I retired, I was able to design a new library facility for the high school where I worked and work in it long enough to experience it as a pleasing and easily-workable design.

My transition right after graduation from Smith to the University of Chicago felt like leaving a peaceful, sun-dappled pond for the ocean during a big storm. I lived in an apartment in a city for the first time ever, experienced protests and demonstrations, became aware of “blue meanies” (police), not always benevolent, and lived through the 1968 Democratic Convention. — wow, what a change!

My marriage to Allan, who was embarking on a career in railroad operations management for Penn Central (later Conrail), meant that between 1971 and 1986, we made 16 interstate moves for his promotions, the fast lane.

His career path led eventually to headquarters, in Philadelphia, and stability, which allowed me to establish my own career path as a librarian and educator. But there was a lasting effect from those 16 moves in 15 years; I find myself restless even now if we stay in one house for “too long”? At retirement, we moved to Maine but then transitioned gradually to the West Coast since both our sons had settled there. Now, we’re starting to look at continuing care retirement communities. Everyone says do it early, so we’re considering whether this is the right move for us.

Music has been an important avocation for both of us. Every place we lived we found a group to sing in, and we both continue to sing. We enjoy performing tours and are presently preparing for two separate singing tours to Europe in June and July 2016. I also play viola da gamba in three sizes (bass, tenor and treble) in three different consorts each week. This keeps my mind and fingers active and fills my need for Renaissance music. This is my first stringed instrument, so the learning curve was steep, but it’s a very rewarding activity and a significant mental challenge as well. Music for violas is in many different clefs, and I need to be able to transition seamlessly from one size and one clef to another. I enjoy being a transition person in my consorts, able to play whatever instrument is needed for that piece.

Other activities are music editing and publishing on a small scale, quilting and crafts, travel, volunteer-
The recent recession and early death of one of my brothers were difficult, but overall, life has been relatively kind to us, and I am happy to be in my present circumstances.

I will miss reunion, but please imagine me cruising the fjords and visiting the cities of Scandinavia with family in May 2016, a special opportunity we could not miss.

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S/P Occupation: International tax attorney
S/P College: University of Connecticut, B.A., History, 1967
S/P Graduate School: UConn School of Law, J.D., 1970; New York University, LL.M., Tax Law, 1971
Children: Simone Roth Fogarasi, M.D., 1975
Grandchildren: Benjamin Roth Bordlee, 2011; Caroline Roth Bordlee, 2014
Volunteer Service: Daughters' schools; Anti-Defamation League; Children's Hospital; Call for Action, consumer hot line
Activities and Interests: Traveling, iebacka
Career: Worked only very briefly

I'm still in shock. I'm 71 and have been married for 49 years to Andre, whom I dated in college. We have one child, Simone, who just turned 40.

I thought I was going to have a career, but after seven years of trying, I finally got pregnant and fell in love with being a stay-at-home mother. Andre had a career as an international tax attorney that took
Class of 1966

Evy, Benjamin and Andre

him all over the world. It seemed like I was a single mother much of the time, but the upside was that we got to travel to fabulous places, often taking Simone. It was a real opportunity for all of us. And I must admit with the goings-on in the world now, I'm glad to have done so much globetrotting then.

I've been very fortunate to develop wonderful friendships over the years. The older I get the more I realize that friends and family are the most important things to me. Andre retired quite early, and we started spending winters in Naples, Florida. Much to my surprise, I really enjoy it there, mainly because of all the wonderful friends we've made, and, of course, the weather.

When I told a friend I didn't know what to write, she said "What do you mean? You've spent your life taking care of people." I hadn't really viewed myself that way, but most of my friends do, and I guess they're right. It defined most of my life. After my father died just after turning 70, I made a commitment to see my mother every month. We had many years where we had good times as well as some rough times as her health became more of an issue. Through it all, I felt great that I had spent so much time with her. My brother had health challenges most of his life, and I spent time over the years helping him. After my mom died, I decided to spend time with him monthly, and more often and for longer visits as his health deteriorated. He died last spring and once again I was happy I had been able to be with him so much over the years.

Then, four years ago, I became a grandmother. Finally!! Andre and I are totally in love with grandparenting — and no surprise, we are constantly going to New Orleans just to hang out with Simone, her husband and two kids. We are so lucky they are so welcoming. To sum up my life these past many years, I guess I am the monthly visitor — the post-menopausal version!

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S/P Occupation: Retired
S/P College: Dartmouth College, B.A., 1960
S/P Graduate School: Boston College Law School, J.D., 1965
Children: Thomas; Rosemary; Gerard; Jeanne
Grandchildren: Haley; Shelby

Volunteer Service: Past activities include the Big Sister Association, hospice volunteer and serving on various nonprofit boards. Primary current activity is doing public education as a Master Gardener intern.

Honors and Awards: Judicial Excellence Award from the Frank J. Murray Inn of Court; Judicial Excellence Award from the Massachusetts Judges Conference, and the Haskell Cohn Award for Distinguished Judicial Service from the Boston Bar Association

Activities and Interests: Gardening, Golden Retrievers

Career: For 30 years I was a judge on the Massachusetts Superior Court; I served as the Chief Justice for the last ten. The Superior Court is the primary trial court handling major crimes such as homicide, rape and armed robbery and significant civil cases such as medical malpractice, contracts, employment discrimination. Prior to becoming a judge I practiced law in Ohio and Massachusetts.

Attending Smith was a transformative experience. The first in my family to go to college, I arrived
After my career in journalism and communications, I came full circle and became a certified doula, a labor and childbirth coach. —Gale Thompson McMullin

at Smith with little exposure to the world beyond my small town and a limited sense of the possibilities of the life I could have after graduation. Smith expanded my horizons intellectually, culturally and socially and nurtured my confidence as only a women's college can do.

The road from Smith to the bench included stints of public school teaching, law school in the early 1970's as the women's movement was gaining momentum and the practice of law. Although I never aspired to be a judge, I pursued an opportunity that gave me the chance to serve 30 years on the Massachusetts Superior Court, the last ten as Chief Justice. I think how fortunate I was to serve in a state that appoints and not elects judges (Massachusetts is one of three such states). That means that judges do not have to raise money for political campaigns or solicit contributions from the very lawyers or parties who appear before them. We were free to decide cases without fear of reprisal at the ballot box and without the public perception that supporters influenced the outcome, beholden to no one but the facts and the law.

But lifetime appointment carries with it a lifetime commitment to professional development. Massachusetts has put in place a formal, structured mentoring program which helps every judge be the best judge she can be. I'm deeply invested in this program and in retirement am continuing my work with judicial mentoring.

Although I was apprehensive about mandatory retirement at age 70, letting go and moving on have been easier than anticipated, thanks in large measure to my husband, Tom Trimarco. I'm so fortunate to be married to someone who lets me be who I want to be and who loves me for who I am. We spend a lot of time in our country home in New Hampshire paying attention to the small things, like the late afternoon sun on the back meadow and daily frolics with our golden retriever. I'm in a master gardener program that will enable me to educate other gardeners, as well as school and community groups about conservation and horticulture.

I feel I have been very blessed with a loving, supportive husband, deeply satisfying work and wonderful friends. If I had it to do over again, I would take fewer things seriously. Going forward, I'll try not to waste emotional energy on inconsequential things and to use my gift of years to make a positive difference.

Susannah Rowley
House: Cushing
Major: French

Janet Ruben
House: Morrow
Major: Government

Janet Ruben died on January 28, 1978, when the car she was driving collided head-on with another vehicle in Jamestown, PA.

Zena Dorfman Zumeta remembers Janet as an exceptionally interesting classmate and friend. Lois Hoffman Thompson recalls traveling with her to a conference in Annapolis, MD, during senior year. "When we came home late Sunday night, the person who picked us up at the Springfield train station was Tom Mendenhall," she writes — "quite a different era from today."

Janet was a Fulbright scholar in Guatemala for a year, then earned a master's degree in Latin American studies from Stanford University in 1968. She joined the United States Information Agency (USIA) that year and was assigned to Mexico City as a public affairs trainee. In 1970, she was named assistant cultural affairs officer in Quito, Ecuador; a year later, she became information officer in Rio de Janeiro. She moved to Washington, DC, in 1974 to become USIA personnel officer for Latin America, then was assigned to the U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States as educational, scientific and cultural adviser. "Janet was a career management officer at USIA when I joined the agency in 1975," writes Ellen S. Berelson. "She took me under her wing and assigned me to my first overseas post, Caracas, Venezuela. I will always be grateful to her for launching my foreign service career."

In Washington, Janet reconnected with a Smith
classmate, Lucille Anderson Streeter, and they made plans to get together, plans derailed by her sudden death. "She was a free spirit with a delightful sense of humor," Lucille recalls. "I miss her."

Janet was survived by both her parents and a sister.

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Marital Status: Married

Spouse/Partner: Benjamin H. Gorsky, 1965

S/P Occupation: physician and airline pilot

S/P College: Trinity College, B.S., Physics, Math, and Biology, 1965

S/P Graduate School: Case Western Reserve Univ., M.D., Medicine, 1970; Case Western Reserve Univ., M.S., Physiology, 1970; University of Hawaii, M.P.H., Public Health, 1987

Volunteer Service: Recordings for the blind and disabled; boards of several music groups; cultural and trail guide in Hawaii; trail maintenance and construction; Santa Cruz Public Library; docent at Seacliff State Beach and other California State Parks

Honors and Awards: University fellowships at CWRU; teaching awards in Hawaii and California

Activities and Interests: Music — I play harpsichord and sing in choirs; reading — one book group includes Smithies from 1955 to 2005; travel — with my husband, friends and family, from national parks in the US and Canada to Europe, Asia, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand and Africa; swimming and hiking; quilting and knitting

Career: Teacher (college and high school) and writer

Buzz and Susan in Hawaii, 2015

A half-century since graduation; a half-century of marriage: This is a time to reflect.

While hiking the Routeburn Track in New Zealand in 1979, when one of our companions commented, “There's no place on earth I'd rather be,” another responded, “and nothing I'd rather be doing.” As much as possible, given commitments to family, jobs and personal values, Buzz and I have tried to live by this standard.

After graduation, we first concentrated on education and jobs. In addition to independent professional books and articles, we co-authored a text on medical hypnosis, and I wrote magazine articles and fiction. Then, following the “Routeburn standard,” we gave up jobs as college professors and moved to Pennsylvania and then to Hawaii. For 16 years, I served as teacher and dean at Punahou School. Buzz worked at the Shriner's Hospital and fulfilled his dream of flying professionally.

Other jobs and other places followed before we “semi-retired” to California’s central coast. Buzz practiced medicine until he became cognitively impaired. After a dozen years at the University of California Santa Cruz and Cabrillo College, I now teach one class each fall.

Through all these changes, certain elements remained constant:

• Family: my sister (Smith '56), her daughters and their families, our cousins;

• Friends: from high school, college, work, volunteering and choir;

• Learning and teaching: in schools, in book groups, independently;

• Activities: music, swimming, hiking, volunteering, crafts, travel in the US and abroad,

In our 40th reunion book, I quoted from T.S. Eliot's "Little Gidding":

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time."
I said then, and I still believe, that “with each beginning, I understand more about the importance of the past, and that includes Smith College.” I am immensely grateful to Smith, for there I learned how to learn, I developed skills for both work and play and made friends who still enrich my life.

Gay RUMERY Englezos

House: Ziskind

Gay Rumery Englezos died of cancer on September 27, 2000.

Ziskind housemate Margaret Naeser vividly recalls Gay’s first winter in Northampton: “She was from Los Angeles, and I remember taking her outside to see falling snow for the first time — such excitement! She returned to California after a few years at Smith to be with her boyfriend. They were later married, and had a wonderful life together.”

After leaving Smith, Gay completed undergraduate studies in 1973 at the University of California at Berkeley. She went to work while still a student for the university in the College of Engineering, then moved on to positions in Berkeley’s Anthropology Department, the Center for Law and Society, the Institute for Urban and Regional Development and the Management Analysis Group. She left Berkeley after 36 years, moving on to other positions in the University of California system. She was an avid gardener, potter, community volunteer and equestrian.

Gay was survived by her husband, Tom Englezos.

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S/P College: Dartmouth College, B.A., Geology & Geography, 1966
S/P Graduate School: Dartmouth College, Ph.D., Geology, 1970

Children: Christopher Rose, 1971; Jason Rose, 1973
Grandchildren: Madeleine Rose, 2000; Jessica Rose, 2003; Peyton Rose, 2003; Ethan Rose, 2005; Griffin Rose, 2010

Volunteer Service: Copper Country Community Arts Center, Pine Mountain Music Festival, League of Women Voters, Democratic Party, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Activities and Interests: Reading, singing, enjoying nature, traveling

My life of (mostly) fortuitous choices: married my brother’s friend in 1967 and, when Bill finished his Ph.D. at Dartmouth in 1970, he wisely became a geology professor at Michigan Tech, on the state’s lovely but unknown Upper Peninsula and we’ve been here (mostly) ever since. What a stroke of luck for us both. Bill had great support and good students and has become a renowned volcanologist who is now supposedly retired, but working as hard as ever. I’ve enjoyed living in a small college town where there is a fine performance hall, great athletic facilities, an arts community, book groups, Lake Superior for skiing in the winter and kayaking in the summer. Never a big shopper, I get most of my clothes from L.L. Bean and books from Kindle. I’ve been able to sing great music, enjoy liberal friends and be a part of a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. 

Mercifully, we have an airport, our gateway to the great world beyond. Bill’s work on volcanoes has taken me to many beautiful places: notably Guatemala, the Galapagos, Hawaii and Iceland. Beside those travels, we have enjoyed three sabbaticals, in Boulder, Los Alamos and Bristol, England. Great experiences, but I missed our big lake and how easy it is in Houghton to do five errands in an hour, running into friends along the way. We also missed the secluded Maine-like island we bought in 1991, which is 45 minutes from our home and complete with a little cabin and sauna, where we can hike, pick berries, watch birds, relax, and sweat and...
chill, as the spirit moves us.

That airport also helps us get together with our expanded family, as Chris and crew are in Essex, VT and Jason and family are in Littleton, CO. All of us try to converse in some creative spot at least once a year, and do visits in between, to catch some soccer, softball, or hockey games, and piano, band or dance performances. The only “issue” we have with retirement is that our retired friends (who also have family elsewhere) seem to travel as much as we do. Getting together and maintaining our friendships has become increasingly difficult. So, I’m looking forward to reunion and the chance to reconnect with some long-lost special friends from Smith.

May we stay healthy and inspired. Hope to see you all in May!

Pamela Salisbury Wyzga (Pam)

House: Baldwin
Major: History

Pamela Salisbury Wyzga died on November 24, 2013.

Baldwin housemate Turalu Brady Murdock recalls her vividly: “Oh Pam, every morning I think of you since every morning in Baldwin House you were in the bathroom singing and smiling — no one else had ever made my mornings so joyful!” Jennifer Levenson Harris has similar memories: “Pam was always singing. She ran through the corridors of Baldwin House with a song in her heart, despite her rather extensive physical problems.” And Susan Bates Eddy, who treasures a watercolor by Pam, remembers her as “totally scatterbrained and delightful.”

Anne Marshall Henry writes: “Pam was my first roommate at Smith and she was a good friend throughout those four years even though we were totally different and not good at rooming together — we kept completely different hours and had few interests in common. Nonetheless, she taught me so much about friendship and loyalty.” And Jennifer Urquhart praises “her kind spirit that uplifted us all.”

After graduating from Smith, Pam earned a master of arts in teaching from Simmons College and taught fourth grade in the public schools of Cambridge, MA. She moved to Paris with her husband, Ron, and taught at Marymount International School while studying baking at Culinary Institute LeNotre. She described the family’s time in France as “three and a half years of unbridled hedonism.” Upon their return to San Francisco, Pam opened a pastry shop and catering business, and vowed to continue studying French language and literature.

Jennifer Harris recalls meeting Pam in California. “We met for lunch in a coastal town south of San Francisco, and Pam arrived with a decorated cane and ridiculously decorated hat. As ever, she was smiling and joyful.” And Patricia J. MacKay writes that fellow residents of Baldwin appreciated being able to talk with Pam at several mini-reunions, and found her “a strong and graceful spirit to the end.”

Sylvia Fang Chen, who transferred to Smith in the fall of 1963, remembers Pam with special gratitude. “Pam had such a cheerful and warm personality that immediately made me feel at home. She already had half a dozen surgeries on her leg, due to a birth defect. And yet I don’t remember ever seeing a grimace, a frown or any sign of sadness. I used to imitate her walk with a little limp — how insensitive I was! — but she always rewarded me with a sunshine smile.

“I quite enjoyed the dorm food, and never thought of going out to buy things to eat. It was around my first Thanksgiving when Pam brought back a Friendly’s pistachio ice cream cone for me. It was the best treat I have ever gotten.

“The last time I saw Pam, she had all kinds of devastating health problems, but her spirit was as high as ever and she presented herself beautifully, wearing a cheerful red gown. I am very much indebted to Pam. I hope she is singing somewhere with her angelic voice smiling down on us.”

Pam is survived by her husband and two sons.

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Grandchildren: Andre Emile Decrion, 2011; Eli Townsend Decrion, 2014
Activities and Interests: Physical fitness, gardening, the arts and cultural events. Ballroom dancing since 1984. I have competed in dancing and currently am the head of a formal dinner dance club; in that role I plan theme dances in all aspects, such as food, décor and music, for a 120-member organization that is 100 years old.

Career: Post divorce in 1987, I obtained an M.SW. and have been working in the field of mental health ever since. I spent 17 years in community mental health, followed by 7 years in a group psychology private practice, and currently I have a solo private practice in clinical therapy.

How naïve and unformed I was in 1966. I was ill-prepared for what lay ahead.

Life has had its high points: living and working in DC as a young married; three fabulous children; an abiding love for and participation in all forms of dance and the arts.

Low points: a difficult divorce; too much forced and unwanted separation from my children; the need to start a career at age 40; health issues in the last four years that have kept me from indulging my passions of dancing and physical fitness to the fullest.

Through it all I have relied upon my family of five siblings and wonderful friends for support and encouragement. I found a truly satisfying second half of life career in the mental health field. I indulged my love of competitive ballroom dancing.

What's missing: more time with my daughter and her two sons, 4 and 2, who live in Paris, so far away; the means to travel to see friends and family more often; the financial ability to stop working.

Current interests are: ballet classes, ballroom dancing, planning theme parties for the formal ballroom dinner dance club; Alliance Francaise events; art, theatre, ballet and symphony events; gardening; organic eating; discovering new restaurants and bakeries with an organic emphasis.

Top list of favorite people: son Andre, who works in management for an insurance company in Ohio; daughter Cuyler, who works for a PR firm for fashion houses in Paris; son Townsend, who works for a hedge fund and lives in the West Village, NYC.

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Children: Lindsay Ames, 1971; Kristen Ames Axon, 1974
Grandchildren: David Axon, 2004; Will Axon, 2006

Activities and Interests: Singing, gardening, travel, exercise, grandsons
Career: After graduation I worked for IBM for a few years, then for a startup hospital software company in Philadelphia, Shared Medical Systems. For the last 26 years I have been a private math tutor in Hilton Head, SC.

Lately, more and more, I have found myself reflecting on my life as a "whole," bearing in mind that
we are approaching a point in our lives at which, if we have made it this far, we really don’t know how much longer we might have. My mother recently passed at the age of 100, whereas my father died at 82. I’m beginning to feel as if I must be prepared and organized, just in case. Downsizing terrifies me, but de-cluttering is essential. I keep putting it off.

After graduation, I went to work for IBM in NYC, living with classmates Sally Blake, Leslie Judd and Barbara Elston. In June of 1967 I married David Ames (Princeton ’66) and moved from NYC to Philadelphia, still with IBM. In 1969 I went with four of my IBM “teammates” to start a new hospital software company, Shared Medical Systems. This company grew to be world-wide, and was taken over by Siemens Corp. in the 1980s.

In December, 1971, our first daughter, Lindsay, was born. In September, 1973 we moved from PA to Hilton Head Island, SC. I was pregnant with our second daughter, Kristen, who was born March 21, 1974. I was amazed that there was not a computer on this whole island, and I was easily persuaded that I should be a stay-at-home mom to raise our daughters. I still think that having one parent at home is the very best thing for children in this country.

As our daughters grew, and one was going to college and the other to boarding school, I had an opportunity to start tutoring math (my major) at a local private school. Twenty-six years later, I am still tutoring, now in my home. I love it. It is so special to get to know so many high school age students and to be part of their lives, and vice versa.

I regret not being more involved in my community, but I am blessed to have a husband who is totally involved in multiple community organizations and boards, and who has had to fight off many requests to run for mayor.

I have been very active in tennis, running, choral groups, gardening, book club, investment club and the like over the years. My back has given me problems for the last 15 years, but I keep up the best exercise regimen I can. I firmly believe in exercise and a prudent diet.

My life is probably not as exciting as many of yours, but I feel that I have been true to myself and others, and I have left a positive footprint.

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S/P Graduate School: Harvard Law School, J.D., 1970
Children: Alex Sargent Sirkin, 1981; Jake Oman Sirkin, 1983

Volunteer Service: Planned Parenthood, Democratic Party, local conservation organizations, the kids’ schools
Activities and Interests: Reading, politics, gardening, hiking, cycling, nature, skiing
Career: High school history teacher for 15 years; event organizer, planner part-time for 10 years

Following graduation I returned to the Boston area where I had grown up and moved into Cambridge, a very lively place in the ’60s and early ’70s. I taught high school history at two different suburban schools, spending 12 years at the second one, Lincoln Sudbury High School. There I met some of the smartest and most interesting folks I have known since Smith. Most of the faculty was under 30. We thought we knew quite a bit and tried hard to make teaching innovative and learning relevant for the students. The politics of all my friends was way to the left. They moved me in that direction and I have pretty much stayed there the rest of my life.

In the spring of 1973, the Cambridge building I lived in was suing the landlord under the Cambridge rent control laws. When I walked into the courtroom

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Despite being in our 50th year out of Smith, I now see myself as in the middle of my life rather than nearing the end. –Jane Murphy Verdugo

Karen SARGENT Sirkin (Sarge)
and met the young lawyer who had taken our case, I thought, "Well, he is cute." Several years later we met again, were married in 1977 and remain so to this day. Joel and I have two wonderful sons, Alex, 33, living in San Francisco and Jake, 32, living in Boston.

When Alex was born in 1981, I stopped teaching and except for one substitute teaching experience, I never returned. During my fifties, I worked part time at a number of local institutions, organizing events. The most interesting job I had during those years was at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester. There I was part of the External Affairs team organizing conferences for the faculty. Over the last 20 years I have been an active volunteer for Smith, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, two different conservation organizations and a number of Democratic candidates.

My body seems to be holding up so that I can still cycle, play some tennis and golf, hike and ski. I intend to keep doing those things as long as I can. Oh, yes, I have recently become a yoga enthusiast.

Joel and I have done extensive traveling during the last 10 years, thanks to his adventurous spirit and unending ability to find wonderful places to stay in many different countries. There have been many good things that have resulted from our travels, but I think the main thing I have learned is what a large part luck plays in life. When and where you are born, who your parents were, the time of history are all things that you have no control over but have to deal with. I have been very fortunate in all of the above. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the class president these past five years, as I have been in touch with so many wonderful classmates. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion.

Alicia SAUNDERS Polk

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Janet SAUNDERS Naumchick

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Janet Dabney Saunders Naumchick died on January 4, 1969, from injuries received in an automobile accident. She was living in Agawam, MA.

"My good Midwestern friend from Capen was smart, and earthy and practical," writes Megan Carroll Seel. "She was funny and tough. She married a 'local,' Ron Naumchick, and had a baby girl. She wrote to me with joy and excitement about her new life. Sadly, on a cold day, this lovely woman left the freeway at the same time a distracted trucker entered the freeway on the off ramp and killed Dabney and injured her baby daughter."

The little girl, 2 years old at the time, survived the accident. Years later, classmate Jeanne Miles Murel, who had attended the Naumchick wedding in the Helen Hills Hills Chapel on graduation weekend, was "very touched when Dabney's daughter made a point of attending a class reunion in order to meet her mother's friends. Having lost her mother at such a young age, she wanted them to talk about her and share recollections from their years together at Smith."

Megan Seel appends a plea to Dabney's friends: "If you know Dab's daughter, let me know. I will send her the letters from her mom."
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S/P College: Amherst, B.A., English, 1966
S/P Graduate School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, M.D., 1970
Children: Rebecca Kayne, 1981; Aaron Bloom, 1984
Grandchildren: Eilidh Kayne, 2001; Alex Kayne, 2003; Liam Bloom, 2004; Elizabeth Bloom, 2006

Activities and Interests: Music: play cello in Rockland Symphony, a community pro-am orchestra; play hand drums for Israeli dance group and at some synagogue functions; adult ed classes; history, science fiction reading, watching TV and movies

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Career: I am currently working as a real estate attorney for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a state agency that operates most of the public transportation systems of the greater NYC area. In the past, I have worked as an attorney in private practice and as in-house counsel for corporations.

After Smith, I spent five years trying to figure out what I wanted to do. I worked in publishing in NYC for two years, got a master's degree in Russian history from Indiana University and worked for a nonprofit. As a volunteer draft counselor at IU, I got a taste of what it was like to read a law and to talk to clients. And so with the hordes of young college graduates and mothers returning to school and the workplace, I went to law school. When I called Smith for the procedure for forwarding my records, I was told that everyone was going to law school.

Since then, I have practiced law either as in-house counsel or in private practice. Currently, I am a real estate lawyer for the agencies of the MTA, which operates the transportation systems in the greater NYC area. I am currently trying to decide how long I am going to continue to do this.

