Ann Black ’86 has joined I-LEAD in the Bryn Mawr office as the part-time Development Director focused on helping establish an individual donor base, securing private and public grants, and developing the Arch Street Press business model. Ann has a wealth of experience in the fundraising and public relations field in a number of environments, including secondary and higher education and community based non-profit organizations. She has turned around a Boys and Girls Club, launched award winning marketing campaigns, increased membership to a peak level for a local museum, and raised a $1.8 million annual fund for a private college. She will help deepen and extend the I-LEAD and ACE brand in the philanthropic community, manage external relations and explore new social enterprises.

Teresa Hacunda ’87 reported that after 27 years with the same company in global marking and most recently as VP Corporate Philanthropy, she is in transition due to the company being acquired. Now on “sabbatical,” she is finding time to travel (Peru in May 2015, southeastern US in September 2015), read, and have fun with family and friends. Stay tuned for news on her next career move! Teresa currently serves on the AASC Nominating Committee, and would love to hear from Adas interested in getting more involved in the College’s volunteer boards.

Ellen Lefebvre Klein ’88 writes, “I moved from Tampa, FL to Wethersfield, CT in early September 2015. I moved back to CT near my 90 year old dad and sisters. My new company Cloud Force Digital Media was voted by the Technology Council of CT one of CT’s Tech Companies to Watch for 2015. My company was selected out of hundreds of entries. It is challenging working in a 97% male dominated industry especially as the CEO and Founder of a women owned Tech Company. My company is part of the Innovation Summit on November 10th where we will be pitching for early stage funding. I love being back in New England and close to Smith College and all my Smith friends.”

Gail Fries ’89 “Hi, fellow Adas! Big news for me: My first grandchild arrived on 9/3/15 – Jett Glenn Doe Kolodin! He’s very sweet. He lives with his parents, my son Zach and daughter-in-law, Hilary in Brooklyn, so they aren’t too far away. I still work at a social service agency in Hadley and I just moved
my psychotherapy practice from Northampton to Easthampton. All these years later, I still feel that being an Ada was a fabulous experience.”

Alison Tilghman Kline ’89 recently retired from the board of the Cape Cod Center for Women, the only domestic violence shelter for all of Cape Cod and the Islands of Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard. After 8 years of service, half as board president, she received the 2015 Phyllis Collett Memorial Award for outstanding lifetime achievement toward ending violence against women and children. Alison is the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, where she has worked since 1998. Using skills from her development background, she focused on capacity building at the center, facilitating significant growth of services and revenues for the shelter.

Cynthia Carroll ’90 writes that in 2015 she divorced her “husband of 26 years, we sold our Shaker Heights, Ohio home, daughter Isabella McKnight graduated from Oberlin, and son Will is a thriving first year at University of Montana after spending second semester senior high school year with me in Rome, Italy. I’m in the US for a month, nursing Isabella through spinal fusion surgery for scoliosis. Since November 2013 I’ve lived in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (where the delightful Nomin Dari ’13 and Saran Amartuvshin ’12 were pals), Rome, Italy, and Taipei, Taiwan. I am off to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan December 2015. With this report I send much love to Smith friends young and old!”

Claire Goodwin ’91 wrote she’s “just rolling along here in Brookline, MA and enjoying retired life, doing lots of knitting and crocheting and sewing (hand crafts are my thing). My health is good, knock on wood, and I am reading through the list of Nobel Prize Authors, along with whatever are the latest and greatest books. Have finished my Silk Road studies and all the armchair traveling that entailed!”

Anne Bruder ’92 writes, “I’m alive and well in Baltimore, still working at MD State Highway Administration as an architectural historian (officially the Senior Architectural Historian – all the others are at least 25-30 years younger!), but running from one end of the state to the other on highway projects that may impact historic buildings, structures (like bridges), and landscapes (Civil War battlefields). My interest is really in post-World War II suburban architecture and this summer I gave a presentation about a civil rights demonstration that happened in Bowie, MD that was led by members...
of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) at the William Levitt development. They didn’t succeed in getting Levitt to agree to sell his houses to Blacks, but it was an instructive moment for the residents. I was hiking on the Appalachian Trail, but have missed several hikes [in 2015] year – just too much going on!”