On the personal side, I never married or had kids, but living in NYC I have had lots of company. I spend my spare time taking advantage of the many art, theater and dance programs in the city.

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Marital Status: Single

Volunteer Service:
Peninsula Humane Society: companion animal/wildlife docent in San Mateo County Schools; Rosener House (Peninsula Volunteers): provided stroke and dementia patients musical entertainment and opportunities to interact with my black labrador retriever, Gypsy

Activities and Interests:
Piano: classical and jazz/pop; choral singing; golf, tennis, skiing; dog ownership

Career: I was involved in elementary education for roughly 20 years, mostly in grades 2-3, but also played an integral part in all music activities in grades K-6.

Greetings to all '66ers !!!

As I review my page in the 25th Reunion book, I realize that the core “elements” in my life have remained much the same during the recent 25-year span. If I pictured them on a musical staff, they would appear as follows:

A AGING — the challenges and surprises
B BIRTH — my precious grand-nephew, now a 3-year-old
C CONCERTS — as participant and listener
D DOGS — loving relationships followed by painful losses
E ENVIRONMENT — experiencing joys therein, but what will we leave behind?
F FAMILY, FRIENDS, FULFILLMENT
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Major: History

Sarah See Seigel died of breast cancer on July 12, 2005, in Arlington, VA.

Chapin housemate Pam Watson Sebastian remembers Sally fondly. “One of my earliest memories of her is when we were all huddled around the radio in October, ’62, listening to evolving news of the Cuban Missile Crisis,” Pam writes. “We were all pretty spooked, but Sally’s father was an officer in the Marines, and she was particularly frightened.”

After graduation, Sally earned a master’s degree in library science from Rutgers University, and in the early 1970s she worked for the Library of Congress. Marriage to a U.S. foreign service officer took her to Frankfurt and Milan (she wrote at the time that she had received an intensive course in Italian because of being hospitalized with acute appendicitis), then back home to Arlington, VA, where in 1979, Sally herself joined the State Department. She worked for a time for the Bureau of Personnel, focused on improving benefits, training and work opportunities for family members of State Department employees; she was particularly interested in improving the lot of women in the department. Then, she and her husband, both now foreign service officers and serving as a “tandem team” for the department, were posted to Paris.

When she returned to the United States in the late 1980s, Sally became administrative manager for the Southeast Asia post, then helped train administrative officers for work at home and abroad. In 1997, divorced and remarried, she wrote the Smith Alumnae Quarterly: “I am happily retired from the State Department, taking care of my husband, Les, studying Spanish, volunteering at church and taking art and music lessons.”

After retirement, the couple divided their time between Arlington and Tucson, AZ, where they spent every winter. In 2001, after 9/11, she wrote: “We feel blessed to have been spared tragedy. ... We live one mile from the Pentagon, and our son worked right next to the World Trade Center.”

Winkie Grandison, who shared a suite with Sally freshman year, recalls how much she enjoyed her “quick wit and sense of fun.” She writes: “I never knew her well until the end of her life, when Caroline Soleliac Carbaugh and I would have lunch with her in Alexandria, VA. Her bravery and keen wit even in adversity were an inspiration.” Carolyn adds: “We reconnected at church, and I was glad to see her more often. She developed breast cancer in 1999, and was well for the next five years. Sadly, her breast cancer returned and her health declined, but her spirits never did. She was brave and tenacious and determined to live life to the fullest as long as she could. She was an inspiration in how to deal with a terminal diagnosis gracefully and courageously and how to face death with dignity — a lovely, gracious, caring person.”

Sally was survived by her husband, Lester Seigel, and by two sons, Michael and Eric.

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Leslie and daughter Lauren on recent stay in New York

Marital Status: Divorced
Spouse/Partner: Lauren Frankel
Children: Lauren Frankel, 1977; Jane Frankel, 1980
Grandchildren: Sam Howard, 2014

Volunteer Service: Mercy Learning Center, women’s education, Bridgeport, CT; Black Rock Food Pantry, Bridgeport, CT
Activities and Interests: Playing the recorder, reading and book club, quilting, cooking, walking, biking
Career: Professional flutist and elementary classroom teacher, retired

After Smith, I moved to New York to get my master of music at the Manhattan School of Music. My fiancé was at Temple University getting his law degree. We married in 1967, so I moved to Philadelphia then and commuted to finish my master’s degree. In 1968 we moved back to Connecticut. My husband passed the bar and got a job at a law firm. I auditioned for the Bridgeport Symphony on flute and was hired. I also played with the Connecticut Grand Opera, gave flute lessons and taught music classes at a private school. Soon, I was lured by better pay and benefits, I got my music education certification and transferred to the Milford Public Schools. We bought a house in Stratford near the shore, where I have lived ever since. After 10 years of marriage, we had our first daughter, Lauren (Vassar ’99), author of _Hyacinth Girls_, Crown, 2015, and three years later our second daughter, Jane (Mount Holyoke ’08). They are my greatest joy and my proudest achievement!

My husband got into state politics and I took some time at home with the children. By the time I went back to work, I was totally burned out on teaching classroom music, so I got a second certification in elementary education. Sadly, after 24 years of marriage, my husband and I divorced. My daughters were 14 and 11, and I was teaching at my neighborhood elementary school, which I continued to do until my retirement, after 31 years of teaching, in 2011. In 2014, I also retired from the symphony after 45 years.

I feel very fortunate that my life in retirement has been great. Instead of a classroom full of children, I now tutor one-on-one at a women’s literacy center. In place of the flute, I have gone back to playing baroque and renaissance music on recorders in several groups. I’ve taken up quilting and I have time to exercise, read and “do stuff” with my friends. Both of my daughters are married and I now have a 1-year-old grandson who (naturally) I adore. I travel to England often to see him. I am grateful for my health, my family, my music, my home and my friends. All in all, life is wonderful!

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S/P Graduate School: Yale University, M.Phil., Sociology, 1969; University of the Phillipines, Fulbright, Sociology, 1964

Volunteer Service: Monterey Bay Area Smith College Group, president; Monterey Bay Aquarium guide; Point Lobos State Reserve, docent, Carmel; Squam Lakes Science Center, trail guide, animal demonstrator, Holderness, NH; City of Monterey, Colton Hall Museum and Cultural Arts Commission, board member; Monterey County Artists Equity, Artists Tour; executive co-chairman, International Expressive Arts Therapy Association; Kinship Center workshop leader, Foster Care and Adoption
I collected an M.A. and Ph.D. after Smith, and have worked in the field of Counseling Psychology as a faculty member and in private practice. One joy of my adult years has been art classes and finally owning the appellation “artist” (watercolor/mixed media, ceramic sculpture, warm glass). As I see fewer clients in my practice, I am increasing time in my studio.

People are always a source of energy and delight. Family is particularly special. We don’t have our own children, but have lots of nieces and nephews and their progeny, whom we love. And I always have one or two cats to snuggle with.

Over the last 50 years, I have been adding family in some interesting ways. First I joined Dan’s large Midwest Norwegian family. Then, at 49, I did a search for my birth family. Both my birthparents were deceased, but I found half brothers and sisters, aunts, cousins, my loving foster mother (first 10 months). I went from being an only child to having 56 sibs of various sorts. One surprise was learning that my birth father’s family came from Norway and had homesteaded in Minnesota. In addition, I discovered that Dan and I are related by marriage. Just after having my first one-person art show, I discovered that my maternal birth grandmother was an artist.

My adult years have been heavily influenced by the Women’s Movement. I have given and received empowerment, mentoring and support. Another theme has been my commitment to working and living in multicultural settings.

Nature and water have been important since early childhood summers at the lake. My father would take me on walks and explain everything we saw. Now I do that with others — at Monterey Bay Aquarium and Pt. Lobos State Preserve.

I am most happy in, on, or around water, living by the Monterey Bay, swimming with loons in the silky Squam waters, snorkeling under the sea. A Loren Eiseley quote captures this well: “If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water.”

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S/P College: Dartmouth, A.B., Engineering Science, 1966
Children: James F. Zartler, 1966; Edward R. Zartler, 1970
Grandchildren: Benjamin Zartler, 2001; Lilith Zartler, 2005

Volunteer Service: Smith College Class of 1966 (reunion and fund-raising activities), RI Developmental Disabilities Council (member and chairman), Newport RI County Community Mental Health Center (member and chairman), Musica Dolce Chamber Music (member and chairman), Jamestown Community Piano Association, Jamestown Community Theater
Activities and Interests: Chamber music and opera, theater, gardening, yoga, reading, knitting, grandchildren, visiting friends and family, travel
Career: School psychologist for 42 years in public schools and hospital developmental evaluation center; clinical psychologist in private practice for 36 years (on-going)

On Ivy Day 1966, I watched with my two roommates as members of the Class of 1916 marched by. We promised that we would march together at our 50th reunion. Florrie Farber Einhorn, Lois Hoffman Thompson and I will keep our promise at Commencement 2016.

Married and pregnant at graduation, I taught kindergarten part-time when Jamie was a year old. In 1968, we both went to Harvard, Bob for his doctorate and I for a master's degree in counseling and guidance, completed just before our son Teddy was born.

In 1971, we moved to Jamestown, RI, as Bob began teaching management science in the business school at the University of Rhode Island, where I earned a master's degree in school psychology and a doctorate in psychology. We built our home in Jamestown, where I still live. Our community has been one of the great joys of my life. This town of 5,800 people on an island in Narragansett Bay was a wonderful place for our children to grow up and remains a marvelous place to live.

Following several years of cardiac and renal illnesses, Bob died when we were both 49 years old. He had been able to see our sons grow into fine young men. Jamie is a high school English and history teacher and union activist living in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Gaby Roberts.

Teddy is a biophysicist at Hospira in Lake Forest, Illinois, working on biosimilar pharmaceuticals. He and his wife Erica are the parents of my two amazing grandchildren, Ben (2001) and Lily (2004).

I retired from school psychology in 2011 but have continued my private practice. Setting my own schedule is a great pleasure. Currently, my volunteer work focuses on bringing classical music concerts and education to southern RI. I'm also a community ambassador for Trinity Repertory Company, one of the last resident American acting companies. The Newport Havurah, a group of Reform Jews who worship, study and celebrate together, is the focus of my religious life.

I have more time now for gardening, yoga and reading. I always want more time with my family, but we are far-flung. Semi-retirement has given me more opportunities to be with friends: lunches and dinners; concerts and theater. Participating in the Smith Club of RI is a joy, especially the book club, which has members ranging from the classes of 1948 to 2013.

By helping with fund-raising and planning for several reunions, I've made wonderful new friends from our class. Smith is the gift that keeps on giving.
I worry about the state of the world we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. Hopefully, they will do better than our generation has done. —Audry Gartenberg Weintrob

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Volunteer Service: Roots of Empathy USA 2010-present; various short-term local projects 1992-2010; Bay Area Children of War 1985-93; Educators for Social Responsibility 1983-95
Honors and Awards: STEM Woman of the Year, California Assembly District 15, June 2014

Activities and Interests: Reading, music, yoga, hiking
Career: I have worked primarily in K-12 education as a teacher, staff trainer and program manager with emphasis on social-emotional learning, with additional time in nonprofits as a diversity trainer, youth organizer. In the 1980s I helped produce a documentary film and managed concerts for Sofia Cosma (the subject). Projects close to my heart include Roots of Empathy and Children of War. I hope to semi-retire in June 2016 and work part-time in U.S. and/or international education.

I've spent most of my career in K-12 education, with side trips into writing and documentary filmmaking. In my first job in the summer of '66, as a Head Start teacher in Richmond, VA, I realized I had a lot to learn, and not just about teaching. Fifty years later, that remains as true. One question that still engages me: "How can schools help our young people become knowledgeable, caring, contributing members of the community and the world?" While there is no single solution, we do know more about how people learn and what leads to thriving classrooms, schools and communities than we did 50 years ago. Alas, we seldom apply what the research tells us. Instead we've blamed and disempowered teachers, and let big philanthropy with its market force mindset dictate harmful national and local policies. Yes, I'm discouraged, but there's much to be done. I won't be giving up any time soon!

Here's my timeline: Fall 1966, Washington, D.C., shared an apartment with Ruth Van Dyke Phang (Ruth, we all miss you so!); Mary Spieczny Podesta

At UC San Diego graduation with my son Henry, my daughter Ariel and my stepson Jesse, June 2015.

I'm proud to have helped bring the international Roots of Empathy program to the Bay Area — babies in the classroom! Empathy — learning about it and practicing it — is still at the heart of who I aim to be.

My first thought in completing this profile is "where did all the time go, and how did it go so quickly?" Sometimes, I still see the starry-eyed girl on the S.S. France, sailing to one of the great adventures of her life, junior year abroad in Geneva. Then I see that same girl, two years later, sailing to Germany with her new husband to embark on a life so deep and rich that it seems impossible to summarize in 400 words, but here goes.

My husband Joe (USMA '64) and I met in the summer of 1964, when I was working for Senator Russell Long (no nepotism there). I left for Geneva shortly after Joe left for Ranger School, but since he was then stationed in Germany, we dated across the Alps and never looked back. We returned to Washington in late 1967. Joe went to Vietnam, where he served as General Westmoreland's Special Security Assistant, and I worked as an economist in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, recruited by a Smith alum. Joe resigned his commission and we entered Michigan law school together. My first job after graduation was for Nino (now Justice) Scalia in the executive branch; Joe clerked for the Chief Justice.

At 13, I wanted to be a civil rights lawyer. Thanks to an immigration project that Nino gave me, I have specialized in that area of the law since the Shah of Iran was overthrown in 1979. As a first generation American, I have worked on protecting the rights of those not born here but wanting/needling to come to the United States as my father did when he fled from Russia in 1913.

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S/P Occupation: Attorney
S/P College: United States Military Academy, B.S., Infantry/Intelligence, 1964
S/P Graduate School: U of Michigan, J.D., 1971

Children: Jason Gray Zengerle, 1973; Tucker Siegel Zengerle, 1978
Grandchildren: Josef N. Zengerle, 2006; Asa W. Zengerle, 2007; Georgia B. Zengerle, 2010; Benjamin A. Zengerle, 2014

Valentine’s Day, Inn at Perry Cabin
Marrying Joe and having Jason, now a political journalist living in Chapel Hill, and Tucker, living in Prague and chief technology officer of a financial services company, are the highlights of my life. Nevertheless, although most of my partners older than 65 have retired, part of my identity remains professional. Having cut back to three days a week, Joe and I can now go to our Chapel Hill condo and our Delaware beach house and engage in my favorite activity: getting our children and grandchildren together, continuing our sons' bond and building a new bond among their four children as they grow up — something I never envisioned, but treasure.

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Major: Art
Career: 1966-1985 advertising executive; 1985-1997, founder/owner of Turtle Tours, specializing in tours to remote tribal areas of Africa; 1997-2013, founder and director of TurtleWill, a foundation aimed at improving life for nomadic peoples in Africa

My 28 years of working in Africa have certainly been the most important in my life so far.

My book, Nomads I Have Known and Loved, pays homage in text and photos to only a few tribal groups: the nomadic Tuareg of the Algerian, Nigerian and Malian Sahara, the nomadic Wodaabe of Niger, the nomadic Himba of northern Namibia and the Hamar of southern Ethiopia. However, it is dedicated to all those tribal peoples I have known and spent time with during my years traveling, first through my adventure travel company, Turtle Tours, then through my humanitarian foundation, TurtleWill. I offer all these tribes my thanks and gratitude for all I have learned from them.

With them, I have led a life of such extraordinary experiences, as if I were constantly living inside a National Geographic documentary. From these peoples, I have learned to speak with my eyes and my smile when no translator was present. The eyes are, after all, the windows to the soul.

There is perhaps nothing more important than the recognition of our common humanity. Just remembering someone's name each time you see her or him fills that person with such pleasure and trust; reaching out to give an ailing person a simple touch on the cheek, the shoulder or the hand can make them feel so much better, without words or medicines. And, of course, the most important thing you can bring with you, anywhere, is love.

I have also learned that a diversity of cultures makes us much richer as a sentient species on Planet Earth; that we have much to learn from each other in sharing our uniqueness in beliefs, traditions, and rituals. Most illuminating is the discovery that we all share the same goals — to see ourselves and our children evolve into thoughtful conscious beings with a respect for each other, for ourselves and for the planet.

This book is also dedicated to all those wonderful travelers and volunteers who have been with me, so many on multiple trips; who shared in the same experiences of awe and gratitude at the kindness, generosity and fortitude of all the various tribes we visited; at how we were welcomed time after time into homes, huts and tents without hesitation, even when we were first-time and unknown visitors; and how we so openly shared our traditions, stories and songs with each other. There are so many to thank, the list would go well into the hundreds. To each of them also, I give my thanks for making my life possible and I offer all my love and gratitude.
Eudora SIMMONS Pendergrast (Docie)

House: Dawes
Major: English Language & Literature

Eudora Simmons Pendergrast died on October 17, 2014. Docie was born in Atlanta, GA. She spent her junior year abroad in France, then returned to Smith, where she won the Alpha Award in creative writing and the Elizabeth Babcock Poetry Prize. “Docie was the first woman I met with a marked southern accent that I knew was REALLY smart,” writes Gillett housemate Diana Kopp McDonough. “She was always a thoughtful and interesting woman. Her interest in adventure was unceasing, as was her interest in truth. Knowing her deepened my life. I saw her at our last two reunions and will sorely miss her at this one.”

In 1967, Docie and her husband, John Pendergrast, moved to Toronto, inspired to emigrate because of the War in Vietnam. There, she earned master's degrees in both English literature and urban planning, an interest in keeping with what her obituary in the Toronto Star described as “a lifelong commitment to social activism.” For 17 years, she served the city of Toronto as an urban planner, all the while continuing to volunteer for causes such as nuclear disarmament and women's health.

Classmate Lindy Hough got to know Docie after graduation from Smith. “I traveled to Toronto on business and got to know her world as a city planner there,” Lindy wrote. “She was light and gay, smart and informed, always modest about her considerable accomplishments.”

On her 50th birthday, Docie quit her municipal job to go into business for herself as a consultant, concentrating on environmental issues and on mediation and adjudication of land disputes in southern Ontario cities and towns. From the Star: “In recent years she was able to devote greater time to her lifelong love of poetry. ... She was an avid reader, an enthusiastic traveler, a passionate correspondent, a talented cook, a skilled gardener and a determined bridge player.” She was also a ceramic artist, and served as president of the Woodlawn Pottery, a group studio.

Classmate Judith Young wrote of Docie: “Eudora is a Greek name, from two words that literally mean ‘generous’ and ‘gift.’ And those of us who knew her well know this name suited her perfectly. She was a gift for all of us, and equally important, she was extremely gifted herself.”

Docie was survived by her husband of 47 years and by two sons, Jacob and Edward, two grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

Tone Skinningsrud

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Major: Sociology

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Degree: University of Michigan, B.A., Psychology

Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: George C. de Riszner, 1965
S/P Occupation: Retired
S/P College: Amherst, B.A., Political Science, 1964
Children: Amy Holms, 1969; Brent de Riszner, 1973

Volunteer Service: AFS International Exchange: board member, national volunteer chairman, various local volunteer positions; I still chair the orientations for hosted students and students going abroad. National Charity League: vice president, philanthropy; Orange County Philharmonic Society: chair, children's programs
Activities and Interests: International and domestic
Our last trip was to the Dolomites and Alps, and this shot was taken under stunning conditions at the Eagle's Nest in Germany.

travel, gardening, cooking, reading — good friends!

**Career:** After retiring as a financial consultant, I have continued my 30-year career working with students in their quest to apply to college.

The most memorable events of my life have been accidental — never planned. They have been unexpected, but never unappreciated! George and I met on a blind date, and 52 years after we met, we are still discovering new things together. There is no one I would rather be stranded with on a desert island, but I have learned not to take him to modern art museums. We have traveled together to six continents, and our adventures are exciting to revisit, as we mull through pictures we've taken with an ever-changing list of cameras. We have two children and four grandchildren, each of whom is interesting and completely distinctive. There is nothing predictable in our lives.

Deciding to go to Smith was a purposeful decision, made with solid rationale. Getting married and leaving Smith was not in my original plans, however, and completing my education at the University of Michigan pointed out to me how special Smith had been. A long list of volunteer activities filled many years of my life, affording me friends and purpose and opportunities to keep learning, while enjoying the process of allowing my children to mature into interesting, thoughtful and compassionate people. I spent years as a COO and financial analyst at various companies, but I made the decision that what I really enjoy doing is working with young people, something I have done for 30 years as a college consultant. I can't imagine not working, and I am fortunate to work at home and be my own demanding boss.

My special life memories include being hosted in a Japanese home, where George and I slept on tatami mats and took our places in the family bath ritual; being blessed by a shaman in the Peruvian rain forest; hearing lions roaring in the Serengeti; stepping over a cayman in Ibera; the wetlands in Argentina, and seeing ferns growing at the foot of a glacier in New Zealand. Just as memorable, however, have been refinishing my kitchen cabinets and painting every wall in our house, growing dahlias and azaleas and now in the drought, succulents, adopting dogs and cats — the list is endless. Life has been good. George and I are fortunate to be in good health, and we are not running out of plans for the future. I expect that we will find the unexpected, which is just how it should be.

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**Major:** Art

**Volunteer Service:** Board member, Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities; vestry member and warden, Trinity Church, Roslyn; numerous PTA positions when my children were young
Activities and Interests: Travel, gardening, reading

Career: For over 30 years, I have worked at the Nassau County Museum of Art, a small museum which occupies the mansion and 145 acres that once belonged to Childs Frick and family. I began as a part-time educator and gradually built the education program and my job into a full-time position as director of education with a staff of five, responsible for 60 docents and 15,000 school visitors a year, in addition to family programs. I now work part-time, mainly research and writing, and am increasingly involved in maintaining the gardens and grounds.

Despite the dark news in the world, this quote by a favorite writer, the late Oliver Sacks, articulates how I feel at this stage in my life: "My predominant feeling is one of gratitude. I have loved and been loved. I have been given much and I have given something in return. Above all, I have been a thinking animal on this beautiful planet and that in itself has been an enormous privilege and adventure."

A 46-year marriage remains rewarding, almost more so since my husband's stroke two years ago. Two of my grown children have lived and worked in Africa and Asia, giving me opportunities not only for unusual and unforgettable travel experiences but also for vastly enlarging my view of places and people in the world. My youngest son's career has been in very 21st-century technology, enlarging my worldview in other ways. Grandchildren make me experience the world through new eyes; watching my children become parents is a constant delight.

My work life for almost 30 years has been in museum education, building a program from nothing to one that serves almost 20,000 a year. It is a constant challenge to look at art and education in new ways to reach an audience that ranges from nursery school through college, English Language Learners, students with special needs, the academically gifted and the underserved. As an artist friend remarked many years ago, "What a wonderful place to be — between artists and children."

I have delighted in the variety of people I have encountered along the way, professionally and personally. Family, friends and work have shaped me and sustained me through the inevitable challenges. My 70th birthday made me very aware of how little control I have over life as well as of the all too rapid passage of time and of the need to prioritize it less casually. As I move towards working very part-time and then retirement, I find myself increasingly drawn to learning more about the natural world and to the preservation of native plants. It's a new learning curve with incredibly generous and knowledgeable teachers and mentors, sharpening observation and concentration skills. Who knows what the next stage will bring?

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Sharon SMITH Hult (Sherry)
House: Chapin

Sharon Smith Hult died on March 27, 1994.
Sherry, as she was known, came to Chapin House from Champaign, IL. Virginia Meyer Grandison wrote that as freshman roommates, both she and Sherry were "miserably home-
sick." But Sherry grew to love Smith, just as she loved — it was clear early on — the works of William Faulkner. Classmate Pam Watson Sebastian always remembers her as "smiling and laughing." Judy Dalrymple Wood, a fellow Chapin resident, describes her as "a lovely, gentle, yet feisty person with a big heart and some demons, too. She laughed that my right-brained mind never could understand Faulkner, and I am sure she became both a patient and provocative professor."

Sherry's family had always planned that she would stay at Smith for only two years, so after sophomore year she enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After earning her B.A. in English Literature with highest honors, she went on to graduate school on the same campus. In December 1966, she married Richard E. "Bud" Hult, a fellow grad student.

After earning their master's degrees, Sherry and Bud started doctoral studies at UIUC. Sherry's passions were poetry and, no surprise, William Faulkner. She wrote about him, was published in The Mississippi Quarterly and was thrilled to meet his daughter in Charlottesville, VA. While pursuing her degree, she also organized and taught courses in rhetoric, composition and American literature. In 1970 she was named the outstanding teaching assistant in the university's English Department. Also in 1970, she gave birth to the Hults' only child.

The family left Illinois in 1972, when Bud became Professor of Educational Psychology and Policy Studies at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Sherry's Ph.D. pursuit ended "abd" (all but dissertation), and she embarked on a new career as a trust investment officer at the First National Bank of South Carolina. After 15 years, she lost her job in the course of a bank merger. Five years later, Bud and Sherry divorced.

Sherry was a member of the Smith College Alumnae Club of Columbia, the National Association for Bank Women, The Modern Language Association, Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Club and Columbia Council for International Students.

In 1994, Sherry took her own life. She was survived by her son, Geoffrey Hult, and by two brothers and a sister.
surprising that after reading *Annapurna* by Maurice Herzog, I bought a one-way ticket to Kathmandu in my 36th year and spent months trekking alone in Asia. The trip ended when I ran out of money on a beach in Bora Bora with the fish.

Years of river running in kayaks, rafts and canoes kept me more or less sane as I tried to mold myself into a trial lawyer, despite the enormous stress and poor fit. At the end of my legal career, we moved to Santa Cruz for five years. Instead of taking the California bar, I became a master gardener and apprenticed myself to an herbalist. We made salves and tinctures in Esalen’s gardens, and I concentrated on healing myself and others.

When I married at age 44, we built a house by the river and heated it with the hot springs on the banks. Now, that hot water is my daily delight and spa treatment for my new left knee. Mike, my wonderful husband of 24 years, has built beautiful structures and helped me create a garden of wonder and abundance. It’s a joy to live on land my great grandfather developed as a resort and a privilege to do what I can to help the fish, beset by warming waters, dams and logging.

I can never get enough laughter, music, pet antics or dear old friends visiting. I love to make a meal from the garden topped by a fruit galette for friends.

Regrets — not many, although it’s hard to have a dog when you go back and forth across the ocean. I’m not sorry I never had children, nor that I went to law school, even though it was so sexist when I started in 1969.

If I can continue expanding my heart celebrating beauty and kindness I will be happy. I love learning new crafts, like the pine needle baskets my sister-in-law does. Recently we sat working at her kitchen table as the local elk herd moved through the property munching on almost everything.

I am so grateful for my Smith friends and only wish I had seen more of you. Come to Oregon. It’s gorgeous and fun is to be had.

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**Major:** History

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**Marital Status:** Partnered

**Spouse/Partner:** Susan Stitham

**S/P Occupation:** teacher

**S/P College:** Middlebury, B.A., American Literature, 1965

**S/P Graduate School:** Univ. of Alaska, Fbks and Anchorage, M.A.T., English, 1971; M.A., English, 1974

**Children:** Aaron, 1976; Nathan, 1978; Benjamin, 1980

**Grandchildren:** Ronja, 2011; Isaac, 2012; Lucas, 2014; Mara, 2015

**Volunteer Service:** The Episcopal Church, Habitat for Humanity, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, SMART, food bank

**Activities and Interests:** Gardening, hiking, friends

**Career:** Attorney, in private practice, then for State of Alaska, for 30 years; mediator following retirement for eight years

When I was in ninth grade, we had a vocations unit in which we had to think about and research three future jobs we might like, three schools that would help us get there and requirements for getting into those schools. I picked teacher, social worker and lawyer (influenced by books I’d been reading), and Cal, Stanford and Smith (known because relatives had gone to each). That was the most planning I ever did for my life’s adventure. Those were the colleges I applied to, two of them institutions I eventually attended, and my legal career ended up with representing social workers for 19 years in child protection and delinquency cases, a job that involved constant training of new front-line workers. Prescient or unimaginative? Self-fulfilling prophecy or serendipity? A path I was meant to go on or just didn’t foresee?

At graduation, I still didn’t know what I wanted...
We met at the christening of a newborn boy, our godson, named after my beloved older brother, who had been killed in Vietnam a few days earlier. —Ellen Emerson

to be/do. So I entered VISTA, serving on Standing Rock Reservation, learning about Native Americans and the effects on them of government policies. In law school, a friend and I developed an Indian Law course and found a way to get it offered. The suggestion of another student sent me to interview for a clerkship in Alaska and I ended up in wonderful Fairbanks. Later, much of my practice involved working with Alaska Native tribes and interpretation of the Indian Child Welfare Act, including helping shape the related state and federal law.

One thing I was certain of from early on was that I wanted the blessing of children. Three sons later, that blessing has expanded to include several wonderful daughters-in-law and now four grandchildren. But getting those boys to adulthood and responsible parenthood through the hair-tearing vagaries of childhood and teens was aided by finding the right life partner, Susan, whom they embrace as another mother.

Finally, everywhere I went as an adult, I found community connection through the Episcopal church. On my first Sunday in Fairbanks, I was greeted by a wonderful woman (still friends) who drew me into the parish there, leading to a lifetime of involvement at all levels and in many roles, in governance and ministry, and a part in many historical developments in the church. This path above all has made me who I am as I enter the next stage of life's journey.

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Major: Government

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S/P Occupation: Medical doctor
S/P College: University of London, M.B.B.S., Medicine, 1962
S/P Graduate School: Georgetown University, Medicine, 1967
Children: Marina, 1975; Matthew, 1977

Volunteer Service:
London Service League; Junior League of London; St John's Hospice
Activities and Interests:
Reading, politics, public health, knitting and needlework
Career:

After Smith I did not rush off to pursue a career or graduate school. My life's path I attribute largely to happenstance and good fortune. It has been full and interesting, involving many fine — and fun — people, great joy, unique opportunities, some success and inevitable disappointments.

I first worked in Portugal — my incidental birthplace — for which I feel an enduring attachment. From there to London. (The late sixties in England deserves more than our 400-word restriction permits ...) At the American Embassy, I worked with the Department of Commerce to promote America as a business and holiday destination to skeptical 1960s/70s Brits — an exceptional opportunity to explore both America and Britain (frequently with a reincarnation of Buffalo Bill in tow).

In 1974, I married the clever, witty, long-suffering Dr. Michael Phelan. We had Marina in 1975 and Matt in 1977, who have grown up to be the bright,
amusing and loving people we had hoped for. Living “above the shop” in Michael's large, central London family home, we enjoyed a constant stream of visitors (anyone who didn't object to the faint whiff of antiseptic on the stairs). It was a busy and varied practice, with an interesting London patient base and overseas interests — principally in the Middle East, setting up remote medical facilities for US and UK firms. Our travels together at this time and the intervening years has given me a privileged view of, and affinity with, this troubled region.

In the '70s, I joined a group of American women to start the Junior League of London, which positively influenced volunteerism in England. I have focused my volunteer work on education and health and am presently involved in the hospice movement.

Over the years I have recovered from breast cancer and melanoma, and Michael has had Parkinson's Disease since 1995. By one of those fortunate quirks of fate, he was put on a semi-experimental medication in 2007 that has contributed to a quality of life previously unimaginable, but it still takes its toll. Our retreat since 1999 in Taos, NM, is a source of unrelenting pleasure and exhilaration.

When I despair about a world disproportionately influenced by fear, greed and a fair dose of ignorance, where those in power have lost sight of the common good and no longer tolerate opinions other than their own, I feel blessed to have shared a life with so many who have tried to make it otherwise.

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S/P Occupation: Retired from US Census Bureau
S/P College: Penn State, B.S., Geography, 1964
S/P Graduate School: Penn State, M.S., Geography, 1966
Children: Cory Carbaugh, 1971; Caroline Carbaugh, 1974


Volunteer Service: Smith: I've been very active in the Smith College Club of Washington, one of the largest Smith Clubs in the country, and served as president, VP, treasurer; run the annual pecan sale and other fundraisers; served on the Smith College Medal Committee; served on the board of directors of the Alumnae Association of Smith College and was Classes Committee Chair; am in the Volunteer Leadership Corps that supports the Smith Fund; was class president from 2006-2011; have been a class fund agent and fund team coordinator for many years. At church: I serve as an usher, chair the committee that maintains extensive gardens in the churchyard, co-chair a very large Christmas project that provides gifts for over 200 children in the Alexandria, VA area; serve on the Flower Guild. Local Garden Club: I've served in many offices including president twice, produced a monthly newsletter, managed the club's work on a large local high profile garden. State and National Garden Clubs: I serve as treasurer for state Landscape Design Council; edit a newsletter for National Garden Clubs, Inc.; served in several officer positions in local ladies' golf group

Honors and Awards: Received the Alumnae Association of Smith College Class Volunteer Award in 2010
Activities and Interests: Travel, gardening, swimming, biking, golf, reading, member of a bridge group for almost 40 years; member of a book club for almost 40 years

Career: I worked in IT at the U.S. Census Bureau. I was a computer programmer, a project manager and managed a group of programmers who produced tabulations from the vast amounts of data collected by the bureau. These tabulations were for Census Bureau subject matter analysts and for
external users who wanted to see the data sliced and diced in formats that differed from the standard tabulations. I worked primarily with income, poverty and health insurance data, which were high profile topics. We often tabulated data used to guide development of legislation.

I feel fortunate to have led a happy and fulfilling life for these 71 years. After Smith, I moved to Washington, DC and started working at the Census Bureau. Having majored in psychology, I was woefully unprepared to work at a statistical agency, and needed to take more statistics courses. Data processing classes counted as statistics, and after my first computer course, I was hooked. I loved the computer field — my mind worked that way and in the late 1960s, there were lots of opportunities for women. After I took time off to stay home with my kids, I returned to the Census Bureau, merged into the rapidly evolving field of information technology and had a rewarding career as a programmer, systems analyst and project manager. I worked with data on income, poverty and health insurance that were relevant to legislation, policy analysis and academic research.

I retired in 2009 and now volunteer with Smith-related organizations, my church and local and national gardening organizations. My husband and I have been to many fascinating parts of the world including Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, Australia and New Zealand, Egypt and many countries in Europe. In the U.S., we spend a week or two every summer in Cape May, NJ with our children and grandchildren. I have vacationed there since I was 4 and love seeing my grandchildren doing the same things that I did growing up.

One of the most rewarding threads in my life has been my lifelong engagement with Smith. As a member of the Smith Club of Washington for 45 years, I've served in various leadership roles, meeting accomplished women of all ages and backgrounds who amaze me with their sense of purpose, energy and indefatigable spirit. The older alums embody the benefits of a Smith education and demonstrate how it can shape one's life, while aging gracefully and productively. Smith obviously continues to attract top-notch young women and to prepare them to be leaders in our global society. I treasure the opportunity to stay engaged with Smith, to see how Smith evolves to meet the changing times.

I've been active in our class leadership and love working with many of you whom I didn't know during our college years. What a great group of women we have in our class! I find an instant bond between Smithies — of all ages, all backgrounds, all life experiences — and feel very grateful to have that connection with a group of such exemplary women.
I'm inspired by every effort to transform our communities and institutions into more equitable, sustainable, peaceful, caring and kind ones. –Sarah Cross Mills

Mary and John, recent vacation

Grandchildren: Maribel Rouse, 2003; Gabe Rouse, 2005

Volunteer Service: Community representative on the advisory board of the Alice Deal Middle School; member of the advisory school board of Holy Trinity Church School, Washington, DC; member of the board of the Alumni Association of the Securities and Exchange Commission

Career: High school teacher (American history) for seven years; law student (Georgetown); and then a 40-year legal career in Washington, DC, primarily as a mutual fund/investment management lawyer at the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Investment Company Institute, the trade association for the U.S. mutual fund industry

What to say about Smith and the last 50 years? I look back on a college experience that challenged, prepared and empowered me, making me forever grateful to Smith for equipping me for an ever-changing world that spans two centuries. Smith also provided lifelong friends whose warmth, intelligence and humor still bring support and joy. For me, reunion will allow us to celebrate and affirm who we were and are, and to remember those we have lost.

Over the last 50 years, I charted two careers. After seven years teaching high school history, I spent 40 years as a mutual fund lawyer, working at the SEC and later in the industry. I found work rewarding, fulfilling and meaningful. It turned out I was a good team leader and mentor, no doubt because of the great training and mentors I had. I am proud to have headed the SEC office in the late 1980s that developed mutual fund performance advertising rules that remain on the books, and that easily allow investors to compare yields and total returns of different funds. Later I was proud to marshal arguments and research data to advocate for 21st-century 401(k) disclosure rules that effectively allow workers to understand their retirement plan choices and make good decisions.

Family, however, has always been the bedrock of my life. My husband John and I met at Georgetown Law. We raised three children together who continue to impress us as they pursue their talents and dreams today in business, law, military service and elected office. Our two grandchildren delight us.

I came to Washington, DC thinking I would stay a few years, but never left. I have no regrets. It's a nice place to raise a family and together with my husband I have been blessed to be an eyewitness to a big slice of the country's history. Not bad for a Smith American Studies major.

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Major: Art

Graduate School: Rochester Institute of Technology, M.F.A., 1968

Spouse/Partner: Ivan Silverman

S/P Occupation: Real Estate (retired)

S/P College: Rutgers University, B.A., English, 1963

Children: Jed, 1970; Danielle, 1972

Grandchildren: Trevor, 2011; Kevin, 2013

Volunteer Service: Hoboken Historical Museum, board of trustees

Honors and Awards: 1969 Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester New York, Newcomers Award, for a painting

Activities and Interests: Art museums, travel

Career: Interior designer
It could have been a lot worse —
I'll start with my best accomplishment: raising two children I'm very pleased with. I live on the East Coast, my economist son lives in San Francisco and my daughter twice chose Colorado. Before motherhood, she worked in human resources. Her sons are young, 4 and 2, and of course, delightful.

My worst experience was a divorce, now over 30 years ago. I got married within the year after graduation to a man I didn't know well enough. We were in our home town, Rochester, NY. Twelve years later, we split. My children were still in elementary school. For the second decade of their childhood I was the single parent I never aspired to be, so I had to try harder on their behalf. My nearby parents were very supportive.

In the outside world, I got an M.F.A. in art education before I had my children. As things evolved, I didn't work regularly until they were both in middle school. I did rewarding volunteer work as a docent at the local art museum. In an art-related field, I studied more and became an interior designer. A specialty I particularly enjoyed was artwork consultation for corporate clients.

Personally, I had not dated after the mature age of 22 and therefore I had many years to make up for. Well over a decade went by before I met someone I considered for the long term. (Not a large pool of possibilities in Rochester.)

Nineteen years ago, I met and began a relationship with Ivan, from Hoboken, NJ. 400 miles away. I didn't rush, but moved here six years later in 2002. It's been partly a blur, but a great combination of living in a small city and being only a mile across the Hudson from Manhattan. A volunteer design project here has been the renovation of our two floors in Ivan's 1873 brownstone. I have been active for a long time on the board of the local museum.

I try to visit my grandsons several times a year, for the benefit of all. I wonder if I will yet live closer to them. Fifty years: I have a lot to be grateful for.

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**Spouse/Partner:** Howard Sumka, 1966

**S/P Occupation:** Diplomat
**S/P College:** Stevens Inst. of Technology, B.Eng., Materials Science, 1966

**S/P Graduate School:** Northwestern U., M.Eng., Materials Science, 1968; U.N.C. Chapel Hill, Ph.D., Urban and Regional Planning, 1976

**Children:** Shoshanna, 1972; Ilana, 1975

**Grandchildren:** Jacob Vanhooren, 2013; Naomi Weinreich, 2015

*Thanksgiving 2015 Counterclockwise from top right: Michele Stahl Sumka, Howard Sumka, Shoshanna Sumka Weinreich, Naomi Weinreich, David Weinreich, Jacob Vanhooren, Ilana Sumka Vanhooren, Siebrecht Vanhooren*
Career: I have worked in early childhood education as a preschool teacher, program director and as a teacher of teachers. I am a Reiki Master and a certified mentor for Sage-ing programs and am now studying to become a Jewish spiritual director.

What is important to me now?

1. My family: My husband Howard (whom I married the summer after graduation), a man of integrity and dedication who had a distinguished career in the U.S. Government, helping people in the U.S. and overseas achieve better lives and who continues some of that same work as a volunteer.

2. My daughters: Shoshanna and Iliana, who are both caring, socially responsible women committed to improving the world through their work and who have recently married men who do the same, and who have “given” us two of the most delicious grandchildren we ever could have hoped for!

3. My own work: For years I was a supportive spouse and mother, working intermittently in early childhood education, following my husband to Chicago, Chapel Hill, NC, Lawrence, KS, Washington, DC, Nairobi, Kenya, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Israel. I became part of a diplomatic community, worked and volunteered, developed relationships with fascinating people who had very different life experiences than my own (including having lived under colonialism and through wars) and saw parts of the world I had never imagined seeing growing up in a small town in New Jersey. I developed a new, expanded worldview and am grateful for all those experiences. Now I am charting my own path, embarking on a new career in the world of Renewal Judaism. I am studying the Feminine Kabbalah with a teacher whose grandmother came from a long line of women mystics in the Land of Israel, learning to embrace my own aging and help others do the same. I have become a mentor in a program called Age-ing Into Sage-ing® and now am enrolled in a demanding three-year program to become a Jewish spiritual director, which I am loving.

4. My commitment to peace and justice in Israel and Palestine: The four years we lived in Israel while Howard was the USAID Director for West Bank and Gaza were both fabulous and devastating. I loved living in Israel and participating fully in Jewish life there. At the same time, I was distraught about the conflict and what I learned about the effect of the Occupation on Palestinians’ lives. During this time our younger daughter lived in Jerusalem doing peace education work, and now I am an avid supporter of her new nonprofit, The Center for Jewish Nonviolence, among many other organizations working for an end to the Occupation.

Jane Stamper

House: Baldwin
Major: Art

Jane Stamper died on December 14, 2012, of laryngeal cancer.

Susan Bates Eddy writes: “Jane was probably a bad influence on me, but my closest friend. She was always up for cigarettes and coffee when I should have been in a class. And we stayed up late gabbing when we should have been writing papers. But she was the only classmate I saw much after graduating.”

Jane married Ken Lake in 1969. Susan attended the wedding in St. Louis, and reports: “Then they went off to South America to hunt for magic mushrooms and I never saw them again.” Eventually, the couple settled in the Ozarks, where they raised grass-fed beef cattle and organic produce. “She called from Arkansas, but I’m not a telephone person,” Susan recalls. “And I wrote, but she wasn’t a letter-writer.”

Jane and Ken had one daughter, Natalie, in 1976 (“She looks so much like Jane it hurts,” writes Susan). They divorced in 1989. Jane continued to live on her farm until moving to Austin, TX to be with family.

Jennifer Urquhart remembers Jane’s “artist’s temperament.” She recalls times together after Smith, in Maine and in the Ozarks, near Jasper, AR. But most of all, she writes, “I remember Natalie, Jane’s daughter, who came to the mini-reunion in San Rafael, California in 2012, in her stead, because she had just died.”

Zena Dorfman Zumeta, Jane’s suitemate junior and senior years, writes that she found Jane “always creative,” often working on her art and writing while Zena was asleep. “It was wonderful meeting Jane’s daughter at our mini-reunion, even though hearing of her later troubled years was hard. Hope she’s having a fabulous and creative time now!”

And Sylvia Fang Chen, who came close to attending art school because of Jane’s influence, writes: “We lost touch after she went traveling the world. We only reconnected in the last years of her life through phone conversations. She was in a coma when I finally went to see her in Austin. It was surreal meeting Natalie, who looks just like the Jane I remembered. I keep up with Natalie through her Facebook post. What a fun, sweet, hard-working and somewhat wild girl. She sure got Jane’s spirit, and I feel I am still very much connected to Jane.”

Jane was a dedicated artist. Thanks to Natalie, a memorial show of her work can be found online at hellogoodbyejsmemorial.com.
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S/P Occupation: Safari Guide
S/P College: Bunker Hill Community College, current student
Children: Samuel, 1975
Grandchildren: Margaret (Gretel) Anthony, 2013

Volunteer Service: I served as president of the Council of State Community Affairs Agencies from 1987 to 1990, and as part of President-elect Clinton’s HUD Transition Team in 1992. I was a founding member of the Multifamily Housing Institute and have also served on Fannie Mae’s Housing Impact Advisory Council, the Freddie Mac Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the boards of the National Equity Fund, MBHP and the Women’s Institute for Housing and Economic Development. I am a former member of the board of directors of Homes for America and a current board member of Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA).

Honors and Awards: In 2011, I was inducted into the Affordable Housing Finance magazine Affordable Housing Hall of Fame. In 2014, I was honored by the Lawyers Clearinghouse in Boston, which provides pro bono legal services to nonprofit organizations and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. In 2015, I was honored with an Excellence Award by the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corp.

Activities and Interests: I have become very interested in the development issues of Africa and am taking part in a program at Harvard called Advanced Leadership Initiative, in which I will more fully develop my project for engaging private charitable funds in on-the-ground African development efforts, focusing on education and infrastructure.

Career: Affordable housing through nonprofit, for-profit and government; Secretary of Community Development for Massachusetts under Governor Dukakis, followed by starting and building a non-profit focused on preservation of affordable housing.

Since my mediocre academic time at Smith, my career has dominated my time and energy. I have devoted myself to increasing and improving housing for those of lower incomes and in spite of my efforts, the challenge, if anything, has increased. I have run several organizations, which has been very satisfying: mentoring and showing that the public purpose of nonprofit organizations can be fruitfully combined with entrepreneurial success, and that staff can thrive in that dual challenge. I retired from Preservation of Affordable Housing, an organization I built, which thrives.

While career drove my time and effort, my son inspired me and made it possible. After marriage in 1975, I divorced 10 years later and raised a wonderful son. He’s finishing his Ph.D. at Harvard, and while I attend the Advanced Leadership Institute in

New husband in 2014, vacationing in Venice
January, we'll be able to have lunch! He has a lovely wife and a charming daughter, my only grandchild, Gretel.

In 2012 my friend Emily Mitchell (Jordan house) organized a safari trip for me and for Helen Taft. We had a wonderful time — particularly me! — and when we returned to the U.S., my long-distance relationship with our safari guide blossomed. We got married in 2014, and it is a true adventure. I feel very blessed to share a life across such a huge chasm of cultural distance; we both are learning and challenged every single day. He is a Maasai warrior, and we hope to bring his daughter to the U.S. next year, which will be yet a new challenge for both of us.

I am just beginning to learn about East Africa and am very drawn to trying to help where I can on issues of education and infrastructure. It's hard to really accept what a light footprint his people make on the globe, how happy they are and how positive their culture is in many ways. But his mother still carries water a long way every day; the future presents big challenges for his people, and education is hard to come by. I'm hoping that my participation in the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative will increase the efficacy of my efforts to help the communities of my new family.

I have had my health challenges, but only worth mentioning to the extent that they cramp my ambitions for future adventure, and they don't!

**Susan STANLEY Eddy (Sue)**

*House:* Lamont  
*Major:* Music

Susan Stanley Eddy died on January 31, 2015, after being struck by an ambulance in New York City.

Alison Teal was Sue's roommate freshman year, and was "deeply impressed" by her. "I came from Omaha, and she was a cool Easterner who wore her penny loafers without socks," Alison writes. "I think she pretty much taught me how to dress. We became and remained friends for years." And Victoria Reiter Goldstein writes that Sue, a music major, conducted and arranged music for the Lamont House octet: "Her pleasant attitude and disposition made it one of if not the most pleasurable things I did in my entire time at Smith. How I miss her." Sally Beck Baker remembers Sue's leading the octet to two championships. "She continued to sing in various (more professional!) choral groups in NYC, and she was a gifted writer/editor," Sally writes.

"I always looked forward to her Christmas letters full of news, reflections, and humor. I am also indebted to her for the best zucchini recipe ever — one that even zucchini loathers will eat."

After graduating from Smith, Sue's first job was at *Time* magazine. Forty years later, in 2007, she used the Internet to sleuth out the whereabouts of her first boss, who had recently been widowed and was living in a home for seniors. As she wrote to the *Smith Alumni Quarterly*: "He was always a patient, funny, encouraging mentor, and I've remembered him fondly over the years. I apologized for being young and stupid. His reply: 'Hey, young IS stupid.' I'm glad I tracked him down."

Sue taught elementary school for 14 years before becoming editorial director and then publisher at Mondo Publishing in New York, where she directed the editorial and marketing departments. She also wrote nonfiction books for children, including biographies of Mother Teresa (2004) and Cesar Chavez (2010). She divided her time between an eight-acre farm in New Jersey and a brownstone in Greenwich Village.

Nancy Kropp Grote writes: "I will miss seeing Sue Stanley (as I have always called her) at reunion. She was always smiling and adding joy to every occasion with her singing. Sue gave me wise advice about a boyfriend I had at Smith, and I will always treasure knowing her." Anne Farr echoes those sentiments: "I got to know Sue when we went on the Princeton-Smith Glee Club tour of Europe in 1965. She was a lovely girl — as kind as she was beautiful. She will be missed by all who knew her."

And Lamont housemate Lucile Pingree Gatchell wrote of Sue: "She was a beautiful woman with a beautiful singing voice. She was a breath of fresh air, a wonderful friend. And gone, way too soon."

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I was easily persuaded that I should be a stay-at-home mom. I still think having one parent at home is the very best thing for children. –Nancy Saner Ames

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Marital Status: Married
Spouse/Partner: James P. Green, 1989
S/P Occupation: Retired law professor
S/P College: Creighton University, B.S., Economics, 1963
S/P Graduate School: Creighton University School of Law, J.D., 1965
Children: Jessica Voelker, 1972; Seth Perlman, 1974; Ben Perlman, 1975

Grandchildren: Alexis Perlman, 2003; Sarah Perlman, 2006; Anna Voelker, 2003; Rachel Voelker, 2005; Norah Perlman, 2010; Ruby Perlman, 2013; Nick Koehler, 1999

Honors and Awards: Melville Bigelow Award for most promise as a scholar and teacher of the law
Activities and Interests: Reading, needlework, cooking

My life since Smith has been very routine and ho-hum: law school, first marriage, work, children, move to Omaha, NE in 1980 to teach tax law at Creighton University School of Law. Then divorce, remarriage, early retirement (after 20 years of teaching) because of eye problems and chronic depression.

I am most proud of my three wonderful children. Jessica is an attorney with The Hartford Insurance Company; Seth is a captain in the Nebraska State Department of Corrections, and Ben is a senior attorney in the Sarpy County (NE) Attorney’s office. They have blessed us with seven beautiful grandchildren and we are fortunate that they all live in Omaha.

We were also blessed by having my mother in Omaha since 1983. She moved here to be near me after having beaten breast cancer. She passed away in October of 2014 at the age of 98.

My beloved husband, Pat, and I are enjoying retirement. We have traveled a great deal and taken 16 cruises. The next one is in December.