**Elizabeth Bolduc ’92** In fall 2015 Elizabeth exhibited a collection of still life oil paintings in a solo exhibition titled ‘Illuminating Beauty from Everyday Life’ at the Ponte Vedra Beach Concert Hall, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. In October 2015, she exhibited with 78 artists at the Jacksonville Beaches Art Festival and won the first place Blue Ribbon. Her work can be viewed at her website eqfineart.com or at her Facebook page EQFineArt where you can also read the text of her bio from the Ada Comstock Scholars Exhibit at Smith in December 2015.

**Judith Fairbrother ’93** retired in February 2015 from over forty years working in non-profits. She continues her work as a visual artist and will now more fully pursue art-related work. She created many programs and services that continue to serve older adults and their caregivers, and engage a community of varied ages. She continues her work as a visual artist and will now more fully pursue art-related work. Last year, Judy took a week-long professionally-led artists’ retreat in Ely, Minnesota. She then traveled in California for two weeks to Yosemite National Park including parts of the Hetch Hetchy area. She also journeyed through Big Sur, San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles and other areas. Next was a two-week trip to the East coast where she and her wife explored the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The trips were respite from the intensity that comes from winding down formal work, celebration of fulfilling careers, and as inspiration for future art works. Alec Kuzmeskas, the husband of **Leontina (Lily) Kuzmeskas ’94**, wrote that Lily died on July 16, 2015.

**Judy Walker Maynes ’94** writes, “I retired in January 2015 from my job as Head of Acquisitions Services at Dartmouth College Library. Retirement is very freeing; it reminds me of having the entire summer off from school as a kid. To celebrate, my husband and I took a much dreamed about cross-country road trip last spring to visit the National Parks, as well as family and friends along the way – 7 weeks; 10,000 miles; and just a whole lot of fun! I highly recommend it. We regularly see Kathleen Remillard AC’93 and her husband both here in Vermont and on the Cape. If anyone is in touch with Merrill Winbanks Potter, AC’94, or if you know where she might be, I would
love to hear from you. I lost touch with her a few years ago. Last I knew she was in New Zealand and I would like to reconnect. Latest items on my bookshelf thanks to Kathleen: Anthony Doerr’s *All the Light We Cannot See*; and Markus Zusak’s *The Book Thief*.

**Martha Moravec** ’94 writes “I look forward to settling in for a long, snug winter paring down an overwhelming to-do list that includes: promoting my memoir (published last summer by Random House); seeking representation for a YA novel (culture wars in space); writing two new books simultaneously, one fiction and one non-fiction; maintaining a presence on social media; and researching the next book, an ambitious historical novel. There’s more, but those are the highlights!” Here is Martha’s website, where to find her memoir *Magnificent Obesity* (http://amzn.to/1o6uGs2 or at your local bookstore) and some of her social media contacts: www.marthamoravec.com

Blogs: Growing Up in Time to Grow Old With Grace: www.magnificentobesity.com

Mad Genius Bohemians: http://marthamoravec.com/blog/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MarthaMoravecAuthor

Twitter: https://twitter.com/#!/MMMoravec

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/marthamoravec/

Goodreads: https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7525574.Martha_M_Moravec

**Paula Barron** ’95 writes “I have expanded my practice. I am a nurse and certified lymphatic therapist. I also practice cranial sacral therapy and Mayan abdominal massage therapy. But that is not my news! I now have a cold laser and practice cavitation liposuction.”