My love to all the Cutterites!

Susan Steinberg

House: Parsons
Major: History

Susan Steinberg died on March 5, 1992, in New Haven, CT, after a long battle with cancer.

Parsons housemate Margaret Mowen Brown writes: “Susan was brilliant, witty, could be acerbic, but always fun and knowledgeable. I wish I had realized then how fortunate we all were in the diversity and intellect of the young women surrounding us and how they contributed significantly to our liberal arts education.”

Susan earned a master's degree in history in 1967 and a Master of Philosophy in 1976 from Yale University. She served as bibliographer for American and Commonwealth Studies at the Yale library, and also worked at the New Haven Housing Authority.

In 1984, she wrote that she had bought a 100-year-old house in New Haven: “I'm sure some day I'll even begin to enjoy home ownership.” She made that house a nursery and halfway house for innumerable baby animals, part of her longstanding involvement with the National Audubon Society. And she was also an accomplished quilter.

Smith classmates have vivid memories of Susan’s wide-ranging talents. Candace Cooper Walworth writes: “I was in awe of Susan. She could speak and write Arabic, I think, and had vast knowledge of most everything. She had a dry wit, a stunning sense of humor and encompassing generosity.”

Lelia Coveney, a Parsons housemate, writes that she, Susan and Roxanne Grant Lapidus formed “a triad that was broken only by Sue’s untimely death.”
Sue had a superior mind and a laser-sharp intellect that was always on task. She had little patience for pedantry, and saw through pretentiousness with X-ray vision. At the same time, she valued genuineness wherever she found it. She was esteemed by her colleagues, and mentored countless students at Yale.” Suzanne F. Roberts recalls sitting across from Susan in the library when they both worked at Yale: “Her wit, her eloquence and her ironic view of my trials as a young mother helped keep my life in perspective. When in frustration I grumbled about the call from day care announcing my son’s ear infection just as I headed to a haircut appointment, she looked up and commiserated. ‘Poor sap! You made a plan!’”

At the time of Susan’s death, the following tribute was published: “She will be remembered as one who lived life to capacity, who had no patience with trivialities or time wasted and who embraced experience in all its varieties.”

Nancy STEPHENSON Nichols

House: Cutter
Major: Art

Nancy Stephenson Nichols died on October 2, 2002, in Rhinebeck, NY, from complications of Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Classmate Sharyn Stepner Levine says she stood out from the start: “Nancy sat next to me in History 101 lecture hall freshman year, and listened to a World Series baseball game on a transistor radio during the lecture. She was so cool.” After graduation, Nancy earned master’s and doctoral degrees from Harvard University in Islamic fine arts, and spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Turkey in 1979-80; her daughters, then 8 and 6, attended the British Embassy School in Ankara, while her husband completed his doctoral work in India. When the family returned to the United States, they settled in Massachusetts, and Nancy became assistant director of the Harvard Institute for International Development and associate director of the MPA program of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

“Job, family, Victorian house, garden and travel keep me in a perpetual state of exhaustion, but wouldn’t change a thing,” she wrote in 1984.

Laura Gordon Fisher was one of Nancy’s colleagues at Harvard, and they became close friends. “Nancy was extraordinary in her commitment, her courage and her resilience,” she writes. “She was always on the go, juggling disparate responsibilities at home and abroad, for her work and for her family, and never missed a beat. Nancy was fearless in undertaking assignments in unstable parts of the world; she had a sophisticated worldview and strategic vision. She forged relationships, brought people and institutions together and made a difference. She did this throughout her professional career, in her personal friendships, during her illness and after her death.”

In the early 1990s, Nancy left Harvard to become vice president of international planning and development for the American University in Beirut, based in New York City. In 1993, she reported a remarkable year in which she divorced her husband of 20-plus years, was diagnosed as an insulin-dependent diabetic, and married Rodney Nichols, chief executive of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Over the next few years, Nancy became a well-known and highly respected executive recruiter with a focus on educational and cultural institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Carnegie Foundation and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Jean Smith Henning writes: “Nancy was my roommate and fellow art history enthusiast and companion, for most of my years at Smith. She and her family were also my guides through the intricacies of Eastern American life, as I grew up in Brazil. Our lives took us in very different directions, but after she was diagnosed with a particularly vicious and rapid form of ALS, we were able to enjoy visits together, reminiscing and giggling while she was able, and later, just enjoying each other’s company and that of our daughters, who share many interests.”

Nancy was survived by her husband, Rodney Nichols; daughters Courtney and Lindsey, a stepson, a brother and a sister.

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S/P Graduate School: State University of New York at Stoney Brook, D.D.S., Dentistry, 1980

Children: Alyse Edwards, 1971; Lesley Azzinaro, 1974


Volunteer Service: I began the “Bedside Visit” program at North Shore/Long Island Jewish Hospital (Manhasset, NY) which is still continuing. I have served on the board of trustees of Community Reform Temple (Westbury, NY) for several terms, including being recording secretary, establishing the first school board, organizing and card-cataloging the temple library, chairing several committees and singing in the choir. I was active in our local PTA. For the past three years, I have participated in the PACE Project of the Mid-Island Y (Plainview, NY) in which I provide transportation for people who need help getting to appointments and doing their errands; it thus allows them to continue to remain independent while remaining in their own homes.

Honors and Awards: I have twice been honored by Community Reform Temple for service and dedication. I have been honored by the United Jewish Appeal for service to my community. I have been honored by the Mid-Island Y for my service and dedication to the PACE Project.

Activities and Interests: When I am not volunteering at the PACE Project or at my temple, I like to travel. Now that I have retired, I have been able to travel more frequently, both at home and abroad. My favorite destinations are Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, where my family and granddaughters live. Reading and taking courses at a nearby college fill my time otherwise.

Career: My career has always been in the medical field. I began in supervisory positions for two health insurance companies, overseeing claims adjudication. I then worked for a medical billing company, which involved meeting with the doctors and their staff and establishing procedures by which their billing data and the patient data would be submitted to Medicare. I then worked as the financial manager of the largest group of orthopaedic surgeons on Long Island. I expanded their billing department from one (me) to 12 people under my supervision and was personally responsible for handling the doctors’ personal bills and accounts. I retired after working there for 25 years.

Smith College and Me

Although the instructions say that this essay should be about my post-Smith journey, I would prefer to focus on what my Smith experience MEANT to me; not what it did for my career.

At the end of my junior year in high school, I had pretty much decided that I wanted to attend Jackson College (part of Tufts). It was my guidance counselor who suggested Smith College with the words, “I think it’s the right school for you. I think you’d be happy there.” How right she was!

My family and I were entranced by the beauty of the campus when we visited in October of my senior year. The magical click happened and I could picture myself there. One year later, I met Sylvia Berman (now Perlman), who would be my roommate for the next four years. Happily, we had the same circadian rhythms, the same work ethic and the same sense of exploring how well or how badly we could exist on our own.

My experience at Smith was liberating! I had grown up in a world where a girl was encouraged not to be “too smart” so that she could be popular and have boyfriends. My mom did not work outside the home, instead focusing her considerable talents and energies on being a great wife and mom and doing volunteer service. When I entered Smith, I thought those were my only choices; by the time I graduated, I knew that they were not. I had spent four years in the company of extremely bright, articulate, achieving, organized women, being taught by a brilliant faculty on a beautiful campus. I had been liberated. They were the best four years of my life and for that, I will always be grateful.

I went on to marry, raise a family, build a successful business career, continue to take classes at any opportunity and to volunteer extensively. I have been honored by various organizations and feel rewarded by what I have done and continue to do.

I will never forget my first post-graduation job interview. It was for a management position with Prudential Insurance. I had absolutely no business experience nor had I ever taken a business course. I was hired because the interviewer said I had a mind that could be taught the specific demands of the position. How did he know that? He said it was because I went to Smith; that was all he needed to know.
My life has been especially enriched by all the alums, who trust me regardless of differences. I only wish I had experienced cultural and racial diversity earlier in life. – Sally Beck Baker

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S/P Occupation: Professor, University Administrator
S/P College: Brandeis University, B.A., Biology, 1965
S/P Graduate School: Temple University Medical School, Ph.D., Microbiology, 1969
Children: Brian, 1976
Grandchildren: Shay, 1996; Indigo, 2003

Volunteer Service: Girls Incorporated, Orange County, member board of trustees; Chao Family Cancer Center, UCI, community support board; Association for Care of Children in Hospitals (ACCH), research committee; George Washington University School of Medicine, medical education; Synagogue Board of Trustees; singing in various choirs and choruses

Activities and Interests: Travel; opera, choral music, classical music; reading, politics, cooking, my family
Career: My entire career has been in the nonprofit sector and has centered around children and family issues. I have been a junior high teacher, writer/editor/researcher in an educational research institute, clinical psychologist specializing in child abuse and parent education, director of hospital programs for medically-ill children and their families, and a university faculty member in the pediatrics department where I focused on medical education.

Every life is filled with joys and sorrows. My major joy has always been my family. My husband Sid and I are approaching our 50th anniversary. He has been my rock and true partner. Our son, Brian, has far more musical ability than I ever did and has turned it in a completely different direction, using technology to compose and perform and making a living as a sound designer and engineer. His wife Heather is a midwife, and their two children, Shay and Indigo, are the best gifts I have ever been given.

My professional life has been a series of challenges, as I followed Sid up the various rungs of his academic career as a cancer researcher, while trying to find my own path to intellectual and career fulfillment. My career focused on issues of children and families dealing with stress. At a child guidance clinic, I developed a program to prevent and treat child abuse. I moved to UCLA Hospital to direct the Child Life Program, which supports children and families dealing with medical illnesses. I also helped develop one of the early medical school courses on patient-doctor interaction. As a faculty member in Pediatrics at UCI, I directed a similar interdisciplinary course for second-year students. I also worked with medical students and residents to help them improve their interactions with children and parents.

In the meantime, Sid's career took flight and he became dean of medicine at UCLA and then executive vice chancellor at UCI. In addition to working full-time, I was participating in the social and fundraising activities that came with his positions. It was exhausting and exhilarating.

There were sorrows, too. My mother died of ovarian cancer while I was at Smith, and both my younger sister and I developed breast cancer in our 20s. Based on this history, my family participated in
the original study that identified the BRCA1 gene. My sister died of ovarian cancer at age 52, and her daughter died of breast cancer last year at age 31. I’ve struggled to deal with survivor’s guilt and my inability to stop these terrible things from happening to people I love. But I am also grateful for my long life and the opportunity to make things better for others. I credit Smith with helping me develop the confidence and skills to continually take on new challenges. I’m looking forward to more.

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Susan Strickland Gallagher died on May 4, 2015, of lung cancer, at home in Boulder, CO. After graduating from the University of Colorado Boulder, where she was invited to join Phi Beta Kappa, Sue went on to the University of Kansas, where she earned a master’s degree in Chinese Language. After graduate school, she married Arthur Colpitt Jr. For much of the next decade, they worked and lived in Hong Kong and Taipei, where their two children were born.

When the family returned from East Asia, they settled in Boulder. There, Sue established her own business, China Coast, specializing in Chinese antiques. In 2003, she married Michael E. Gallagher. The two shared a love of travel and a passion for antiquities, and pursued their interests across the United States and abroad. Sue, fluent in Mandarin, joined the Asian Studies Department at the Denver Art Museum. She was also an avid reader, gardener and fly-fisher.

Carolyn Clark Baker writes that Sue was “a wonderful, adventurous friend to her last days.” And Nancy Snowdon Phelan, who had been Sue’s freshman roommate, writes: “We had lost touch until Carolyn suggested a reunion last year in Colorado Springs. Sue was already desperately ill, but so cheerful and such fun. There was no hint of self-pity. We had a great couple of days. She had led a fascinating life. We talked until we were hoarse, and had hoped to meet again, but there was no time.”

Sue was survived by her husband; by her children, Arthur Colpitt III and Andrea Cullerton; by three grandchildren, Tessa, Kellan and Finnegan, and by her sister, Carol S. Gamel.

Anne Strong

House: Albright
Major: American Studies

Anne Strong died on April 4, 2013, of lung cancer, in Cambridge, MA.
After a divorce, as a single mother with two young sons, Anne attended Suffolk University Law School, and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in December 1979. She worked on school desegregation for the state Department of Education, then joined a private practice in Woburn, MA.

In 1999, she left the practice to start CityKicks, a program of after-school soccer for underserved middle school girls. She was also a founder of Cambridge Youth Soccer, and a board member until her death. Always passionate about the positive value of team sports, Anne herself played in senior women’s soccer leagues. Classmate Sandra Wixted writes that soccer turned out to be the basis of a great friendship: “I only got to know Anne when I became eligible to be a soccer mom in Cambridge. She got me involved transporting kids who otherwise couldn’t get to the games and supporting kids whose moms couldn’t be there for every game. I was inspired by her soccer work with young women in
Boston, where she brought amazing opportunities to hundreds of inner city girls. And Anne and I had strong bonding around our adoptive daughters."

In May 2012, Anne learned that she had lung cancer. "The initial shock and uncertainty was incredibly scary and stressful," she wrote, "but I've been improving my ability to 'compartmentalize.'" She died almost one year later.

Anne was survived by her husband, Charlie Allen, and the five children of their combined family.

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S/P Occupation: Corporate Relations, health care
S/P College: University of Chicago and Northeastern
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S/P Graduate School: Northeastern University, M.A.,
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Volunteer Service: Boston Architectural College
Overseer emeritus, NAIOP Board of Directors,
Urban Land Institute infrastructure Council,
Massachusetts Women's Forum, KLH Child
Development Center, Boston Employment
Commission, National Multi-Housing Council, The
GEM List (Give Early Money), Dimock Community
Health Center

Honors and Awards: The Center for Public Service;
the Massachusetts Chapter of the American
Planning Association; Building Owners and
Managers Association; Waterfront Center; Society
for Environmental Designers; Boston Society of
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Council Honorary Lifetime Member, Lowell High
School Distinguished Alumna

Activities and Interests: A passion for cities; a love of
music, museums, movies and theater; an enjoyment
of nature and birdwatching; gardens, gardening and
architecture; a craving for history, politics and litera-
ture, food, cooking and fine dining; an advocate
for women, equal pay, and making our own deci-
sions about health care; a belief in journalism and
real news; admiration for religion that truly sup-
ports; love and friendship

Career: CEO, Economic Development and Industrial
Corporation, quasi-public agency, Boston, and
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ning and strategic planning firm; president and
CEO, Medical, Academic, Scientific Community Organization, a nonprofit service and planning organization for the 21 institutions in the Longwood area, including the Harvard Teaching Hospitals and the Colleges of the Fenway

When applying for my current position 13 years ago, the board’s search committee asked me to name the most important thing I had done in my work life. I scrolled through 45 years of economic development for Boston, of affecting 20,000 people through programs and projects, of major real estate development in this city and downtown redevelopment in Massachusetts, of being the first woman in many venues and picking the shards out of my back from those glass ceilings, and I said, “It’s the people — learning from some, mentoring others, making a difference in people’s lives. Many are now impressive leaders, doing interesting and important work that has an impact.” There were a number of competitors, but those words cinched the job. Through these years of work and of life, successes and failures, awards and honors, relationships still drive the business and the living.

Greatest loss: Arlene “Joy” Belsky, my Smith roommate and closest friend for 40 years, who fought breast cancer but never really succumbed, since she died sitting up. She charged ahead in the world and challenged me to charge with her. She convinced me to visit her in the Peace Corps in Kenya and then convinced the administrators and the Catholic Missionary School that I should stay there with her and teach. We traveled home through Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

Biggest surprise: My public high school, Lowell High, showed me that I could go home again and honored me as a distinguished alumna. I always thought the boys playing sports were from another world, but a football player and baseball captain nominated me and brought a cheering gallery. I was deeply moved and sponsored a small scholarship.

Great passion: I love cities. City and civility share a common route. Our cities succeed when we reach a high level of commerce, culture, science and government, along with a shared responsibility, common purpose and sense of community.

Greatest difficulty: My husband has had Parkinson’s disease for 16 years. The first 10 were the hardest. We were inseparable, with a life that was driving and with endless possibilities and opportunities. We gathered them all. He had a personality that didn’t take over a room; it took over the whole building. Although now in a wheelchair and affected physically and mentally, he still has curiosity and a drive to keep learning, moving, staying in the game.
Helen Taft

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Major: Government

Marital Status: Widowed
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S/P Graduate School: Duke University, L.B.A., Law School, 1968
Children: Heather Jones, 1969; Meagan Jones, 1973
Grandchildren: Charles Packard, 2002; Ella Packard, 2006; Will Malloy, 2002; Tucker Malloy, 2004; Leo Jordan, 2002; Anna Jordan, 2004

Volunteer Service: President, League of Women Voters of Manchester, NH; president, Child and Family Services of New Hampshire; United Way Board of Directors, Manchester, NH; United Way Board of Directors, Seacoast, NH
Activities and Interests: Tennis, golf, traveling, grandparenting
Career: I worked part-time from 1980-86 as a paralegal in a family law practice in Manchester, NH. My full-time career began in 1989, when I became executive director of the Portsmouth Prenatal Clinic in Portsmouth, NH in 1989, a nonprofit that grew into a federally qualified community health center named Families First Health and Support Center. I am still in that position.

Linda Ellis wrote a poem called “The Dash” about the time between birth and death. This opportunity to reflect on the “dash” that is my life so far has helped me to realize how very fortunate I am to be at this place in my seventies. I still love my job, have four wonderful daughters/step-daughters and six terrific grandchildren whom I am enjoying seeing grow up. I have good health right now and am still very active physically, playing tennis weekly, golf on weekends (not very well), zumba, and Planet Fitness as often as I can. My life has not been without losses. I was divorced in the 1980’s from Tim Jones, whom I married right after Smith graduation, and am now widowed after losing my husband, Peter Kearns, to Parkinson’s-related complications four and a half years ago. I also lost my parents, Jane and Win Taft, 10 years ago. They were influential in my taking on volunteer board leadership roles in nonprofits for a number of years.

Besides my family, I have focused on my 26-year career as the executive director of Families First Health and Support Center in Portsmouth, NH. I credit my Smith College education with preparing me for taking on this leadership position, which has led to growing the agency from a small prenatal program to a full-service community health center providing prenatal and primary care, dental services, behavioral health, parenting education and support, and home visiting to approximately 6,000 seacoast residents each year. We also provide mobile medical and dental services to about 1,500 homeless. This year we are implementing a Medication Assisted Treatment program for those using opiate substances in response to the growing heroin epidemic in our area. I never thought I would have to enter the suboxone business, but unfortunately the need is great.

A year and a half ago I met a wonderful widow and we are now planning the next phase of our lives together, which is very much fun! Hopefully retirement is in my near future, so we can do some serious traveling. Speaking of traveling, I went on a great safari in Tanzania three years ago with Smith friends Emily Thacker (Mitchell) and Amy Anthony (Stanley), and we, along with my Smith roommate Pat Franklin (Morris), keep in touch regularly.

I look forward to living more of my “dash,” spending time with family and friends.

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Shortly after I turned 40, I had a bout of clinical depression that accelerated my personal growth and gave me strength to weather the ups and downs in my 50s and 60s. – Lynne Gorman

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Am I the only one who cried on graduation day? I was overcome by the realization that I'd never again be surrounded by so many bright and talented women in so intellectually stimulating and supportive a setting. My appreciation for my Smith education has only grown since that day.

I went on to earn a M.Ed. from Stanford University, met John, my husband of 47 years there, (he was getting an M.B.A.), got married in April 1968, and moved to Columbus, Ohio where John was in banking and we raised our three children (Tracy, Paige and John Taylor). While it was John's "Midwestern-ness" that attracted me to him from the start, I never got over feeling homesick for my home state's visual majesty and recreational freedom. Upon retiring in 2000, John announced he was ready to take me home to California. We spend spring and fall in Pebble Beach, winter in south Florida (our official residence) and summer in Northern Michigan. U.P.S. loves me!

I am profoundly grateful for having been able to be a stay-at-home-mom, my dream since I was a little girl. Through the years, I've been active in my community raising funds for everything from Planned Parenthood, a home for troubled children, the arts, a cancer hospital, to our children's schools. My #1 cause is anything for women and children whom I regard as this country's most undervalued and underserved population. Feminist? Damn right!

My happiest times have always been with my family (including eight grandchildren) and friends. John and I have traveled widely and continue to do so thanks to our good health and commitment to exercise (John on the golf course and in the gym, me in the pool and on my walks). We're both cancer survivors, so we appreciate every healthy day.

Picture me looking out over Point Lobos into the vast Pacific "Beyond," breathing in the fresh air and sunshine of this blessed coast, and know that I am more connected to life and its beauty than ever before.

P.S. Lest you think my life has been devoid of its share of trauma and drama, think again. 400 words cannot begin to fully satisfy description of anyone's past 50 years, so here is mine, bare bones and patent leather.

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S/P Occupation: Attorney
S/P College: Dartmouth, B.A.
S/P Graduate School: Harvard Law School, J.D.
Children: Derek Taylor Lundquist, 1985
Volunteer Service: SF Public Library Friends, president; Howe Library Corporation, Hanover, NH; Hanover Conservation Council; Trust for Public Land, NH Advisory Bd.; currently foundation grant director
Honors and Awards: SFPL, winner of Friends of Libraries USA award
Activities and Interests: Sports: nearly lifelong swimming, ice skating, walking everywhere. Golden State Warriors basketball fan; formerly X-C and downhill skiing
Greetings to everyone.

Who would move back to an overcrowded, drought-stricken, earthquake-prone state? We did! Even after being in the Loma Prieta earthquake, my husband Wey and I moved back to San Francisco from New Hampshire in 2015 (following our son Derek, who lives in the nearby Marina district). Every day is like looking through a kaleidoscope, and we hear multiple languages — Italian, Tagalog, Spanish and Chinese — all the time. We live on top of Russian Hill, so it’s like being in the sky. Our alarm clock is a flock of wild, green parrots squawking in the treetops across the street!

Urban life isn’t restful, though, so — as un-Thoreauvian as it seems — I try to find respite in nature by gazing out the window across the Bay, watching sailboats, ferries and ships coming in from around the world. (Sometimes I feel less suited to an Age of Technology than to the mid-20th century, when phones and drones weren’t ubiquitous.)

Juxtaposed here are Silicon Valley wealth and 6,000 homeless people, 3,000 living on the streets — a human tragedy and a nuisance for many. Not the magnitude of the refugee/migrant crisis in Europe, but 6,000 homeless people in the U.S.A., in one city alone.

Reflecting, as we approach our 50th reunion: I’ve appreciated the contributions of our fellow alumnae Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem but wish I’d mastered Julia Child’s skills. Fifty years after the March on Selma and 150 years after the Civil War, it’s sad that racial fear and antagonism still exist in this country. Looking forward, the young alumnae I’ve met (who haven’t been to their 10th reunion yet) are impressive.

Some organizations I think are important and worthy of support are Union of Concerned Scientists, Natural Resources Defense Council, local Audubon chapters that restore habitat to protect birds, and land trusts; also, educational institutions — like Smith, of course.

My favorite cultural activities are noontime chamber music concerts, the SF Ballet (especially ballets choreographed by Christopher Wheeldon) and the many wonderful exhibits at our city’s museums. I think Alice Munro is an amazing writer, but I mostly read nonfiction, often about architecture or Native American history, having learned nothing about 10,000 years of this in college!

I cherish my Smith friendships and look forward to catching up with many classmates at our Reunion. Thanks to everyone who worked to make it happen!

With warm regards,

Kay

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**Marital Status:** Married

**Spouse/Partner:** Samuel W. Brown, 1979

**S/P Occupation:** Developer; Ambassador to the OSCE in Clinton Administration, Director of ACTION in Carter Administration

**S/P College:** Redlands, B.A., Government, 1965

Children: Nicholas, 1980; Teal, 1982; Willa, 1985

Volunteer Service: Board of Directors, Aspen Music Festival and School; Board of Directors, Aspen Public Radio, KJAX; Board of Directors, Berkeley Repertory Theater; Selection Board, Kennedy Center; President of the Board of Directors, Denver Film Festival

Activities and Interests: Travel, blogging, photography, hiking, skiing, movies, cooking and eating

Career: I have been a writer/photographer for 30-some years, interrupted by service in Democratic administrations.

I've been a political, travel and humor writer, blogger, photographer, proud mother and sometimes a decent wife. But what I wanted to be was a movie star. I did summer stock and commercials and did actually have a couple parts in movies: Pound and Kin. However, I was cut from the final version of Robert Downey's Pound and Kin was only a short horror film created by a twenty-something house guest. So, so much for that.

While acting and going to graduate school, I had a briefly flourishing neck tie company: Teal Ties. Mayor Lindsay wore them and they were therefore featured in New York magazine, Women's Wear Daily and Men's Wear. Due to youthful ignorance, my tie company and acting career folded simultaneously.

During subsequent years in New York, I produced rock concerts to benefit political causes at Madison Square Garden and Shea Stadium featuring Janis Joplin and Jimmy Hendrix; Peter, Paul and Mary, and Simon and Garfunkel. The last time Joplin and Hendrix ever performed live was at one of these concerts, so I decided to abandon that career also. I moved on to the Hunter Arts Gallery, the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, and the New York Council for the Humanities. Nobody died at any of these places on my watch.

During the Carter Administration, I worked for Secretary Harris and later for Assistant Secretary Donna Shalala. Then I married Sam Brown and moved to Denver and wrote columns for the Denver Post and Colorado Homes and Lifestyles. More recently I wrote a blog, hotflashesfromthecampaigntrail.com, recounting experiences in the Kerry and Obama campaigns. I now write for the Huffington Post and another blog about travel: Atealinflight.tumblr.com.

My photographs have been on NBC and in national magazines and photojournalism books. I had a one-woman show in Vienna, Austria and several group shows in Washington, D.C.

Like many of you, my personal life has been superlative. I have three perfect children, an excellent son-in-law and an unparalleled husband. Life has never been surprising, stressful or unpleasant in any way. I've been able to pick money off trees; no one dies or gets sick in my world and the sun always shines. It's amazing what a Smith education can do for you.

What astonishes me is how I still feel like that girl who wore a little red tunic when I wasn't wearing wrap around skirts and a girdle. But when I look in the mirror, I see Bea Arthur on a bad day. As Dorothy L. Sayers said, "Time and trouble will tame an advanced young woman, but an advanced old woman is uncontrollable by any earthly force."

But what I always wanted was to be a movie star. Please be good Smithies and pretend I am one. Ask me for an autograph. Sigh.

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Mark and Teal Brown Zimring; Sam Brown; Alison Teal; Nicholas Brown; and below, Willa Brown—2015
I met John in our sophomore year. He helped me in art history, and I helped him in physics. We continue to bridge the two-culture problem with each other's expertise. –Jane Purcell Coffee


Activities and Interests: Reading, music, singing, fine arts, duplicate bridge, walking, Pilates; before my back and neck imploded I was an enthusiastic skier, decent tennis and paddle tennis player and a lousy golfer. My six grandchildren have taken up the slack. I love babies and cats.

Career: I began as a business journalist, a reporter for the St. Louis Business Journal, then the St. Louis correspondent for Money magazine, then PR director for a local TV station. Ended having my own communications business. Finally, a certified doula.

As many of us discussed at our 45th, Smith was really hard and demanding. I was an art history major, but took a lot of English Lit. and should have majored in it.

One summer in college I volunteered with the Frontier Nursing Service in Appalachia as a courier: nursing with midwives, who ride horseback. I started my writing career that summer, filing articles for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. After my career in journalism and communications, I came full circle and became a certified doula, a labor and childbirth coach.

After a 15-year marriage to an Amherst guy who became a surgeon, I've spent most of my adult life single. Definitely not plan A through T. Two great kids; graduated from Amherst and Middlebury. They both have master's degrees in business. Both are married with three kids each, ages 3 to 8. My son lives in Dallas, my daughter in Weston, MA. I gradually retired about seven years ago.

I've had some bad luck in orthopedics: two total hip replacements, a broken foot, two broken wrists and a kneecap from a random fall three years ago. My back and neck are train wrecks, so I've had to retire from being a doula and from skiing, my passion a few years ago.

I retired to Florida for the winters, where I spend a lot of time walking, playing duplicate bridge (I'm a life master) and enjoying my family and friends. I'm lucky that Vero Beach, where my family has been coming since the mid-'50s, is loaded with cultural and intellectual opportunities. We have a wonderful art museum, theater with lectures, book clubs and classes in opera and films, more than you can possibly experience.

Life is good. I've been blessed with great health and luck. I've traveled the world extensively and plan to continue. I adore my children and grandchildren. I'm one of those superficial generalists that's interested in and curious about most things. But most of all, I love to laugh. An old friend told me some years ago that I lived a charmed life. I'd have to agree, except I didn't make high marks in marriage.

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S/P College: Yale, B.A., History, 1963
S/P Graduate School: Cambridge University, M.A., English, 1965


Volunteer Service: Smith: president, North Shore (MA) Smith Club; crafted two large public symposia
Peter and Nancy Godfrey Last Sail Together
Marblehead, MA September 2014

(Celebration of International Women's Year; Family 2000) under Smith Club auspices; class fundraising and special gifts; class president (1986-1991); co-editor 50th reunion book. Marblehead, MA: League of Women Voters; co-chair, 1981 Etchells World Sailing Championship; member, historical committee, Eastern Yacht Club. Greenwich, CT: chair, Dorothy Hamill Rink — fundraiser for local ice rink; president, Windy Hill Figure Skating Club; member, Representative Town Meeting; secretary and first woman officer, Indian Harbor Yacht Club; junior sailing committee, IHYC. Scottsdale, AZ: activist for Sonoran Desert preservation; tennis team captain

Honors and Awards: Town Crier, Marblehead, Massachusetts, 1976

Activities and Interests: Maintaining friendships and family ties, tennis, sailboat racing, swimming, snow and water skiing, ice dancing, horseback riding,

To thine own self be true.
Illegitimus non carborundum.
The truth shall set you free.
Get an education.
Don't make promises you can't keep.
A family that plays together stays together.
Choose a lifetime sport.
Carpe diem.
The glass is always more than half full.
We are blessed ... despite our troubles.

Exercise/fitness classes, desert gardening, reading; helping animals; cheerleading for grandkids' academic and sports endeavors

Career: Factotum: secretary to governor of New Hampshire; stock broker, NYC; investment banking, Paris and Connecticut; freelance writer; public relations and special events, Bruce Museum of Arts and Science, Greenwich, CT; partner in Party of 3, stationery and corporate communications company; weddings editor, Connecticut and Arizona publications; advertising and marketing for captive insurance companies, Arizona

Daughter Alexandra was born in Paris; son Thompson in Vermont. Kids were a major focus and part of the crazy quilt that included serious sailboat racing with a goal to win with family and friends as crew. Bravo. We often did. There was also figure skating, ice hockey, skiing, swimming, rowing and

Nana of the Desert and her Fab Five Grandkids
Greenwich, CT, February 2015
lacrosse. Kids did well in school. Both married amazing spouses. The five grandchildren are perfect!

How very sad it is that Peter died in January 2015. I have not fully processed this tremendous loss. Forty-eight years of marriage was a gift — not always bliss, but never, ever boring. A chapter closes; another begins.

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S/P College: SUNY Cortland, B.S., Biology, 1965
S/P Graduate School: College of Wm. & Mary in VA, M.A., School of Marine Science, 1968; Oregon State University, Ph.D., Botany and Plant Pathology, 1970
Children: Sabrina Wulff Pabilonia, 1970; Tasha Wulff Proudfoot, 1973
Grandchildren: Maya Victoria Pabilonia, 1998; Morgan Lee Pabilonia, 2003; Alice Wulff Proudfoot, 2012; Oscar Wulff Proudfoot, 2014

Volunteer Service: League of Women Voters, Housing Clinic, Willimantic, CT; Hartford (CT) Chorale member 1988-1992; First Presbyterian Church choir member and occasional accompanist, Corvallis, OR 1993 to present; past-president CT Orchid Society, Marys Peak Orchid Society, North American Heather Society, Oregon Heather Society and served in numerous other offices for these societies
Honors and Awards: Honorary Life Member of The Heather Society (UK)
Activities and Interests: Reading, gardening, music, hiking (co-led, with husband leader, international hiking trips for Appalachian Mtn. Club)
Career: Church organist/music director; served three churches, total of 20 years; “retired,” then served as substitute organist 15 more years; volunteered for various plant societies; currently serving as copy editor for North American Heather Society quarterly; have written a book and numerous articles about heathers and other plants.

Shortly before our 40th reunion, I began composing music, after having studied and performed it since I was 4. Tunes and lyrics flowed from my brain as if a spigot had been opened. I felt more alive than ever before. I learned basic music notation software and printed my anthems for my church choir to sing. (I brought a few compositions for the 40th reunion “show and tell.”)

In 2006, I was asked to finish a gardening book begun by a Heather Society colleague who could not complete it because of his worsening health. Little did I know that the book would consume two years of my life! To write it meant that I had to turn off the music spigot, or at least reduce the flow to a dribble, for I found that I could not be creative in both music and writing at the same time. Though songs kept popping into my head, instead of completing them, I scribbled down whatever fragments of words and melody had appeared and stuffed the scraps of paper into my piano bench.

Gardening with Hardy Heathers was published late in 2008, and I brought a copy of the book for “show and tell” at our 45th reunion. I never caught up on the things I let slide during my two years of research and writing. Once the book was published, I added speaking engagements (and learned to create PowerPoint presentations) to my already full calendar, along with increasing heather society duties.

My 71st birthday is only a few days away, and I still have new music floating in my brain and on scraps of paper waiting to be turned into finished works in publishable form. My life has been incredibly busy with family, travel and heather society obligations. I’ve written and edited many articles for gardening periodicals, and I still sing in the church choir. Yet at almost every choir rehearsal, I think of the train spiritual whose tune and lyrics have lived in my head since 2008, needing only to be harmonized and notated. This is a piece that is going to be fun to sing, especially for young choirs.

Will I ever finish it? Can I manage to learn a new music notation program and maintain the self-discipline required to exhume those scraps of paper from the piano bench and take time to work on them? Stay tuned.
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**Major:** English Language & Literature

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**S/P College:** Dartmouth, B.A., International Relations, 1962  
**S/P Graduate School:** Harvard Business School, M.B.A., 1970  
**Children:** Julliana Tiryaki, 1972; Benjamin, 1975; Chloe Patton, 1978  
**Grandchildren:** Aydin Tiryaki, 2006; Eren Tiryaki, 2009; Caleb Patton, 2011; Samuel Patton, 2013

**Volunteer Service:** Town (School Committee); church (First Parish Unitarian); art organizations; Rosie's Place (Boston)  
**Honors and Awards:** Cohasset Citizen of the Year 2009; numerous awards for paintings  
**Activities and Interests:** Painting, gardening, reading, knitting, outdoors, grandchildren, friends  
**Career:** Educational publishing for 30 years; professional artist for 20 years.

I have been married to Woody for 46 years, and we have lived in the same home in Cohasset — small town near the ocean — for 44. We have three children: Juliana (architect in Cohasset), Ben (commercial real estate in London) and Chloe (consultant for nonprofits in Chicago). We have a Turkish son-in-law and a Venezuelan daughter-in-law, so we are an international family! Two grandsons (9 and 6) live just down the street and two others (5 and 2) spend summers here.

I worked in educational publishing for 30 years, five years at Houghton Mifflin in Boston and then freelancing and contract work for that company for 25 more until I decided to devote most of my energy and time to painting. I have painted in watercolors for about 40 years and oils for 10; I am a Signature Member of the New England Watercolor Society and an Artist Member of the Copley Society of Art in Boston. Many of my paintings have won...
awards and hang in collections internationally. I keep very busy painting custom watercolor house portraits.

My life in Cohasset has always included volunteer work, for town organizations, schools (elected to School Committee), Unitarian Church and at Rosie’s Place (Boston shelter for homeless women). I was selected as Cohasset Citizen of the Year in 2009, primarily for my volunteering but also for celebrating our community’s beautiful environment in my paintings.

Woody and I have traveled to many distant lands: blue cruising and climbing on ancient ruins in Turkey, hiking in Peru (Machu Picchu and jungle eco lodge), biking in the French Dordogne and the Netherlands, cruising in Sicily and Italy, touring and visiting friends in Scandinavia, French Riviera, Ireland, Tuscany, Great Britain. I have viewed polar bears from a tundra buggy in Churchill, Manitoba, and dodged icebergs in the waters of Greenland and lava on the mountains of Iceland. We visit our son and daughter-in-law in London every year and love spending time in Chicago with our daughter and her family. Our life in Cohasset is oriented toward the water — boating, sailing, kayaking (although getting in and out of boats is challenging these days); mostly, I relish living in this beautiful place. I wouldn’t have had it any other way.

Although my Smith experience was, in retrospect, a pretty miserable time of my life, I love having connection through the years with good Smith friends Alison Teal, Susan Hoffman, Heather Howland, Ann Francis and Amy Stanley.

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Marital Status: Single
Children: Allyson, 1976; Matt, 1980

Volunteer Service: Drove for Head Start in and around Blacksburg, VA while teaching and studying at Virginia Tech. Served as PTA secretary for several years and helped with computer learning while my kids were students at University Park Elementary School

Activities and Interests: Hiking in national parks throughout the U.S. and Canada, in Costa Rica and Mexico and while living in Germany; also hiked the Coast-to-Coast Trail in northern England and trekked in Rioja and Andalusia Spain, and, most spectacularly, in the Annapurna foothills of Nepal; traveling in general; music: Member of the Kennedy Center, annual subscription to the National Symphony Orchestra; also love jazz, opera, Sinatra and the Beatles; swimming; walking; attempting to stay fit and active

Career: My teaching career took me to a variety of locations: Somerville, NJ, Blacksburg, VA, Heidelberg, Germany, Laurel, MD, Chestertown and Greenbelt, MD. I hold four certifications: French, German, Spanish and English. After retiring from full-time teaching in 2011, I am an instructor/facilitator with Prince George’s CC Adult Programs. My students come mainly from Central America and West Africa and are thrilled to learn English. Most importantly, my career enabled me to spend time with my children as they grew up, and they in turn tell me how proud they are that I have had a productive, enjoyable professional life.

“Are you doing crossword puzzles?” my daughter Allyson asks, recently with more frequency, as we watch my 95-year-old mother’s sad decline into Alzheimer’s blankness. Yes, I enjoy cracking the New York Times Sunday crossword, read three books at a time, work out at the local Y and teach part-time for Prince George’s County Community College’s Adult Programs. In January 2015 I traveled to Mexico City and Oaxaca with Smith profs and fellow grads, spent Spring Break in CA hiking in Yosemite with Diana McDonough, reconnecting with Loretta Fowler in Los Gatos and lunching at Elaine Nelson’s stunning hilltop home in Los Altos Hills. As I write, I am enjoying the waning days of summer at our Ontario
I dread the day when, inevitably, I’ll be forced to give up skiing, or biking, or sailing, or kayaking. —Bronwyn Roberts Davis

cottage on Lake Muskoka. Overall, life at 70 is pretty good!

Am I glad I majored in French, despite its declining popularity? Most emphatically, oui! French — plus an accelerated course in Spanish senior year and becoming semi-fluent in German while living in Heidelberg in the ’70s — provided a rich base for my career as a high school teacher, and at Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland in Germany. My final full-time years were spent teaching English in Greenbelt, MD, where I became reacquainted with Shakespeare, Dante, Poe, Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, O’Henry, Harper Lee among others. I became weary, however, of the endless task of grading papers and attempting to spark interest in students who were often unresponsive, and when the opportunity came in 2011 to retire with full benefits, I grabbed it. Simply put, I didn’t want to die of a stroke in the classroom! Now, teaching ESL to adult students from around the world, I am met with immense gratitude and an unquenchable desire to learn.

My personal life has had its ups and downs, but I’ve enjoyed wonderful, lasting friendships going back even before Smith, as well as personal and professional relationships and through my travel experiences.

My children, Allyson and Matt, continue to be the delights of my life. Matt is an IT specialist with Hobson, a British education software firm, and lives with his wife MacRae in Alexandria, VA. He is generous, loyal and very smart and last year was named Employee of the Year. Allyson is a local celebrity, featured in a recent Washington Post piece highlighting her duties as a Prince George’s homicide detective and quarterback for the DC Divas women’s football team, which won the Super Bowl in L.A. in August. She is beyond amazing.

Now, back to that puzzle!

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S/P College: Amherst College, B.A., Mathematics, 1966
S/P Graduate School: University of Oregon, Ph.D., Mathematics, 1971

Children: Emily Browder Melville, 1970; Sarah Browder Venkatesh, 1974

Grandchildren: Ruby Josephine Venkatesh, 2007; Hugo True Venkatesh, 2009; Jane Lavender Melville, 2014; Andrew Norman Melville (step), 2003; Jordan Elizabeth Melville (step), 2004

Volunteer Service: Brookline Food Pantry, Brookline Friends of the Library

Activities and Interests: Family activities, travel, reading, art, the outdoors

Career: I retired three years ago from a four-decade career in the children’s book field, the last 20 of

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With David, hubby of 49 years, August 2015
which were as a school librarian. My husband David recently retired from teaching mathematics at Simmons College; we have lived in the Boston area since 1971. Our two daughters have provided five grandkids. Now, we spend a good deal of time with family activities, volunteering, traveling and pursuing our individual passions after busy and satisfying professional careers.

Following vicious attacks on Paris and Beirut in 2015, I viewed a video of a French father explaining to his little boy, very concerned about the “bad guys,” that flowers and candles protect us — they are set out to honor those lost and give courage to the rest of us. It captures perfectly the idea of grace, “the free bestowal of blessings” or in verb form, “to do honor to someone or something by one’s presence.” Though I am not religious, I value Julian of Norwich’s words: “All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” Am I a Pollyanna, or a self-respecting optimist? Though anguished when hate seems abroad in the land, when individuals suffer or are sad, when people choose weapons instead of goodwill, when irrationality trumps good sense, I hope to remain an optimist until the end! Being over 70, we can all probably claim a share of sad and challenging times. May we all be able, gracefully, to share our lives and stories with loving family and friends.

I retired at 68 after a book-related career (a decade as a children’s bookseller, another as a booksellers’ association director and publisher, two more as a K-8 school librarian). Though demanding, work was extremely satisfying given small creativities and an enduring sense of helping people connect with a community and with books. I chose paths that kept me close to home and family as I worked; I have been very lucky. I know that our wonderful daughters (professionals and parents) will be able to draw on their own sources of grace, creativity and community.

Retirement allows me to hang out at home and on the road with my dear husband of nearly 50 years (David, Amherst ’66). Another unalloyed joy is spending time with grandchildren: Emily and her family are in Austin, TX. I so appreciate David and our daughters; each is a creative and loving soul.

The future is always uncertain, but given my propensity for optimism I expect my fair share of years will roll out in a reasonable mix of blessings and challenges. I plan to enjoy creative moments and quiet moments, natural beauty, art, good books, family and friends. And perhaps if I continue to act on my values — and be a good citizen of the world in all its variety and interconnectedness — I will have contributed sufficiently to world peace!

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S/P Occupation: Systems Engineer
S/P College: Murray State University, B.S., Psychology
Children: Jacob Fetting, 1976; Niles Fetting, 1978
Grandchildren: Illyana Fetting, 2000

Volunteer Service: PTA officer when children were in elementary school; worked for school fundraisers; three years volunteering for the Free Clinic of Franklin County (Virginia); webmaster for the class of 1966 from 2011-2016.

Honors and Awards: Named volunteer of the year in 2011 for work at the Free Clinic of Franklin County (Virginia)

Activities and Interests: Reading, quilting
Career: Spent several years teaching French and one teaching English in a language lab to med students at University of Seville, Spain. Took a six-year break from work while children were young and became certified during that time as a computer programmer. Twenty-three year career in IT, the first half in manufacturing environment and the second half working for government contractor firms.

I must begin my submission to our 50th reunion yearbook with this admission: I don’t like homework anymore and will stray from a specific assignment. Trying to recap my 50 years since graduation would bore not only my readers but me as well. I’ve done some of the usual stuff: grad school, a time living in Europe, marriage, a career change in my late 30’s, retirement in my 60’s, some volunteer work, grandparenthood, yada, yada, yada. There are no Pulitzers or Nobels in my résumé; so, in a nutshell, that’s my life since 1966.

I would much rather write about what Smith has given me that I will forever treasure as much or more than I value the wonderful education I received there. Several wonderful friendships forged during my four
undergraduate years are the secondary gifts that I value so much. I won’t mention names but these women know who they are. I did not communicate frequently with some of them while we were all pursuing careers and raising our children. Now that we are either retired or close to being so, we see each other more and use email and social media to keep in touch. We are all very liberal politically (no surprise here) and passionately so, and forward messages to each other on the issues so important to us. We plan to visit more in the future because we find that a few days together without our spouses invigorates us no end, though the spouses do get along and enjoy spending time with the last time we were together we joked about writing our own obituaries as a fun project since it seems that so many of us read list a litany of accomplishments that daunts us. We have had health issues and suffered loss, and we plan to be around if any one of us becomes gravely ill. We may actually work on those obits then.

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Volunteer Service: Tutoring at Boys and Girls Clubs of DC; volunteer work at Children's Hospital; source mentoring group from 1992 to the present; Jubilee Jobs advising Move-Up applicants (after obtaining entry-level jobs) about education and financing the same
Once, at a farmer's livestock auction, I won a rooster that traveled on my bike to Albright and was secreted into the dorm. He was a hit! — until dawn. — Jane Wallace Arnault-Factor

Activities and Interests: Tennis, theater, opera, bluegrass music, yoga, French, gardening, drawing, art, environmental issues, white-water rafting, social justice issues

I look back on Smith days and see myself as lacking confidence and a little naïve. I got a good education, but I certainly didn't have any career in mind! I wanted a job and to travel. I thought many classmates supremely confident, totally together, until I discovered, at my 25th reunion and several Baldwin mini-reunions, that many of us were unsure of ourselves.

After graduation, I was anxious to return to England, where I'd been an AFS exchange student in high school. I located a summer graduate course in Victorian Literature at the University of London. My interest in Victorian Literature was minimal, but it was a way to stay in London cheaply!

I eventually got a job at National Geographic, but first I had to up my typing speed — the reality in those days! At the end of 1969, I headed to Australia and a job at the University of Sydney. After a couple of years, I headed home, via Southeast Asia and by bus from India to Europe, then to D.C.

Quite without meaning to, I ended up returning to NGS, this time as a researcher, then moved to a book division. I ended up as a senior writer and got the chance to know my own country and, occasionally, traveled overseas.

That career ended in 1995, when the Geographic laid off 150 people. I trained as a copy editor, and worked for Kiplinger Personal Finance for several years. I'd long been part of a mentoring group, so when the director of a nonprofit asked me to create such a program at her organization, which finds entry-level jobs for hard-core unemployed, I leapt at the chance. My paid work ended in December 2014, although I still volunteer with that organization.

Since Smith, I have become a lot more outdoorsy and environmentally conscious, possibly through a 1973 trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. That trip really changed my life, testing my courage and altering my outlook. It was the first of many white-water excursions.

After my "checkered career," I finally ended up marrying Mike Edwards, a writer for National Geographic. No children of my own. But life happens: My brother died in 2012, and his daughter came to live with us. Mike had been married previously and had two children, subsequently four grandchildren, and, just recently, a great-granddaughter!

Now is a kind of bittersweet time of my life; Mike has health issues, and lately I have been focused on him. I've traveled so much, I look forward to staying home. I've acquired enough maturity, I hope, and will have the opportunity to follow a few more dreams. For instance, I've gotten into yoga in recent years, and I'm studying to be an instructor in a gentle, mind-calming practice for older people.

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S/P College: University of Pennsylvania, B.A., Biology, 1969
S/P Graduate School: University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., Biology; University of Pennsylvania, M.D., Pediatric Genetics
At the mouth of a tidal inlet at slack tide, when water pouring out meets water pouring in, there is always a bit of turmoil with choppy waves that knock a small boat about. The past year has been rumbled with such a tide for me. So it is time to step back and wait for the currents to make up their minds and look back a bit.

When I left Smith, I headed for New York to earn my Ph.D. in English at CUNY. My primary motive was to stay in the vicinity of my then boyfriend, in case he should become interested in marriage. But the boyfriend faded away and a fascination with Virginia Woolf came into focus, leading me to a job teaching in the English department at the University of Pennsylvania. I published two books on Woolf while climbing the tenure ladder, but I realized over time that I was more of a people person than a scholar and took on the job of Undergraduate Chair, which I held for ten years, and earned a Masters in Counseling, spending my non-teaching time advising hundreds of English majors and doing a sabbatical at Marriage Council of Philadelphia to hone my advising skills. That led to a change of career. After 25 years, I moved from the English department into the Advising Office where, for the next 15 years, I was adviser to all sorts of intriguing, often troubled, students from all around the world.

Meanwhile, I built a family, marrying my current husband in 1969 and bearing two sons. My husband worked from dawn to dawn while my children were small, forcing me to learn to enjoy doing things by myself, an unexpected gift. My older son graduated from Penn with a Masters in Asian studies and got a job working with computer systems there, gaining in experience and authority as well as happiness. My younger son graduated from MIT then, after working in consulting for four years, earned his MBA at Penn. He now lives in Manhattan with his wife and very small son. They expect an addition in early 2016, so by the time reunion arrives I may be a grandmother twice over. Having grandchildren is as delicious as falling in love!

In 2012, I moved back to Cape Cod with my husband and our two small poodles. Here I have been able to host reunions for Chapin classmates, sing in the Chatham Chorale and become active in my Quaker meeting. I’ve been making new friends and rejoicing in the beauty of the sea, whether the winds blow cold and hard or the sun shines golden and warm. What next? Who knows? My mother always told me that each decade is more interesting than the one before. I still hope she spoke the truth.

Ruth VAN DYKE Phang

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Ruth Van Dyke Phang died on July 24, 2014, of lung cancer, at home in Kensington, MD.

Ruth was raised in Racine, WI. Susan Field Mullens writes: “She wondered what a girl from a public high school in a small Wisconsin city was doing at an elite Eastern college. Not to worry! She jumped into academics, had a fun social life and was a leader among her peers.”

Janet Exter Butler recalls: “Ruth loved being with people, and people loved being with Ruth. She loved talking, she loved listening. She was bright, clever, fun to be with, and had a magnetic personality. I would often poke my head into Ruth’s room and sometimes end up staying much longer than I had intended. This might necessitate our having to pull an all-nighter because we had so much work to do. Somehow we still managed to find time to run down to Friendly’s before closing for our absolute favorite — peppermint ice cream with hot fudge sauce.”

After graduation, Ruth went to work for the National Institute of Mental Health. There, she met James M. Phang, and they married in 1968.