**Jacque Bradley** ’97 wrote in November 2015, “Since retiring last July, I meandered across country, visiting four Smithies along the way: Mary Humphries AC’97 in Fort Worth, Mary Gardocki Washburn AC’96 in Hendersonville, NC and caught up with Mary Calhoun AC’97 in Annapolis. I also managed to connect with Gillett housemate Maureen Carney, a trad
from class of 1996 who was visiting the U.S. from Australia. I moved to Falls Church, VA and soaked up DC activities, including volunteering with Honor Flight. I met a Korean War female veteran on one flight and now I am house-sitting for her in Val do Sogno Italy. Life is good!"

Hebeltje (Ineke) Dykstra ’97 writes, “My journey since graduating in 1997 has been inward rather than outward. I stopped being a ‘doer’ and focused on ‘being’. While still in New England, I participated in a 10 day, a 13 day, and a 14 day silent retreat with the Insight Meditation Society in Barre, MA. I went to England two times to attend a 7 day Mongolian Overtone Chanting Workshop, where I recovered my birth name, Hebeltje. I was trained to be a Stephen Minister in the United Church of Christ. I was present when my 4 grandchildren were born on the West Coast. I finally moved back to Washington State where I live a contemplative life; i.e. living mindfully 24/7. I meditate daily with teachers like Joseph Goldstein, Tara Brach, and Jonathan Foust. I’m also teaching my grandchildren political science—with my Government Degree from Smith.

Brigette Elgie ’99 reports that after living in Southern California for 10 years “our family moved to Park City, Utah in the summer of 2015 and I became licensed in the state of Utah for marriage and family therapy. I am [also] licensed in California as an MFT and LPCC. I survived a severe case of bacterial spinal meningitis in February 2015, two surgeries and a PICC line with penicillin for three months. Feel free to follow me on Twitter for parenting and tips on mental health @brigettemft.”

Kimberly Gillette ’99 wrote “I’ve finally relocated to my home state of MD after twenty years living on the edge of campus to live closer to my partner and the last few months have been a whirlwind. I am now an independently licensed clinical social worker in both MA and MD after obtaining my MSW from Smith in 2011. My children are 13, 16 and 20... time flies!”

Elizabeth Janeway ’59 AC’99 writes, “This Ada recalls with great affection her essay writing classes at Smith as a senior. Such wonderful teachers. I have been studying, on my own, bryophytes for the past two years...mosses...and took a short course on moss and liverworts in far-east Maine at a place called Eagle Hill Institute this fall, so I am always a student of nature, always curious, and take delight in the beauty of these miniature ‘forests.’ Easily ignored, they require a close look through a magnifier. Identification is very, very hard but oh so satisfying.” That’s my news!
Melissa Maday-Sheldon ’01 attended a book reading by Kimberly Marlowe Hartnett AC’01 in Fairfax, VA in September 2015, along with Kimberly Homer ’00 and Michelle Arsenault AC’01. The four were Northrop housemates. Kimberly was in the midst of an east coast tour for her book, Carolina Israelite: How Harry Golden Made Us Care About Jews, the South, and Civil Rights, published in May by UNC Press. This reading was part of the annual Fall for the Book Festival in northern Virginia. Melissa wrote it was a “proud Smithie moment to watch Kimberly engage an audience with her passion, knowledge and insight into this subject, which began as her award-winning Smith honors thesis in 2001. Anyone who knew Kimberly at Smith will recall her terrific humor and amazing abilities as an observer and storyteller; all these talents were on full display at the reading, and the audience gave her a well-deserved standing ovation at the end. Kimberly added, “Melissa read the thesis AND the book manuscript countless times and helped me get them to the finish line. Couldn’t have done it without her!”

Rebecca Hurst ’02 moved back to the UK a year after graduating. She is now living in Manchester, where she is doing a PhD in Creative Writing. Last year she was a visiting student at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, learning how to write opera libretti. Her first opera, Isabella, written in collaboration with the composer Oliver Leith, premiered in London in July. Her daughter, Luka Madden, graduated from Mount Holyoke in May and is now living and working in Northampton. In early November Rebecca went back to Western Mass to see Luka, visit Smith, and also catch up with Meg Robbins AC’82 and Rachel Jennings AC’02, who both live locally.