Ruth became the librarian at Green Acres School, a private elementary school in Rockville, MD, where she worked for nearly 30 years. Pamela Schwarz writes that one of her fondest memories is a visit to that school: “Ruth was so much in her element, and it was evident that she was highly respected and
loved — a tremendous resource for the students.”
She was an active member of the Children’s Book Guild of Washington, DC, a regular participant in two book clubs and the author of three children’s books. Mary Spieczny Podesta, who lived nearby, writes that Ruth “combined exceptional intelligence, unflagging energy, great optimism, humor and incredible basic human decency and kindness.” She adds: “Ruth was a lifelong learner, and I always came away having learned something new and felt rejuvenated.”

In June 2012, Ruth was diagnosed with lung cancer. She wrote: “I have a mutation for which there is a targeted drug, and it has shrunk the tumors. When this drug stops working, there is another to try. Support cancer research — it really helps.”

Janet Butler was close to her old friend until Ruth’s death. “Over those years, we shared many wonderful times — swimming, boating, hiking, blueberry picking, celebrating births of children and grandchildren,” Jane writes. “We had many talks about her cancer, but she never failed to show great concern for my own journey with Parkinson’s. She faced her last two years with grace and optimism.”

As a reunion book remembrance, Jacqueline Shonerd wrote a letter to Ruth. An excerpt: “My most vivid memories are from our two years as roommates in Washington, DC. Thanks for teaching me the basics, such as: Pay the bills on time! Do the dishes before you go to bed at night! Ruth, you were a leader, my much needed role model. You were a unique and talented woman, and I miss you dearly!”

Ruth was survived by her husband, James, and by three daughters, Sara Elise, Laura Justine and Elizabeth Ann.

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Marital Status: Married  
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S/P Occupation: Software engineer  

Volunteer Service: Health Volunteers Overseas: Advancing health of critically ill newborns in Uganda ( Program director and volunteer physician, 1998-present); San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition: Supporting and promoting breastfeeding in the San Diego County community (board member); American Academy of Pediatrics (I-CATCH): reviewer and project advisor for small, community-based, international grants to improve children’s access to medical care; Academic Pediatric Association (Global Health Special Interest Group): Sponsoring educational programs for pediatricians interested in global health; Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council: Promoting fire prevention, personal safety and structural integrity in an isolated mountain community through community education, fuel reduction on private land and collaboration with federal, state and county agencies  
Honors and Awards: Member of the Academy of Clinician Scholars  
Activities and Interests: Chinese brush painting; cooking (Chinese, Indian, Persian cuisines); organic gardening; travel worldwide
Career: I am an academic neonatologist and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of CA, San Diego School of Medicine since 1983. My current practice combines clinical care of critically ill newborns; research on neurodevelopmental outcome of high risk newborns; newborn breastfeeding outcomes, and working to advance global child health through the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Academic Pediatric Association.

Coming from a public, coed high school, I especially appreciated the academic dedication and intensity of Smith, although the school was ethnically and psychologically far removed from the action during the tumultuous 1960’s. Special memories include my practical art class in some long demolished attic (favorite class), struggling through French (despite my name, which always aroused unwarranted expectations), visiting my favorite paintings in our little art gallery every day on the way to class (especially the little Rembrandt etching), the smell and feel of autumn leaves, traveling to Cambridge on weekends on the bus by centrifugal force to see my to-be husband, springtime in the botanical garden and my Cutter housemates.

Married between my sophomore and junior year, I always intended to go to graduate school — at first in experimental psychology, but ultimately in medicine, which was socially more relevant than designing experiments to test sensory perception in rats. I graduated from Yale Medical School in 1971, after commuting on the night train from New Haven to Philadelphia every other weekend. My husband was in law school at Penn (very lovely stars just before dawn at 5 AM).

In medical school, pediatrics was soon an obvious career choice — who do you want to spend the rest of your life with? Loved surgery, but most of the surgeons were extraordinarily sexist. Internal medicine was brutally competitive, filled with “one-ups” men. We were all “girls” to the obstetricians. On the other hand, the pediatricians were delightful, as were the children and their families. After a pediatric residency at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia and an amicable separation from my husband due to mutually incompatible aspirations — homesteading in remote British Columbia (him) and caring for critically ill newborns in an academic medical center (me) — I completed neonatology and clinical pharmacology fellowships at the University of Arizona in Tucson and joined the faculty. From there, I moved to the University of California, San Diego in 1998, where I have been on the School of Medicine faculty ever since and love caring for newborns as much as ever.

San Diego is “not a hardship post,” as a good friend used to say. I absolutely loved Tucson, and at the time I lived there, it was a much smaller “frontier” town, surrounded by the incredibly beautiful Sonoran landscape, dominating clouds and sky, national forests — and during the monsoon season, dramatic thunder and lightning racing across the valley, followed by double rainbows. (Alas, one can’t go home again: Tucson has quadrupled in size and much of the splendid desert is now developed, looking much like everywhere else.)

Too many people, no weather and too few stars in San Diego, so my husband and I have a cabin to escape to on the weekends on nearby Palomar Mountain (think observatory) and backpack in the Sierra wilderness.

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S/P Graduate School: Yale University, Ph.D., Physics, 1968

Honors and Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi

For me, age 70 is the new Middle Age — the beginning of a time when you know there will be transition, with a gradual discovering and acceptance of change and of coming limitations. I guess I will not be climbing Mount Everest, but the movie Everest
is the next best thing. Now is a time of growing and deepening learning and knowledge, along with a slowing of the CPU processing and retrieval of information. But I will ALWAYS be an airplane pilot, even though I may never pilot an airplane again.

I love doing stuff — doing projects, “house work” (home repairs), keeping fit at the gym, walking in the desert and mountains, gardening, golfing, writing computer software, listening to “serious” music, as well as classic country Western, enjoying art galleries and museums, Turner Classic Movies and brand new movies. I drive a blue Corvette.

I love thinking about stuff — researching, studying, and learning before concerts, operas, ballets, theater — the music, the composer, the historical context. Every day is a course when reading the newspapers: current events around the world, anniversaries of great historical events. Economics, histories, cultures, religions, all the sciences, engineering.

All this I share with my best friend, my husband of 49 years. And our two parrots: Gandalf, a blue-and-gold macaw, who has been with us for almost 50 years and Squawk, a double yellow head Amazon parrot, who has been with us for 25 years. We split our time between homes in Scottsdale, Santa Fe and Kona, Hawaii. I am grateful for good health, energy and good spirits.

Every day is an adventure — of discovery and activity.

Ah, the mysteries of middle age —

Caroline Lovell Vest died on July 24, 2009, in Denver, CO.

Caroline was born in Fort Smith, AR. Martha Wilson housemate Heather Howland Kany recalls: “For someone of college age, she took life quite seriously. She was attractive, bright and moody.” After graduating from Smith, Caroline earned a master’s degree in English at the University of Colorado, then taught at Chapman College. She loved the American Southwest, and she loved dogs — especially Golden Retrievers. She was an avid reader, and particularly enjoyed humor, history and current events.

Classmate Nancye Faulkner Belding writes: “Caroline was a BFF to me, at Smith and afterward. We learned to love the Beatles together and our boyfriends were roommates at Amherst. When I came to Minneapolis, she was in Boulder and the nearest friend I had in the world. I drove out to see her one weekend and my car broke down. Her family in Denver adopted me and I visited them on holidays until I married. She was funny and smart and a talented writer and compassionate friend. I was heartbroken when she died.”

Lindy Hough wrote that she and Caroline attended the same high school, but that they were not friendly at Smith. “I am full of regrets around her,” Lindy wrote. “I regret that I didn’t reach out to her. We often just don’t know what people are struggling with — we assume they will go on and we will have more opportunities to know them and then they die.”

Caroline was survived by a brother and three nieces, all of Virginia Beach, VA.,
Despite many thumps on the head, I am still a romantic striving to dance through this last act of the play with dignity and unstinting love. —Gayle Evans Brookfield

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Activities and Interests: Gardening, cooking

Career: Ph.D. in developmental psychology (with a minor in clinical psychology) and taught at the college/university level for 13 years; then completed respecialization training in child and family clinical psychology; 1989-2010 at the North Shore LIJ Health System, including as Director of Child Psychology Training at North Shore Hospital and later as Director of Training for the Division of Trauma Psychiatry; now teach a seminar and consult to two programs at NSLIJ; have a psychology private practice; run grant-funded programs and developed educational materials in the area of psychological trauma.

As an undergraduate, I was sure that I would marry and have children, not sure about a career. I have been fortunate to have had an interesting career, family to whom I am close (including a sister, her children and grandchildren), good friends and students whom I’ve mentored. Family elder-care responsibilities took significant time for about eight years. But I never found the right relationship for marrying and having children of my own.

In other ways, my life path has been consistent with directions started at Smith and with legacies from my family. As a psychology major, I was interested in research and clinical work with children and I had long-standing interest in teaching. From my parents, I had legacies of valuing of knowledge/learning, community and contributing to others. From my father, a refugee from Nazi Germany, I learned that people can be resilient. My mother’s family had their own legacy of resilience. And from my mother I learned that women’s career paths often have a large element of chance but that one is always building on what one has learned.

I earned my doctorate in developmental psychology (with a clinical minor) and taught/did research for 13 years before finishing clinical training. Chance had a major impact after that. I did a post-doctoral fellowship to get more family therapy training and exposure to family research. A major focus that year was on effects of psychological trauma, which led to my chairing a task force on children’s psychological

Juliet with a Elizabeth, a young family member,
November 2015
responses to disasters and to co-authoring the report, published in 1993, as a review of research in that area. Shortly after it was completed, New York (where I was) experienced the February 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. The chairman of the psychiatry department where I worked decided that we needed to build on my report and study children who had been in the building during the bombing. That study was finally published early in 2002. When reading the page proofs in August 2001, I thought it unlikely that I would do further work regarding disasters given my job responsibilities at the time. But a few weeks later the 9/11 terrorist attack occurred. For the following five years, much of my work focused on responding to its psychological impact. This led to involvement with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, writing about family resilience and a range of work on the impact of psychological trauma that is still ongoing.

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Grandchildren: Gracyn, 2006; Whitney, 2006; Clemens, 2006; Sofia, 2012

Volunteer Service: While at work: Boston Aging Concerns, a charity focused in part on grandparents raising grandchildren; legal mediation in the Norfolk District Courts; on Cape Cod, in retirement — nine years on the board of the Orleans Citizens Forum, an organization devoted to bringing issues of local interest to the public; nine years as co-chair of a lifetime learning program at my local library that grew into such a large operation that we feared we would never find successors! My most humorous service was a two-year stint as captain of a herring counting team. We never saw a herring go up the local herring run.

Honors and Awards: Law Review while in law school, as a writer and an editor
Activities and Interests: My interests are my four grandchildren, three of whom are 9; one is 4. I write little vignettes of the funny things they've said and done, now at over 125 pages. My hobbies include duplicate bridge, creating miniature floral designs, music and, most importantly, mastering the mysteries of my TV so I can watch my British shows on demand.

Career: After graduation from law school in 1978 we moved to the Boston area and I worked for a law firm before moving in-house at New England Life Insurance Company in the investment law area. After many, many years of toil and being passed over by male lawyers, I finally achieved the status of head of the investment law division of the law department, only to be dethroned six months later as a result of the merger of New England Life into MetLife. I stayed on in the law department for another six years, until 2002 when I took early retirement. It was a roller coaster of a ride, but I'm glad I did it.

I've had a good life and a lucky one. Things could have turned out badly for me because of choices I've made, but they haven't. I wasted my parents' money and the many opportunities available to me at Smith. My sophomore year I spent most of my time at Dartmouth, riding back and forth on my then boyfriend's motorcycle. Lucky to be alive.

I went Junior Year Abroad to Geneva, where I damaged the regimented tulips along Lac Leman. Notwithstanding the trail of tulip petals back to our lodgings, the concierge denied all and we were saved from deportation. Lucky.

My forgiving parents supported me through a
surprise marriage and pregnancy in my senior year. So lucky. I am still married to the same man. How lucky can you get.

Ten years after my first son was born I decided to go to law school because my younger sister had, so how hard could that be? I was panicked about going back to school, but I needed an occupation and we needed the money. It was time to get serious. I did a research paper my first year and my professor gave me an A+. He said if there had been any higher grade he would have given it to me. I’m not boasting; that’s what panicked 29-year-old, first-year law students do.

I made the Law Review because I knew I had to if I was going to get hired after law school as a thirty-something-year-old mother with no work experience except raising kids. Lucky.

My 28-year legal career had some dips and turns, but I achieved what I knew I could do all along: become the head of the investment law unit at an insurance company, responsible for billions in investment assets. Then my company got taken over. Irony. But that too proved to be lucky. A colleague advised me to move my 401(k) into the company’s savings account option. Insane, you might think. But our acquirer froze that account and guaranteed an interest rate of 10% for reasons too complex to relate here. Lucky.

After my early retirement, I became a wedding planner for my two sons who wanted to be married at our retirement home on Cape Cod. One son gave me four months notice for 250 guests. The other gave me two months notice and required a green lawn in August. As a result I now have two beautiful daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Lucky.

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S/P Graduate School: University of Southern California, J.D., School of Law, 1967
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Grandchildren: Kavya Whyte, 2007; Brooke Duran, 2007; Anand Whyte, 2009; Maya Duran, 2010

Volunteer Service: 40 years with American Cancer Society; 35 years with Child Abuse Council of Santa Clara County; co-founder, Parental Stress Hotline; co-founder, Family Education Center; 28 years with Child Advocates, both as volunteer and staff (17 years on staff); chair of board for nonprofit serving parents in the child abuse system (four years); Junior League (49 years)

Honors and Awards: Loyola University Law School — award for graduates serving the public good; several awards for service to abused and neglected children

Activities and Interests: Travel, reading, playing with the grandchildren

Career: Although I went to law school, I practiced law only a few years. I stayed home while my children were young and developed an interest in child abuse issues, so I have spent most of my career working with the non-profit Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, the local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. I am now retired, but continue to volunteer for them as well as serve on the boards of several other related agencies.

My life has been mostly quite ordinary and yet also quite exciting and fulfilling. When I left Smith, I began law school with the intent to practice patent law or tax law. Well, I finished law school and passed the California Bar, but that is where my plan started to twist and turn. My husband was in the Navy, so we were stationed out of California — kind of hard to practice California law that way! Soon after graduation, our son was born. Soon after we returned to California, our daughter was born, and it was then that I began to understand the pressures of parenthood and how others who might not be lucky enough to have the finances and support system I had might find it hard to cope with parenthood. I began to get involved as a volunteer in the movement to define, identify and help prevent and heal child abuse — not a small task! With a group of friends, we started several organizations to assist parents in becoming the parents they wanted to be and to help those children already abused or neglected. When I finally got back to practicing law, it was representing parents whose children had been removed because of abuse or neglect, helping them to become better parents. But I really wanted to be able to work with the whole family, so I began working for Child...
Like most of us, I struggle to understand how evil, which is often inspired by only one individual, can become so popular and so powerful. —Janet Exter Butler

Advocates (the local CASA program — look it up if you don't know what that is!). There I could not only work with the families but also with “the system” to try to make it more responsive to the needs of all the parties. I have also spent about 35 years on the county’s Child Abuse Council working toward this end.

As you might imagine, family is very important to me and I am very happy to be a grandparent to three wonderful little girls and one spunky little boy. My husband is still working as a federal district judge, but I retired a few years ago. We are lucky to have been able to do a lot of traveling, but now prefer to spend our time with the kids and grandkids. I now volunteer with both CASA and the Child Abuse Council. In addition, I am the board chair for the local non-profit law firm that represents the parents in court, so I continue to be very busy. My life went a different way, but I am very happy with the outcome!

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Because of the incessant reminders, I dug in my heels and put off writing for this book. Also, as I reflected, I became angry again at the policies and educational environment of Smith as I experienced it. However, a great interview in the NY Times (11/15) of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Gloria Steinem gave me perspective on how wrong practices can change over time.

Smith for me was a continuing financial struggle unaided by the administration. Policies such as closing all housing over Thanksgiving, making the cooperative house, Tenney, do some sort of ring ceremony when no one in the house could afford a ring and losing a wonderful campus job because a classmate was uncomfortable being served by another. One hopes these things wouldn’t happen today. The only personal faculty contact I had was tea twice with foreign adjuncts, one in history and one in English. My advisor stood in the library lobby and publicly refused to write my required graduate school recommendation.

Life went on. For me it was directly to Harvard Business School where I was one of nine women in a class of 700. Almost half the professors wouldn’t teach women and in interviews for jobs recruiters were quite frank about not hiring women in spite of that being illegal. A year after graduation, I talked my way into being the first female commercial lending officer for a large NYC bank. Pregnancy ended work in those days. When my youngest went to school full-time, I returned to full-time work, this time for Exxon and was their first female plant loss supervisor, among other things.

Eventually I tired of being “the first,” however minor, and retired. I returned to school at Longwood Gardens for several years and gave in to a passion for plants. For a few years I was paid but then retreated to amateur status. I am something of an expert on indoor succulents and on weird Asian plants grown outdoors in New England and I travel the US judging shows and occasionally lecturing.

Confrontation has never been my management style and sometimes I regret not having been more assertive. When I read about Ginsburg and Steinem, ten years our seniors, however, I accepted more easily how slowly we had to go in those days. Those amazing women had much more staying power and abilities than I, but those of us at my level also contributed. I do feel that it is a male/ female world, however, and that coeducation is the only way to go. I regret Smith’s decision to remain single-sex.
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S/P College: Wentworth Institute, Associate, Architectural Engineering, 1966
Children: Douglass Michael, 1966; Matthew David, 1968
Grandchildren: Nathaniel Douglass White, 1996; Meagan Nicole White, 2000

Honors and Awards: Summa cum laude, Framingham State, 1977
Activities and Interests: All kinds of crafts, golf, beachcombing, boating, knitting, reading, travel

I taught middle school students in Texas under the Special Education umbrella for nearly 30 years, ending as a behavior specialist for students K-12. I was involved for many years in Kairos and Epiphany prison ministries. Currently I volunteer in church activities, food pantry and local school activities. Although we loved our many years in San Antonio, we are fortunate to be able to spend our retirement years together in a beautiful coastal fishing village in Maine.

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S/P Graduate School: Yale Law School, J.D., Law, 1969
Children: Ami Arnault, 1969; Lauren Arnault, 1976; Jenny Factor (step daughter), 1969
Grandchildren: Eloise Fleck, 2013; Leo Fleck, 2015

Volunteer Service: Caltech Chair’s Council for Biology and Biological Engineering and for Humanities and Social Sciences; CA Chamber of Commerce board member 1986 to date; board member, Center Dance Associates at the Music Center of Los Angeles; Constitutional Rights Foundation 1990 to date
Honors and Awards: National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO-LA), LA Chapter — Hall of Fame 2000
Activities and Interests: Family, grandchildren, learning, reading and book clubs, hiking, travel, dance, music, art
Career: Research assistant, Brookings Institute 1966-67; professor of economics 1969-1977 (Rutgers, Claremont Colleges, Occidental); consultant, Rand Corp.; management consulting with (now) Ernst and Young; founder and CEO JurEcon Inc.,1981-2015; corporate board member Delta Dental of California; corporate member Blue Shield CA; board member various philanthropic organizations

Entering Smith at 17, my goals were fuzzy. I was serious about a career and wanted it to be exciting, important, a fight against injustice and rich in travel. It was economics that got my attention. After all, if people didn’t have the money for medical care, weren’t the economic issues paramount? Remember Michael Harrington?

I’d had the good fortune to go to an excellent high school, Madeira, and was well prepared for
freshman year. The freedom at Smith (except for those damnable curfews) was powerful, and I spent much of freshman year riding my rickety bicycle around western Massachusetts, soaking up the beauty. Once, attending a farmer's livestock auction, I won a rooster that traveled on my bike to Albright and was secreted into the dorm. He was a hit! — until dawn.

My real academic growth came at Amherst. The four-college exchange program had recently begun. I learned from my Amherst boyfriend (and first husband) about the excellent economics program and its core curriculum philosophy. My Amherst professors seriously influenced my approach to teaching and focus. They directed me to grad school, wrote recommendations and helped me get into Penn, which was not so easy in the '60s.

After Smith, I worked at the Brookings Institution for a year as a research assistant, then entered Penn's graduate program and received my Ph.D. in economics in 1973. In the meantime, I married, had a baby, began teaching at Rutgers and began working on the dissertation that turned out to be an early exercise in behavioral economics.

My husband wanted to move West for his job; I wanted to take an offer in NYC. We moved ... and I was lucky to find a position at Pomona College, then Pitzer and Occidental. I consulted for the Rand Corporation on energy and water economics — fascinating times. In 1981 I founded JurEcon, Inc., a consulting firm bringing the talent of highly credentialed academics to business and government and named myself managing director (because then one could think there was a man or men behind it). We specialized in consulting in economics, finance, statistics and accounting. We had big cases (looking at Enron’s accounting system and failure), as well as smaller matters involving valuations, antitrust and securities fraud. And along the way I divorced.

Fast forward. Twenty-five years ago I became acquainted with the man who became my dear love and husband, Max Factor III. We had dated briefly sophomore year after meeting at the student model United Nations. He represented Harvard; I, Smith. Serendipitously, we reconnected when he became a client of my firm. After 23 years in Malibu, we recently moved back to Pasadena. The excitement of philanthropic activities and learning opportunities, along with amazing friends and family, are great stimulants!

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Ranch in Colorado purchased in 1987 where I had a women’s bed and breakfast for six years. 1997: moved to NW Washington due to inner guidance; lived off-the-grid for four years then moved to Bellingham. Dental lab tech two years, unemployed two years, 2002-13 county residential appraiser. I’ve continued my interest in growing food on my property and have taken several watercolor classes.

My life didn’t really take off until I left my marriage, NYC and banking. It taught me that risk can equal reward. I’ve learned to love change, and listening to my intuition has strengthened as well as my comfort in “marching to a different drummer” than most people. Adversities have become teachers, and I love never knowing from one day to the next what might appear in my life as a stepping stone. I enjoy living by myself and feel that not having children was one of the best decisions that I could have made since I require a lot of quiet time. I’ve been interested in alternative energy and sustainability for over 25 years and am currently living with my third solar system, this time grid-tied. The house that I’ve just purchased will be a net zero energy house (I’ll produce the amount of power that I use), but my true interest is in Free Energy (sometimes called New Energy), which requires no fuel. I mostly ride a motor scooter to avoid using my car, but sometimes use my electric or regular bikes. I belong to a lesbian bike group that does leisurely monthly rides around the Puget Sound area and work out a few times a week.

Life is sweet, and I feel blessed to have been guided to an area of the country that satisfies so many of my interests and beliefs. I enjoy getting older, although the body definitely isn’t as resilient. Without getting into politics, I feel that our country has been hijacked, but this can also present an opportunity to create a new paradigm. I believe that we may go through some tough times in the near future but that we will come out stronger for it with better priorities, both individually and as a country.

Volunteer Service: Pro Bono legal work on immigration matters and some criminal misdemeanors

Career: For 27 years serving in various capacities as Internal Students & Scholars Advisor, now International Legal Advisor, at Maharishi University of Management (a fully accredited private univ. with about 1200 students, both grad and undergrad) in Fairfield, IA; solo legal practice 1976-1988; now more part-time, mainly immigration law; some mediation from time to time

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S/P Graduate School: UC Berkeley, M. Eng., Mechanical engineering, 1961
Children: Michael “Bear” Sebastian (died 1999), 1974; James Seitchik Sebastian, 1977
Grandchildren: Tabitha Monterey Seitchik, 2007; Jakob Monterey Seitchik, 2009

Volunteer Service: Helped edit this yearbook; co-edited high-school 50th reunion yearbook; volunteered at sons’ schools; wrote for and edited a missing-children’s newsletter, mid ’80s; San Francisco Society of Early Music Education Board (3 years, early ’90s); manage the team that counts the money at the church I belong to (30-plus years); five-time participant on contract-negotiating team between my union and the SF Symphony; search committee for new music director at the church where I sing (2014-15).
Honors and Awards: Named the outstanding student of my graduate school class, 1991.
Activities and Interests: Studying Italian language; "cruising" with my husband in our little motor home ("the boat"); reading books aloud to John when he is driving on "cruises"; attending concerts and operas; practicing my singing (not as much as I should); commuting on foot or by bike; Sudoku, crosswords, Spider Solitaire; hanging out with our new step-grandchildren. I would like to have/make more time to read.
Career: Five years as a textbook editor (D.C. Heath in Boston; Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich in San Francisco); two years with a small investment firm; 42 years as a professional classical chorister (San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Philharmonia Baroque Chorale, et al.) and soloist; former voice teacher (poor keyboard skills made this frustrating); lyric diction coach (i.e., how to sing in foreign languages); freelance editor and proof-reader; calligrapher

I went to Smith because of its choral music program. I wanted to sing. My parents were against my studying music, though, so I majored in history, which I loved. After Smith I worked for educational publishers during the day and sang in choruses at night. I moved from Boston to San Francisco in 1969, met John in a chorus and joyfully married him in November 1971. We welcomed Bear in 1974 and Jamie in 1977.

I joined the SF Symphony Chorus in 1974 and was soon offered a professional position. Early on, though, I felt inadequate because I had no music education (history, theory, etc). I finally went to study music in my 40s and knew I was home. A pretty mediocre student in school and college, I found my success very affirming! I have had a modest career, been a soloist with the SF Symphony and the Chorus on many occasions, have a church soloist job and do other professional solo and choral work.

Our family life has been extraordinarily happy and blessed, with one huge exception: Bear died after a motorcycle accident in May, 1999. In time, John and James and I became more grateful for having had the gift than sad for the loss, but we all miss Bear every day.