Angela Johnson Rose ’02 lives in Tucson, AZ where she shares a studio live/work space with her husband, mosaic artist Aureleo Rosano, and participates in a worldwide online public art course. Angela was commissioned by the Cape Cod Museum of Art to create an interactive sculpture installation in the fall of 2015, inviting the viewer to compose a selfie within the context of a 3-D tubular metal line drawing in air. “#Redlineselfie, an interactive sculpture installation by Angela (Johnson) Rose ’02AC, invites the viewer to compose an unusual selfie within the context of a 3-D tubular metal line drawing in air. Inspired by the evolution of the self-portrait with the advent of smart phones and commissioned by the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis, Massachusetts, September–November 2015.”
Sami Merit ’03 writes “I had a baby! Elise Simone Dembsky was born 10/29/15 at 10:23 pm at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut and was welcomed by her older siblings, Jaron and Meryl Dembsky. The happy parents are Sami Merit and Dr. Joshua Dembsky.”

Patricia Galfano J’04 retired from the NYC Dept. of Education, kicked off retirement with a month in Italy and Malta with her husband, Anthony and became a first-time grandma to Nikhil in April 2015. She wrote “unfortunately, baby and family moved to California. Oh well, more excuses to travel.”

Flavia Francesquini ’07 wrote that she married Rebecca Finkel in August 2015, at the Deerfield Inn.

Jill Dumont Anderson ’07 wrote “I’m in my second year as Latin/English teacher at Shepherd Hill Regional High School. I’ll be going on the school trip to England and Spain during April vacation and hope to go to the 2017 trip to Rome, Florence, Munich, and Prague. Since I graduated in 2007, I’ve had 2 more sons, which means I have 4 sons now. I’ve been thinking about a M.A. in Classics or a PhD in English in the near future.”
Gabriela (Gabby) Molinolo ’07 writes “I moved to Annapolis for my job as a Health Intelligence Analyst at iJET International and am super excited about applying for US Citizenship next month [December 2015]!”

Jamaica Baldwin ’08 writes “I am an MFA candidate in Poetry at Pacific University, Oregon, where I’ve studied with Marvin Bell, Kwame Dawes, Dorianne Laux, Ellen Bass and Vievee Francis. I recently took part in a reading in the Seattle area (at the Bainbridge Island Library) with other well-known local poets such as Ronda Broach, Kelli Russell Agodon, Michelle Bombardier and Colleen Rain (I attached a photo from that event). Applying to this program has been one of the best decisions I have made (Smith being one of the others).
**Rachael Courington ’10** wrote that the Ada Coordinators for three consecutive years had a mini-reunion in Littleton, NH this past October [2015]. Over pizza and beer, the Ada love rang true.

**Lori E. Harris ’11** Lori Harris, Ada Alumnae Class Treasurer, has completed a two-year National Library of Medicine fellowship and has accepted the position of Assistant Director for Health Sciences Library and Winkler Center at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Congratulations, Lori!

**Jill Johnson ’13** “Since graduating in 2013 when I was 60, I’ve been working as an Admission Counselor at Smith, where I’m part of the Ada Admission team. I commute almost an hour from Brattleboro, VT, but it’s worth the drive—I love keeping a strong connection with Smith, particularly to the Adas, the prospects I interview, and current students. In 2014, I enrolled in an MFA creative writing program at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. I’m writing a memoir about growing up as an expat in developing countries and how this impacted my adult life. The program is low-residency, which allows me to work and enjoy my home in VT.”
**Serenity Carr '14** “I’m a lexicographer at Merriam-Webster now and it’s awesome. (I work with Kory Stamper who went to Smith in the 1990’s. She’s amazing.)”

**Molly Grover ’15** writes “After graduation I moved to Ithaca, NY where I found part-time work, making pizzas and caring for children, so as to pursue my real passion of volunteering for Bernie Sanders! I am now National Outreach Coordinator for a terrific grassroots group called Women for Bernie, and I’m thrilled every day by the enthusiasm and momentum surrounding this campaign.”