John keeps busy with several community-orient-
Part of my current process is to de-clutter my house and life, simplify and zero in on what I really want. It's about time, doncha think? –Suzanne Helm Blake

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Marital Status: Divorced

I went rather reluctantly to Smith after secondary school but was pleasantly surprised by most every aspect of the experience, especially the gift of a wonderful faculty and friends. I was married the year after graduation to Douglas H. Adamson and continued to pursue an interest in the areas of literature and religion, which was another gift of my years at Smith. I studied for a master's degree in English literature at the University of Rochester (NY); then for a master of theological studies in the Boston Theological Institute; then for a doctorate in religious literature at Boston University; and finally spent a few years of post-doctoral study at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge (MA). Along the way I held a variety of enjoyable teaching positions, perhaps the most rewarding of which was a ten-year, part-time stint at the wonderful secondary school in Boston which was my alma mater.

In the mid-eighties I was divorced after 20 years of marriage and took a break from the academic world to attend to some family and business affairs. During this time I changed course and became involved in different kinds of pastoral work. For the past ten years, I have been working with the chaplain’s office in the Metro-West hospital system outside of Boston, mostly in an acute and chronic respiratory unit but also throughout the hospital wards. I continue to find this service compelling and joyful. I take pleasure not only in my work but also in the blessings of friends, the natural world, reading, the arts in many forms, the continued study of Scripture, theology, history, science and too many things to fit into the days. I hope that for all my Smith friends and acquaintances the past 50 years have been, through happy and dark times, a rich and rewarding journey, and wish them many good and fulfilling years ahead.

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Children: Kristin, 1970; Erik, 1972
Grandchildren: Jackson, 2003; Avery, 2006; Lilli, 2007; Clemens, 2010

Volunteer Service: NH Women's Fund as founder, treasurer, 2005-2014; Society for the Protection of NH Forests, trustee for 11 years; Strawberry Banke, Inc.; Wentworth Coolidge Commision Inc.; Portsmouth YWCA; Portsmouth, NH LWV; NH Planner's Association; NH Smith Club; Smith Alumnae Trustee nominating committee; South Church Endowment Chair, trustee

Honors and Awards: Elected Delegate to the NH Constitutional Convention, 1974, and two terms to the Portsmouth, NH School Board; Joan Lovering Center Pioneer Award, 2014, with husband for spearheading capital campaign and building addition and improvements for a pro choice health care center in NH

Activities and Interests: Golf, kayaking, walking, knitting — mostly scarves; sew — mostly Christmas bags; make jewelry — mostly earrings and pendants; travel, read, do Suduku — mostly before bed; play cards but married a non-bridge player; look at Florida birds, especially at Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge and on the golf course, photograph with iPhone and share and write Sundays with Mom articles

Career: Worked as a planner for the Metropolitan Planning Council in Boston and the Columbus-Muscogee County (GA) Planning Commission, from which I resigned in 1970 due to sex discrimination when I was offered a promotion without the budgeted pay. Worked as planning consultant (1970-77) when co-founded The Thoresen Group with my husband, A. Robert Thoresen. Did complete career change in 1990 when I joined what is now Morgan, Stanley as a financial adviser and retired from there in June, 2014. Next became published book author with the children's book, The Yoyo and the Piggy Bank. Also hosted two cable TV programs for 11 years and served on both public and many non-profit boards.

What I learned in my twenties: 1) I could hold my own in a 90% male classroom; 2) It is wonderful to have spousal support; 3) It hurts to experience sexual and class discrimination; 4) Having a retained placenta is not good, but having children is a joyous experience; 5) It is possible in a new town to go door-to-door campaigning and get elected to office.

What I learned in my thirties: 1) An NEH fellowship expands your horizons; 2) You can parlay service on nonprofit boards into paying positions; 3) Hosting a cable TV program brings issues important to you to the public; 4) Serving on the city school board when an air base closes is tough when you have to close schools and lay off teachers; 5) Being a room mother is good; 6) Family travel is great and the source of stories every trip; 7) It is fine to wear a bikini; 8) I liked being the youngest trustee of a large conservation organization.

What I learned in my forties: 1) Having a career where you earned little money, had a great reputation and worked long hours was not going to fund college or retirement; 2) Writing Growing Up in the Sixties: The Supergwoman Challenge was therapeutic; 3) Having a new TV show with one-on-one interviews was fun; 4) A major career change at 45, requiring studying passing an incredible amount of tests, was stressful; 5) Accompanying the choir and playing church music was more than I could handle while on the school board.

What I learned in my fifties: 1) It takes time to build a business; 2) Children become adults but still need support and sometimes home care; 3) It is good to help found a women's fund to meet the needs of the future; 4) Writing creatively is difficult with a full-time job; 5) Having grandchildren keeps us young.

What I learned in my sixties: 1) It is advantageous to be older and a financial adviser; 2) Parents who live into their nineties require more care from their children; 3) Spouses and children may need more care, too; 4) It would be nice to take longer vacations; 5) How to work remotely, thanks to technology; 6) It is good to work on successful mergers of nonprofit organizations to help them survive; 7) Raising money for a pro-choice health center to have an acceptable facility is rewarding.

What I learned in my seventies: 1) I had to retire to complete my children's book, The Yoyo and the Piggy Bank, started in 2002 and published April 2015; 2) I am clueless about marketing and learning social media but am working on it; 3) I still like bikinis.
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S/P Graduate School: Stanford University, Ph.D., Economics, 1967
Children: Tamara Tasker, 1972
Grandchildren: Nico; Ariana; Chiara; Dante; Sebastian; Sasha

Volunteer Service: Mentoring young women and men in their careers
Honors and Awards: MBA Faculty Speaker — twice at Syracuse U.; Appointed by President Obama as chair of first all-woman Presidential Emergency Board (Coalition Unions and NJ Transit); board of governors, National Academy of Arbitrators; president, NAA Research and Education Foundation
Activities and Interests: Horseback riding, reading, travel
Career: I taught in the Strategy and Human Resources Department of Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management from 1982 through 2001. While there, I interned with a well-established labor-management arbitrator and began developing my own arbitration career. In 2001, my husband and I retired from our academic positions to devote ourselves full time to our non-academic "sidelines." I have continued my arbitration career to the present.

Smith was, for me, a totally wrong choice. (Yale became co-ed seven years too late!) I had grown up in a neighborhood of all boys and had an equal number of male and female friends throughout my early schooling, including a huge, integrated public high school (graduating class: 672). I was totally unprepared to deal with an all-female community. It seemed to me, besides, that a large portion of the incoming freshmen at Smith had gone to elite all-girl private schools with graduating classes in the low double digits. Physically, they were mostly slender, blonde and incredibly poised. I was none of the above. Many had never seen an African American not "in service."

But Smith still had some amazing gifts in store for me, and for those I am grateful. The most compelling miracle was Iva Dee Hiatt. She taught us early on to show up with our "A" game or not bother showing up at all, no matter the hour, no matter the music. It was a lesson I took into my 26-year university teaching career, from which I am retired, and one I still adhere to in my labor arbitration practice, which I continue to enjoy. She also introduced me to the richness of Europe as part of the Smith-Princeton Choir, and to the pain of the civil rights-riven Southern States with Wesleyan's choir. Mr. Ruiz (Latin American Studies) opened our eyes to the American

With my Andalusian mare

...history not usually, if ever, taught to us before we got to Smith. Miss Halvorsen, in the Economics Department I ultimately chose for my major, showed the amazing courage of her convictions when she left Smith to teach at Spelman College in Atlanta as her contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.

So as I enter my "70's as the new 40's" (just creakier), I do not regret attending Smith, though I still believe it was, at the time and in retrospect, a very wrong choice for me. I am blessed with a wonderful husband (a Yalie, no less), a daughter, stepdaughter and step-son, and six incredible grandchildren. And I am gifted with a gorgeous black Andalusian mare who expects my "A" game whenever I show up to ride.
Maybe a husband and children would have also led to a happy life, but seeing other people with divorces, problems with children—maybe not. –Margaret W. Browar

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S/P College: Amherst, B.A., English, 1966
S/P Graduate School: Columbia University, M.B.A., M.J., Business School, Journalism School, 1968
Children: Katie Bacon, 1971; Sarah Bacon, 1975
Grandchildren: Jamie Pener, 2004; Bisi Pener, 2006

Volunteer Service: I was deeply involved in my daughters' school and with the high stakes decision to add its high school that thrives today. As chairman of the board, I handed out the first diplomas. Of all my volunteer activities, creating that school was the most fascinating, with the greatest rewards.

Career: I have primarily been a journalist, working in public radio for 20 years on national shows on NPR. I’ve also worked directly for a political commentator on the PBS NewsHour for the past 35 years and am still doing that once a week. I’ve always chosen to work part-time to have enough time for my children, friends, travel and volunteer activities.

Smith is a lasting strand with threads all through my life.

Fall of our junior year I met my husband, Ken, on a blind date to the Amherst-Williams game. We were married a week after graduation, raised two indescribably fine daughters and have two grandchildren. Ken died at 64 of melanoma. It cut short a brimful life and career as reporter, Pentagon spokesman and head of a refugee advocacy organization. Just before his death, he created a center to study the impact of climate change on the world’s refugee crisis.

I have a new man in my life. It was a surreal feeling to be dating for the first time since I was 18, and I find it’s no less complicated.

That same fall of our junior year I also fell in love with politics in an elections course, passing out bumper stickers and flyers in Edward Brooke’s inspiring Senate campaign. After graduate school at Columbia, we moved to Washington. I was on the Mall for demonstrations and inaugurations, worked on Capitol Hill and in local and national campaigns. In 1981 I took a research job on a public TV show on politics with Democratic commentator Mark Shields. I’ve worked for him ever since and still learn from him.

By pure chance I found another route into journalism. One day my car radio featured a riveting talk show. I called the host, Diane Rehm, and asked for a job. For the next ten years I read books, wrote scripts, found topics and guests on every subject imaginable. I moved to NPR, where I worked on All Things Considered, Weekend Edition Saturday and election coverage. I was lucky enough to be there during extraordinary times, from impeachment and the 2000 election, to 9/11, the Iraq War, Katrina and the nomination of Barack Obama to be President of the United States.

Smith is a lasting strand with threads all through my life.

With my family in Cape Town, July 2014
I think Sophia Smith would like the ways Smith has informed and enriched my life. I’ve traveled to see beautiful things I saw first in Art 11. I’ve re-read books by Henry James and Edith Wharton that I learned to love from Daniel Aaron. When I taught history to high school students, the classes they liked best were cribbed from the theories of Stanley Elkins and Ramon Ruiz. The world makes more sense thanks to European and diplomatic history courses at Smith. I’ve regretted a thousand times being too craven to take Mr. Weinstein’s course on Constitutional Law.

The other vital Smith thread running through my life has been my cherished friends. When I come back in May, I want to share with them all the happy, sad, interesting, varied, unexpected places life has taken us in these 50 years.

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S/P College: University of Nebraska, B.S., Business, 1963
Children: Edward Miller, 1969; Anne P. Miller Bello, 1981
Grandchildren: Dinorah Pence Bello, 2013

Volunteer Service: First Parish in Norwell, Unitarian — various committees and organizations; Brownie and Girl Scout leader for ten years; Hanover Visiting Nurse Association; Hanover Garden Club
Activities and Interests: Gardening, painting, reading (a member of a reading group that has been meeting at my house since 1986)
Career: I had a few part-time jobs which I enjoyed: agent for the local Conservation Commission; office assistant at my church; bookkeeper for a local preschool. Each job was satisfying and interesting, providing long-lasting friendships.

In hindsight, I should have heeded the advice of my sociology professor who told his class of sophomores that we should work and live on our own for at least a year before marrying. I married a week after graduation and in the short span of six years gave birth to a son, was divorced, went to work and remarried. Although my second husband was disabled by multiple sclerosis and we never had much money, our marriage was very happy, filled with laughter, love, friendship and mutual support. Roger died in 2010.

Our greatest sadness was our son’s diagnosis of a serious illness. He has earned an undergraduate and graduate degree and lives independently, but his condition is still a worry as I grow older. In my mind, I am still young, but my body tells me that I am 70. I survived cancer and consequent deafness in my left ear; recently the after affects of a great deal of radiation are causing problems with my facial nerve. Last year I had two total hip replacements, and now one knee is complaining.

I’d say, though, that there has been more good than bad in my life. There was great joy for my husband and me on the birth of our daughter, who followed me to Smith. She earned her Ph.D. and is working at the University of Massachusetts in the area of composition and rhetoric. My husband would have adored our granddaughter, born in 2013. He
would have wanted Dinorah to go to Smith also, but since she is growing up in the Pioneer Valley, she'll probably want to go farther afield.

I did have several part-time jobs that I enjoyed, but for the most part I was a stay-at-home mother for my children and caregiver for my husband. I relished the freedom I had to pursue hobbies and volunteer work. Now in my early 70's I find myself as busy as I've ever been with family, volunteer work, memberships and church.

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S/P Graduate School: Columbia Medical School, M.D., Medicine, 1967

Activities and Interests: I love being with, and showing, both in Conformation and Obedience, my beautiful West Highland Terriers. It is a sport in which you can succeed at all ages and develop, over time, a nice group of friends whom you see quite often. I also love travel, especially to Paris, and go fairly often. I enjoy reading and listening to classical music, at home and at the symphony. I love being with my friends.

Career: I worked for B. Altman in NYC for one year after graduation and then Macy's SF for 28 years after we moved to San Francisco. I enjoyed the fast pace and constant changes of retail but was not too keen on advancing to the highest level since it would have taken too much time away from all the wonderful things (symphony, dogs, museums) that I discovered here which I really enjoyed doing.

I remember going to my mother's 50th Smith reunion, which was also our 25th. She was a lovely woman in her flower print dress, surrounded by her many friends as they decorated their class headquarters in Seelye Hall with their yellow class ribbons. She was so fond of Smith, she even worked until her retirement for the Alumnae Association.

My experience at Smith was a bit different. I came to college from Northampton High School, where I did quite well but actually was rather poorly prepared. I worked very, very hard at Smith and had little time to make friends.

However, I came away having learned many positive qualities: among them are organizational skills, an understanding of all classes and types of women, a deep appreciation for learning, especially reading, and a great pride to be an alum of Smith. Unfortunately, I did not learn good posture.

One year after graduation, I got married in the chapel and Walter and I got in our new red Buick to drive to San Francisco, where he had his first job and my life changed forever.

I felt comfortable here immediately and still do, 48 years later. The weather is amazing, and there are so many things to do, from symphony to museums to restaurants to a walk in the parks, that I am never bored. I did work for Macy's for 28 years, going in the opposite direction from most people, from exec-
utive to staff, when I decided to change to part-time hours.

We had no children, but have the most wonderful West Highland Terrier dogs, who are our family. For the first time, all four are related. They are pretty fancy show dogs who become champions, and then I show them competitively in Obedience. They are a joy.

We enjoy travel, especially to Paris. Walt has taken quite a few bird-watching trips, but I sit those out and wait for the city trips. I went to London last March for the first time for a dog show that was on my bucket list and now have a new favorite destination.

We both had surgery this year, and after a fairly long recovery, we are eager to be more active and go to more places. We realize that 70 is only a number and are planning on many more fine years.

My best regards to all!

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S/P Occupation: Attorney
S/P College: Holy Cross, B.A., History/Philosophy, 1973

S/P Graduate School: Santa Clara University, CA, J.D., Law School, 1984
Children: Jason Dods, 1967
Grandchildren: Allison, 1994; Matthew, 1996; Spencer, 2001; Olivia, 2004

Volunteer Service: I occasionally do volunteer service at my church.

Honors and Awards: Scoring in the 99th percentile on the CBEST exam; winning a $5,000 grant for my school from the Mr. Holland's Opus foundation, with a recognition in the National Music Educators Journal

Activities and Interests: I enjoy playing piano with two friends who play flute. I love to read, knit and walk our Welsh Corgi, Prema. I enjoy cooking and entertaining. I am a singer/songwriter. I also have a private music studio in my home and am music director at our local church. My husband and I love to travel, especially to tropical islands like the Cook Islands and Fiji. We spent two weeks last summer in Dublin and London.

Career: I taught music in private and public schools in 1978 until my retirement in 2012. I taught classroom music with a focus on Orff Schulwerk, choral music, band and orchestra. I have taught all grade levels from K to 12 and worked as an adjunct instructor at a community college. Many of my former students are still playing and singing, some professionally. It was a very rewarding career.

Attending a church in my hometown of Trenton, N.J. led to my journey at Smith. I developed a love of singing at this church but also met Elizabeth Browning Case, a Smith alumna, who helped me obtain a scholarship from the Smith Princeton Club. Because of the full scholarship I was able to attend.

My experience at Smith was life-changing. As a voice major, I studied with Adrienne Auerswald and
sang in the Smith choirs. My favorite ensemble was the Smith Chamber Singers, conducted by the legendary Iva Dee Hiatt. We toured Western Europe in 1965 with the Princeton Glee Club. I was also a Smiffenpoof.

After graduation, I remained in Massachusetts, married and had my son. I subsequently divorced and attended graduate school at UMass, earning my masters in Music. It was then that I decided I wanted to teach music. During this time I met my current husband, who grew up in Springfield. It is interesting how events in our lives fall into place. Prior to our meeting, Tim had taken yoga classes in Santa Cruz, CA. He came back to Massachusetts for a wedding with the intent to return, but because of our meeting he stayed in Massachusetts. This was another life-changing event.

In the Spring of 1979, we flew to California to attend a yoga retreat, where I met my yoga teacher, Baba Hari Dass. He told us to come to live at Mount Madonna yoga center and so we moved to California. We left our jobs, put everything in storage and camped across Canada. We stayed first in a huge geodesic dome tent on the property. Not having jobs was a little scary, but because of the good fortune of the universe, I was hired two days after arriving to teach music at a private school in San Jose. We have been living in the Santa Cruz area ever since, now in a beautiful home in Aptos.

I had been to California during college, visiting classmate Frances Reid. I never dreamed that I would make it my home. My husband went to law school soon after we arrived, and is now in private practice.

Fortuitously, a fellow Clarkie, Susan Rubinow Gorsky, moved to California with her husband Buzz after years in Hawai‘i. We had reconnected at a mini-reunion on Cape Cod and she expressed their desire to move to the Central Coast. Little did I know she would be my neighbor, living a half-mile away! Smith friendships are strong and long-lasting.

I am grateful for the gifts the past years have given me: a wonderful husband, a fine son and daughter-in-law, four grandchildren, a beautiful place to live in a spectacular part of the country, a strong faith community and the opportunity to meet my teacher, Babaji.

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Grandchildren: Ethan Goldberg, 2005; Tyler Goldberg, 2008; Larissa Goldberg, 2011

Volunteer Service: Advisory Board of Parenting Support Programs, Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital; Trustee and member, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights Ohio; Social Services Committee, Riverside Church, New York

Chris with son Matt and daughter Claire
I have viewed polar bears from a tundra buggy in Manitoba, and dodged icebergs in the waters of Greenland and lava on the mountains of Iceland. –JoAnne Towell Chittick

Activities and Interests: Museums, art galleries, art shows
Career: 20 years in publishing as a book designer; 25 years in education as teacher and administrator, all in independent (nonprofit) schools; five years as an arts education consultant, mainly teaching fiber arts/weaving; currently focusing on my own art

After so many years of skepticism, I now can accept the essential truths in cliches and adages. There's one about life being just one big circle, and that now looks truer than ever to me. At Smith I majored in Studio Art, studied book-making and printmaking with Leonard Baskin and calligraphy with Elliot Offner. I moved to New York and looked for my career in art. For 20 years, I worked in publishing as a book designer, living on Manhattan's Upper West Side and raising my kids. A midlife career shift took me into education, earning a degree at Teachers College, Columbia and launching me into the next 25 years in schools, as a teacher and administrator in independent schools. I also moved during those years from New York to Albany to Cleveland and then to New Haven. I loved the world of schools and kept my passion for art as a weekend pursuit.

Five years ago I stepped away from my school career. To deal with the shock of not waking up to an alarm clock and not answering to the demands of others, I struggled to avoid the label "retired" and turned to being "self-employed." Very quickly the art of textiles swept in to fill my days. Finally, all the enticements of the world of art were streaming into my life, unfiltered, and I saw the Big Circle forming — Art to Design to Teaching to Art/Teaching.

These last five years — the arc that comes close to connecting the full circle — have been more active than I had ever imagined. I now live in a small town in western Connecticut (where I moved to be closer to my aging parents, who are now both gone), I teach weaving and other fiber crafts at a number of local art organizations and shops, belong to three very vital arts organizations that constantly challenge me and find enough time to create my own art. Although I still hold onto friendships from all the different stages of my life, I now have a new circle of friends whose passion for fiber arts resonates deeply with me.

My bi-coastal family — Matt, an architect, lives in LA with his wife Veronica and daughter; Claire, an educational researcher, lives near Philadelphia with husband Jared and three children — brings joy and hope for the future. I don't see them often enough.

Marcia WILLIAMS LaRiche
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Marcia Williams LaRiche died on August 28, 2007, after a three-year struggle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), in Cleveland, OH.

Marcia devoted her life to community service. She worked for the Federation for Community Planning, an organization dedicated to improving health and social conditions in Greater Cleveland, and also served as executive director of the Institute for Educational Renewal, a Cleveland-based non-profit focused on enhancing academic experience for students in elementary and middle schools. And, writes Lydia Bruner Oppman, "She shared her deep knowledge about educational reform, school change and teacher development with the Aspire Program at Hathaway Brown School, a tuition-free academic and leadership program that brings together adolescent girls who attend under-resourced public schools in the Cleveland area with new teachers who have tremendous potential."

Karin Halvorson Hillhouse writes: "Marcia lived fully and fiercely, committed to creating opportunity and justice for all. Competitive and successful in the civic arena — as she was on the soccer field at Smith — she died too young, still full of her signature fire for making a difference, making it clear that every moment matters and that we can be kind to each other in ten thousand simple ways. All-Smith always!"

Lydia Oppman shared her special memories of Marcia: "I knew her all my life, starting at Hathaway Brown School pre-school in Shaker Heights, Ohio. She was an amazing wife, mother and friend, and accomplished a great deal in her much too short life. She was loyal, gutsy and forever a caring friend. Marcia loved sports and played tennis and was on a local soccer team. She dealt with her horrific illness so incredibly bravely for three years without complaint. She is forever my hero, and I miss her so much."

Marcia is survived by three children and six grandchildren.
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Activities and Interests: Reading, all manner of arts (music, art museums and galleries, theater, movies), travel, hiking, walking and yoga, as well as significant time spent sailing. And, having completed a three-month professional-level cooking program in NYC in 1991, food and cooking remain of primary interest

Career: Primarily nonprofit: board member of several community organizations and a private school in Jacksonville, Florida, and a long-term involvement as a trustee and supporter of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in Camden, Maine

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Career: Primarily nonprofit: board member of several community organizations and a private school in Jacksonville, Florida, and a long-term involvement as a trustee and supporter of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in Camden, Maine

Family and Whereabouts

My husband, J.P., and I have lived in Ponte Vedra, Florida, since 1971, following our wedding in June, 1967, three years in the Palo Alto, California area and a year in Washington D.C. Our children grew up here, although they have scattered to other locales. Jamie, 45, lives in Santa Cruz, California where he is chef/owner of Foodsmith, a healthy foods delivery company, and has two sons, Riley and Jake. Our daughter, Kippy, 42, and her gang live in Portland, Maine, where she is an educator with the Expeditionary Learning organization and has two children, Curran and Lucy. For the last 25 years, J.P. and I have split our time between Florida and our house in Camden, Maine which we love.

Mostly Volunteer

While I did “work for pay” for about 15 years, my career has mostly been as a mom and a volunteer/board member of various community organizations and a private school in Jacksonville, Florida. Most meaningful has been a long term

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S/P Graduate School: Stanford Graduate School of Business, M.B.A., 1970
Children: Jamie, 1970; Kippy, 1973
Grandchildren: Riley, 2002; Jake, 2006; Curran, 2009; Lucy, 2011
involvement as a trustee/advisory board member at the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in Maine.

Fun Times
Nothing compares with the intensity and joy of the years when our children were growing up. Now we treasure our times together. AND about 25 years ago, J.P. and I discovered we both loved sailing and cruising. We've had great adventures — beautiful, exciting, relaxing, albeit with a few moments of fright and stress — exploring the waters of Maine, the Caribbean and Bahamas on our 44-foot Little Harbor sloop, as well as some weeks chartering in Sweden and Croatia. A real pleasure to find that we old dogs can learn a new skill together and love it.

Thoughts on Smith College
Am I happy that I went to Smith? Absolutely. A very good education, which I could have taken more advantage of, I'm sure. Tom Mendenhall called me and my wonderful Morris house friends “The Hackers,” but what I learned has served me well ... and my very good friends then are my best friends still. Other Smith women I've met over the years are consistently interesting, adventuresome, confident, involved and making a difference. They have a strong core, and I've learned (through yoga), that that's a good thing for living a healthy, happy life — that and staying flexible (the greater challenge!). When we left Northampton in 1966 who even thought about being back there 50 years hence? It will be excellent to do that in May, 2016 and I look forward to it.

Dolores WILSON Coviello (Dori)

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Major: Biological Sciences

Dolores Wilson Coviello died on November 3, 2005, at home in Milford, CT.

Dori received her master's degree in education at Fairfield University in 1973. She was an eighth-grade physical science teacher for 25 years at the Roger Ludlow Middle School in Fairfield, CT. She was an active member of the First United Church of Christ in Milford, where she served as a deacon with the women's fellowship and as a Sunday School teacher.

She was survived by Don Coviello, her husband of 35 years; a daughter, Margaret Anne; a son, Matthew; and two grandchildren.

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Children: Sharif Hocine, 1982; Sami Hocine, 1984

Volunteer Service: Master Gardener Volunteer; Sheldon Museum Garden, Middlebury Volunteer; Town Hall Theatre Events Volunteer (Middlebury)
Honors and Awards: NYU Stern Business School Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; Master Gardener
Activities and Interests: Gardening, reading, skiing, English country dancing, Morris dancing, Ripton Historical Society, writing a murder mystery Murder on Mount Monadnock
Career: I've worked in a variety of non-profit, for-profit and governmental industries and agencies, including but not limited to: legal assistant, financial analyst, overseas DEA analyst, international petroleum economics analyst, international teacher, independent school teaching head, public school teacher and novelist.

I have lived a very rich life! It was my participation in Smith's Junior Year Abroad Program that determined my rather non-traditional path — the road not taken. After Smith, I earned my M.A.T. at Columbia U's Teachers College, working there and witnessing the student takeover of Hamilton Hall in
I’m appalled at what I see now in the US—the religiosity, racism, the treatment of the very poor, a totally incoherent political system. –Clara-Mae L. Chittum

the spring of that revolutionary year, 1968. At that time I was married to Paul Landis Wise, Amherst, ’66, who was completing his law degree at Columbia.

Paul and I moved to Paris where he worked for Coudert Frères law firm. We purchased a condo in Méribel Les Allues, in the French Alps, where we’d trek back and forth on the train-couchettes each weekend. We were avid skiers and skied the Mont Blanc glacier, among other wonderful ski adventures. At this juncture I worked as a DEA analyst at the American Embassy, helping American agents set up undercover meetings with drug dealers and managed the investigative database on all known traffickers. In particular, I helped the American agent who set up what became the famous “French Connection.”

When Coudert sent us back to NYC, things fell apart; our divorce occurred eight days before Paul, back in France after a separation, fell into a crevasse to his death at age 32. I was then working as a financial analyst for a privately-owned international grain company while earning an M.B.A. at NYU.

I met an Algerian lawyer sent by his government to do an internship on Wall St. When he returned to Algeria three years later, I married him, adapting to life in a Muslim and socialist country. Living on the Mediterranean was intriguing and sometimes challenging. I was working for Arthur D. Little as a petroleum economics analyst when the Iranian hostages were delivered to the Americans at the Algiers airport in 1981. Our dinner that day was interrupted as our host left to join the Embassy team overseeing this historic event.

Eventually, in 1987, as fundamentalism from the eastern Mediterranean promised trouble in Algiers, I moved back to the US with my two sons, just before jihadis started bombing the market where I had done my daily shopping. I found a job teaching French at Wooster School in Danbury, CT, where I remained for 15 years, becoming Middle School Head. My husband and I divorced in 1999.

As my boys went off to college, I moved north to teach world languages in Brattleboro, VT and Keene, NH, where I married author Craig Brandon in 2003. During this time, I attended Middlebury College’s Summer Institute in Spanish and later was selected as one of 30 U.S. teachers of French to attend the Université de Strasbourg for a month-long, intensive cultural and linguistic program.

I retired in June 2014, moving to my “winterized” home on Robert Frost Mtn. in Ripton, VT; I still teach part-time and enjoy the natural beauty of life here.
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S/P Graduate School: Salem State College, M.Ed., Education; Northeastern University, M.A., Psych/Counseling

Children: Michele, 1969; Ryan, 1971; Brendan, 1972
Grandchildren: Ethan Mullen, 2002; Jordan Mullen, 2004

Volunteer Service: Board member, Friends of Maynard Public Library; MPL Annual Book Festival organizer; Assabet Valley Food Co-op member; "Promising Pals" correspondent with students at Timilty Middle School in Boston
Activities and Interests: Grandparenting, tennis, reading and book clubs
Career: My primary career was working for an asset management firm in Boston, Putnam Investments. I was a senior administrative assistant in the Fixed Income Department, working up to a senior position in that capacity. They loved that I had a background in English. Those were the days when we sent actual memos and letters, and I excelled at editing my boss's compositions! It was an interesting job, where I felt valued and useful, and I learned about finance. I retired at the end of 2008 after 17 years there.

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Retirement is busy: family activities; experiencing a new community; becoming active in the local library, with its book club and Friends of the Library organization; joining a local fitness club, where I rediscovered tennis as a great way to stay active and be social.

One other development to report is that Brendan was diagnosed with MS four years ago. He has shown remarkable courage and resiliency in dealing with this harsh disease, with its painful symptoms and negative prognosis. He used a series of drugs that slow progression, but none offers a cure. Brendan continued to research new approaches and eventually was accepted for HSCT treatment in a Moscow clinic (one of several cutting-edge centers around the world). HSCT involves harvesting some of your stem cells, then chemotherapy, followed by a reinfusion of those stem cells to "reboot" the immune system. He's been medication-free for well over a year, with no relapses or significant new symptoms, so we are optimistic!

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S/P Graduate School: Naval Postgraduate School, M.S., Operations Research Systems Analysis, 1974

Volunteer Service: Apache Junction Food Bank
Honors and Awards: President's Council at Prime Computer
Activities and Interests: Golf, tennis, reading, politics, hiking, dogs, traveling
Career: My career was primarily in computer systems, working for Control Data Corporation, Prime Computer, American Management Systems, LSW, and Foxfire Printing. I also worked as Manager of Corporate Communications at American Management Systems, where I was responsible for their brochures, annual report and various press relations.

In 2005, my husband Bob and I, along with our Portuguese water dog, moved from Potomac, MD, to Gold Canyon, AZ. We had lived in Maryland since 1974, but after we sold our company, decided we were tired of the traffic and summers with high humidity and bugs. At that time our goal was to have a winter home in Arizona and a summer home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We accomplished that goal by spring of 2007, when we completed building our Pueblo-style Santa Fe home.

And the most asked question by those unfamiliar with the two places is "What's the difference?" Both communities are part of the desert Southwest. But that is where the similarity ends. Santa Fe is a high desert community with an altitude of 7,000 feet and is therefore a wonderful place to escape the hot
Phoenix summers. It is a vibrant multi-cultural community with fabulous restaurants, museums, art galleries and a world-class opera. The sunsets are legendary and a visiting friend compared the light favorably to high definition television. Phoenix by contrast is the fifth largest city in the United States. We love them both.

Bob and I are blessed with good health and enjoy many outdoor activities. We both play golf and enjoy hiking with our dog, Buoy. We came West with Latte, a Portuguese water dog. Unfortunately we lost him to melanoma. It would have been a good time to say he was our last dog, but I love dogs and couldn’t resist getting one more. And Buoy, another Portuguese water dog, has been an absolute delight. He is a good hiker and has hiked many trails in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Santa Fe, the Superstition Mountains in the Phoenix area and most of the major trails in Sedona, AZ. He is also an awesome swimmer. We visited friends and left Buoy with them while we played in a golf tournament. When we returned, we learned he had spent the afternoon alternating between swimming in their pool and lying on a lounge chair in the sun. He didn’t miss us!

When we aren’t enjoying the spectacular outdoors, hiking and golfing or exercising in the gym, we enjoy traveling in Arizona and New Mexico and internationally. Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain and Mexico have been recent destinations.

Life is good!
um in the Hingham Shipyard, a youthful, lively community. My new home has a lovely view of the marina and I am making new friends.

My education at Smith has served me very well, both in my career and also because of the “taste” I had of the liberal arts. I did everything in my power to concentrate on my double major, math and economics, and avoid the arts, literature and history. But today, I find I am exploring these areas (without the pressure of papers, exams and grades) and thoroughly enjoying it.

As I get older, I face some of the problems we all do (I’m anticipating a hip replacement, and sometimes I get lonely). I take strength from the entries in our Alumnae Quarterly from women who are now in their nineties. What admirable and wise women they are, and I thank them for sharing their stories.

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Children: Clay Helm, 1972; Laura Helm Casares, 1975; Maggie Helm, 1975; Peter Helm, 1979

Volunteer Service: Too many to go into, mainly through Junior League and then through local Presbyterian Church; primary focus children and youth at risk
Activities and Interests: Reading, movies, hiking, exercise at gym, walking

Life since Smith has had its ups and downs but mostly it’s been good. I have a wonderful family and terrific friends (some for 50+ years). Both family and friends have been supportive and fun to be with.

My family lived in Louisville, KY for 40 years (a good place to bring up kids) and moved to the East Bay of San Francisco in 2010 to be closer to our four kids and five (soon to be six) grandchildren. It was hard to basically start all over (in a smaller house — we had to get rid of a lot of stuff — and a new part of the country) but well worth the stress and effort. We’re in good health, keeping busy and enjoying retirement.

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Marital Status: Widowed
Spouse/Partner: Ron Hall
Children: Rebecca Morris, 1969; Lydia Fettig, 1973
Grandchildren: Nicholas Fettig, 2004; Elise Fettig, 2008; Daniel Fettig, 2008

Volunteer Service: Guilford Art Center, president of board of directors
Honors and Awards: Honorable Mention: Soc. of Connecticut Craftsman Annual Exhibition, Wesleyan Univ. Center for the Arts, Middletown, CT; juror Toshi-ko Takeazu, Princeton Univ.; juror Lloyd Herman, Dir. Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Institution; exhibitor Greater Hartford Civic and Arts Festival
I struggle to master all the new technology that keeps coming down the pike. What an adventure. –Ann Frances Miller

Activities and Interests: Ceramics, art, travel

Career: I worked for 22 years as director of alumni relations for Yale Graduate School (reunions, newsletters, commencement), reporting to the dean of Yale Graduate School, and simultaneously as director of graduate school alumni fund, reporting to the development office; I spent 10 years as director of development and public relations for Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center, Inc., a post-secondary program for students with developmental disabilities.

My newest identity is grandmother and potter. Hoping to stay healthy, I’m enjoying this stage in life.

My wonderful husband of 20 years, Ron Hall, died of lymphoma in 2008. In 2010, my mother, Ruth Kimberly Young (Smith ’37), died. Both deaths were overwhelming losses and I’ve taken a long time to regain my equilibrium. In 2014 my close friend of 50-plus years, Eudora (Docie) Simmons Pendergrast ’66, died. We had a final visit in the Toronto hospital and I returned for her memorial service. We always came to reunions together and stayed in close contact. I miss her terribly.

Beyond these major losses, my life is good. In 2010 I retired and enjoy my free time. I’ve been able to immerse myself in ceramics again and am serving as president of the board of the Guilford Art Center, a lively regional institution with a gallery, shop and school for stone sculpture, ceramics, painting, jewelry and weaving.

I’ve also been traveling before old age infirmities overtake me. I went to New Zealand for three weeks with good friend and Smith classmate Gayle Evans Brookfield. We stayed in hostels and explored the North and South Islands. I loved New Zealand! This spring I went on a great Smith trip to Japan, a very impressive country in every respect. Next is Road Scholar to Chile and Argentina with my sister and Gayle.

I love spending time with my three grandchildren. The twins and their older brother were in Connecticut with me for a month last summer, swimming in nearby Long Island Sound, and I spent a month with them in Maryland in the fall. My daughter, Lydia Fettig, teaches academic writing at American University. Her husband is a classical musician and director of the U.S. Marine Band in Washington, DC. I’m very proud of both of them.

My older daughter, Rebecca Morris, Smith ’91, is an artist living in LA and teaching at Pasadena City College, where her husband also teaches art. They are very happy in California. I visit whenever I can and have been to Rebecca’s shows in Berlin, LA, Chicago and New York (2014 Whitney Biennial).

My best Smith friends are Sukey Lilienthal, Eudora (Docie) Simmons, Jean Progner, Dorothy Edmonds, Gayle Evans, Susan Lang, Nancy Nitikman and Valerie Ellett ’65. They opened my eyes to the wider world and befriended me at a time of growth for all of us. I credit Smith (and my friendships there) and my parents for any successes I’ve achieved.

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S/P Graduate School: University of Texas at Austin, M.B.A., School of Business, 1969
Children: Amy McGhee Intille, 1970; Melissa McGhee Sela, 1975

Daughters Lydia (l) and Rebecca (Smith ’91) and me
Volunteer Service: Currently: Docent at the Harry Ransom Center, a humanities research center and museum at the University of Texas at Austin; member of a citizens' committee that monitors land development in southwest Austin and evaluates requests for zoning changes. Previously: Service in support of Smith as club leader (Denver and Houston), SW regional coordinator of clubs, member and chair of Alumnae Assn's Nominating Committee, member of Alumnae Assn's board of directors, member of Smith College Medal Committee by appointment of the Trustees; president of Harris County [Texas] Friends of the Library, lay representative to regional library co-op (administering state and federal grants in 28 Texas counties), board member and secy. of Houston READ Commission, overseeing non-profit literacy providers (by appointment of Houston's mayor and city council); 1970s-'90s: active participation in school support organizations and community groups in Caracas, Venezuela, and suburban Denver and Houston.

Activities and Interests: The 3 F's: family, friends and food. Also traveling as often and widely as possible — preferably involving family and/or friends and great food. Art and literature; politics and history; theater and sports

Career: Clerical (1966-69) and teacher/tutor of languages and English as a Second Language (1980s and '90s)

The Austin Public Library was my favorite childhood haunt, and there I happened upon a booklet about Smith College. That serendipitous discovery set me on the path to Northampton and changed my life. Smith College broadened my horizons, taught me to ask better questions and to question easy answers, gave me the confidence to tackle challenges and introduced me to a treasure trove of friends and role models.

My Smith education has served me well through all the changes and challenges life offers. Husband John's banking career sent us from New York City to Venezuela, where our two daughters were born; to Aruba and Denver, and then, in the early '80s, to Houston. In all those places I have enjoyed the camaraderie of Smith alumnae — OK, just a couple of alums on Aruba — and have loved volunteering for Smith clubs and for the Alumnae Association.

My work, salaried and as a volunteer, has focused on education and literacy. I have taught many topics to a variety of student groups over the years, most happily teaching adult ESL students, and I've played a leadership role in support of community libraries and literacy programs. In no small part my activism on behalf of public libraries is motivated by my gratitude to my childhood library for opening doors to a wider world for me long ago.

After John's retirement we moved back to Austin in mid-2008 and began to get reacquainted with a very different "hometown" after 40 years away. Family ties drew us back to Austin, and we take full advantage of easy access to our two Austin grandchildren. Competing for our attention is our practically perfect granddaughter in Boston. Her parents seem determined to keep her in Boston, so we visit often.

My kaleidoscope of images — images of special people and magical places encountered over the years — reflected, refracted, coming into focus as my 50th reunion draws near ... those images remind me of my great good fortune to have shared four years with the remarkable women of Smith's Class of '66.

Linda Young Barnes

House: Park

Major: Economics


She had been diagnosed with the disease in 1996, and told that she had six to twelve months to live — "quite an incentive," she wrote, "to make some major changes and challenges to myself."

She lived up to that vow. As Gayle Evans Brookfield wrote for the Smith Alumnae Quarterly: Linda "insisted on living life to the fullest and carefully scheduled her adventures (including a third marriage and trips to the Galapagos, Iceland and Italy) between bouts of chemotherapy. Linda's enormous sense of humor propelled her. She lived all over the world, earned two graduate degrees plus a pilot's license, and in her last years retired from social work so she could set up her own counseling program. Ebullient, outrageous, smart and generous, Linda had her priorities in order. Proudest moments included the marriage of her daughter and birth of her first grandchild and her son's Phi Beta Kappa..."
key from Skidmore.” She was, Gayle writes, “exuberant and fun. Talented, savvy, and a devoted friend. How I miss you, Linda!”

Linda was survived by her third husband, Anton, two children and one grandchild.

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**Spouse/Partner:** Donald Joyal, 2012  
**S/P Occupation:** College Professor, retired  
**S/P College:** New Hampshire University, BS, Business, 1967  
**S/P Graduate School:** University of Colorado, Ph.D, Business administration, 1970  
**Children:** Kristin, 1968; Erica, 1970  
**Grandchildren:** Alicia, 1995; Jacob, 1997; Cassandra, 1999; Olivia, 2000; Sofia, 2004; Nolan, 2008

**Volunteer Service:** Tutoring for Literacy Volunteers of America, volunteer in school libraries since retiring  
**Honors and Awards:** Fulbright Fellowship; Linda Aldrich Award for Leadership; Top 50 Distinguished Graduates of URI Graduate Library School; President of School Libraries of RI  
**Activities and Interests:** Reading, traveling, tutoring  
**Career:** I have enjoyed 39 wonderful years as a library media specialist in private and public schools in RI.

For me, it has been a perfect blend of two of my greatest interests, literature and technology. I have to wonder how many people can truly say that they loved their job.

In the 1990’s, when Internet research and other new technologies began transforming libraries, I embraced the changes! Suddenly, the library was the cool place to be and I was the official hostess! Some people think working in a library is boring, but my job was different every day.

The library has always provided a perfect culture for learning new things, for keeping up with books and authors and all things literary (my real first love). In addition, I have been able to play with great technology and stay on the cutting edge of all that is new. (In fact, a student once told me that he loves the library because we have such “kick-ass” computers.)

One of my favorite things is a card from a student a few years ago that said: “Computers are cool but books are too — how do we know this because of you.” Little did that student know that he was summing up my life’s philosophy!

Thirty-nine years of new books to introduce, new students to meet every year, and new tech toys to learn about and share with others made for a deeply rewarding life. I also loved the fact that working in the schools meant I could keep that unique academic rhythm of nine months of intense work followed by three months of leisure and travel.

Now in retirement, I have more time for reading and book clubs, travel and tutoring and enjoying my growing family. I also spend a lot of time in my favorite places, subbing and volunteering in libraries.

**Elaine ZAHOS Swaffar**

**House:** Hopkins  
**Major:** Russian Language and Lit
The most memorable events of my life have been accidental — never planned. They have been unexpected, but never unappreciated! —Karen Slack de Riszner

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S/P College: Wesleyan University
S/P Graduate School: Syracuse University
Children: John, 1970; Rebecca, 1976; David, 1980; Geoffreyy, 1984

Volunteer Service: Nursery school co-ops, PTA, Girl Scouts, co-directing a ballet school, school-based youth services board
Honors and Awards: Elected every three years since 1983 to serve on Red Bank Regional High School's Board of Education
Activities and Interests: Reading, writing group, photography, cooking, medicine, education, travel
Career: After decades of teaching science and French, followed by a few years of field-based social work, I supervise several field case managers in their care and monitoring of services to developmentally disabled individuals. In addition I worked as an emergency room crisis counselor for 10 years. I have served on the local high school board of education for 33 years, chairing curriculum and negotiations committees.

Reviewing my life is like bingeing on old movies! Unlike most of our classmates, I did not choose Smith. It was chosen for me before my baby blanket was unfolded! My father was a long-time professor at Smith, and my mother an alum (Class of '43), and to them, Smith was the precious gift given. But the teenager who arrived at Hatfield Hall in 1962 wanted to go away to college, to leave the carefully constructed life her parents had lovingly envisioned for her. I wanted an adventure but remained under conspicuous home rule. It took me a long time to fully appreciate their amazing gift.

After graduation, I enrolled in Wesleyan's M.A.T. program. What a transforming place to be in the mid '60s! There, in Glee Club, I met Richard Doherty. Through our mutual love of singing, we fell in love and married. Our blended songs spanned 35 years, until cancer abruptly claimed him. Our home is filled with memories we made together, yet bereft without his laughter.

Erma Bombeck helped us laugh through the often bewildering years of parenting. I delighted in sharing the children's lives and watching them grow in their individual ways. Meanwhile, I taught seventh-grade science and elementary school French, volunteered, chaperoned school trips, co-directed a ballet school, tutored learning-disabled students, was a crisis counselor at the local hospital and served 33 years on our high school's board of education.

A teaching mentor once remarked that I would make a better social worker. And for the past 20 years I have worked for a state agency that works with the developmentally and physically disabled. Everything has a purpose; one of my two beautiful grandsons is on the autistic spectrum, and my inside knowledge has helped navigate the frustrating waters of underfunded state systems.

I still love to sing, though I think frogs have taken up residence in my old soprano throat. Several years ago some high school singer friends and I reunited in a writing group. We meet a few times a year, sharing free-writing, reminiscences, singing, long walks and delectable cooking. They have been an incredible support through happy times, illness, and death.

On my 70th birthday, I announced that I had officially passed from old to venerable! Into the future, and through the valley of new technology, with my trusty flip phone, rides Emmy — ready to
stand on my own two feet (with my daughter's phone number on speed dial when I need help!).

I have always loved children's books and often reach for memorable lines. Like Smith '38 Barbara Cooney's Miss Rumphius, I still hope to make the world more beautiful any way I can. Visions of retirement are becoming clearer, inspired by Smith '48 Cynthia Propper Seton's book title, A Glorious Third. The options are many, but I am sure that these years will include taking time to smell the flowers with my grandchildren.

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Volunteer Service: I am a director of the NYSCC board, tour guide at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and arts mentor for Free Arts NYC.  
Activities and Interests: Art (museums and galleries), watercoloring, reading and knitting  
Career: I am presently a contributing editor to Elle Decor and work as a decorator and freelance writer, researcher and editor. My favorite gig was working as the architecture editor of House Beautiful magazine for 16 years. At that time I authored two books: Inside Architecture and Outside Architecture.

Dear Classmates,

Fifty years — half a century that seems to have gone by in a flash.  

Now serving my third rotation on the board of the Smith College Club of New York, I have been reflecting on what Smith has meant to me. In addition to a first-class education that has made me curious about many things and given me the tools to find out what I need to know, the Smith sisterhood has provided friendships, jobs and volunteer opportunities, moral support and lots of laughs as the years have flown by.

For me this sisterhood started with my own “big” sister Barbara Zevon Berlin '56, who has always been my best friend and role model. What other college could I possible aspire to when Barbara so loved Smith, and I loved visiting her there with our dear parents, who were so proud that their daughters were “Smithies.” Nothing was too good for their girls, and they considered Smith the best.

Never did find the right man at the right time, and jobs have come and gone. But the Smith sisterhood has remained constant. I am pleased that I told my parents before they left this world that when they gave me a Smith education, it was a gift for a lifetime.

To my classmates — may the next half century bring you joy and the continued bonds of the Smith sisterhood.

With great affection,  
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Marital Status: Married  
Spouse/Partner: Chih-Hsiung Cheng, 1972  
S/P Occupation: Architect  
S/P College: National Chung Kong University, B.Science, Architectural Engineering, 1959  
S/P Graduate School: Washington University, B. Architecture, School of Architecture, 1962; Princeton University, M. Architecture & Urban Planning., Sch. of Architecture & Environmental Planning, 1972  
Children: Shan Cheng, 1975  
Grandchildren: Abby Cheng, 2005; Alex Cheng, 2008; Caroline Cheng, 2012

Volunteer Service: GED tutoring, Dallas Can Academy; Willow Bend Nursing Home 1990-1993; Dallas Alzheimer's Association, 1990-1993; Dallas Arboretum Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden - present
Activities and Interests: Gardening and drawing
Career: I worked as a landscape architect at Wallace McHarg Roberts and Todd in Philadelphia the seven years after I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. I did freelance landscape design for a while after my son was born in 1975. In the early 1990s I volunteered for the Alzheimer's Association, and worked for them for five years until 1998. I was an Alzheimer's Support Group Coordinator and Respite Program Coordinator. From there I went to work as an Aging Information Specialist with the Dallas Area Agency on Aging and 211, both part of the Community Council of Greater Dallas. I worked there for 13 years until I retired in 2012.

It has been an unpredictable journey since graduating from Smith:

Getting my Masters of Landscape Architecture at Penn; meeting my Chinese husband Peter — who was born in Vietnam, moved to Taiwan when he was 16, immigrated to the U.S. to take an architecture degree at Washington University in St. Louis and who was an architect at the HOK architecture office where I interned one summer while getting my degree; working as a landscape architect for seven years in Philadelphia; marrying my husband in 1972 while working there and getting disowned immediately by my parents for marrying someone not of our faith; working at Wallace McHarg until the day our son Shan was born; freelance landscaping in Philadelphia until we moved to Dallas in 1979 so that my husband could go back to working for HOK's office there; adjusting to Dallas, which was a totally new experience from the Midwest where I grew up and the East Coast where I had lived since then; freelance landscaping some more in Dallas, then enjoying just being a homemaker and mother until the early 1990s, when I started also doing something totally different — first volunteering and then working for the Alzheimer's Association; changing nonprofits in 1998 to be an Aging Information Specialist with the Dallas Area Agency on Aging and what eventually became Dallas 211 (both at the Community Council of Greater Dallas); loving working for nonprofits and trying to make life better for those in the community needing help and finally retiring from there in 2012.

In the meantime, my mother came to accept my marriage to Peter when our son was born and my father came around 15 years later. I am glad to say our family walked into the future together and let the past go. I am very proud of my son Shan, who is a great human being, ended up being a gastroenterologist, married lovely Alison, a dermatologist, and gave us three wonderful grandchildren (ages 10, 7 and 3). Now my husband and I have fun taking fitness classes for seniors at a fitness center associated with Baylor Hospital in Dallas, making new friends there, enjoying traveling (recently to Hong Kong, Shanghai, Charleston, San Diego, Bentonville and Eureka Springs), and seeing our grandchildren in Indianapolis. I am volunteering in the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden at the Dallas Arboretum, loving the freedom to pursue new interests, and eating dim sum with my husband almost every weekend. Retirement is delightful and a great way to end a journey!
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We reconnected with lost friends. We learned anew, after half a century, what a wildly various, fascinating, talented group of people you are. We gained precious insight—often inspirational, sometimes heartbreaking—into life and loss, accomplishment and failure, triumph and despair.

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