Theresa Packard Szymanski ’82 I was a 1982 Ada graduate, and went on to law school at the University of Connecticut. Worked in the Legal Dept at Cigna Corporation for 20 years following law school graduation - many different divisions! Left Cigna in 1995 to start my own law practice, plus developed and taught 2 courses at St. Joseph University in West Hartford, CT. Decided a couple of years later that I really like being in-house counsel - being in the midst of things - so landed a position as General Counsel at a large radiology practice in Connecticut. Seven amazing and interesting years later, left to take care of some family issues, and to do other things. Between my 2 sons and my husband’s 2 sons, we have 7 grands, all of whom are happy and healthy, and with whom we try to spend as much time as possible. My 94-year-old Mom lives near us in a nursing home. She is very compromised both physically and mentally, so I try to see her as often as I can. I am president of the West Hartford Community Theater, and will be producing Beauty and the Beast in the Fall. Life takes turns we often don’t expect, so I am grateful and humbled by my good fortune in health and peace, and will enjoy it as long as I can.

Mary Ellen Keegan Tiffany ’82 After leaving Smith in ’82 I lived for 8 years in Juneau, AK then 8 years on Sanibel Island in Fl. Since 1998, I have enjoyed living in Santa Barbara, CA. As was similar in FL, in CA I was employed for a short time in the non profit area, but the majority of time was with a private bank in their wealth management area. Now retired for almost 2 years I have discovered the gypsy in me and find myself spending almost 6 months a year traveling the globe. Living in the moment, exploring exciting and different cultures while enjoying the journey. In between adventures I appreciate spending time with my 3 adult children, two grandsons and numerous friends.

Dorothy Devaney Swenson ’83 [2015] has been a very good year for this Smith Ada. I spent two months south of Paris in May&June 2015. The French are such good people, and so love the US. They are fascinated by our size and our enthusiasm. And I continue to be fascinated by their chateaus and museums, and wonderfully organized lives. The best news of all - the best news of all - I became a GG. Great-Granddaughter, Semira, was born in August 2015. And everyone came home for my 87th birthday in November, 2015 - from Paris, Thailand, San Francisco and Thomaston, CT. (My grandson and his wife were on one of the first flights out of Paris to the USA on Saturday morning, Nov.14th). I continue to volunteer at the Simsbury Second Chance Shop on Fridays. And I continue to play as much Bridge as possible. LIFE IS GOOD for this "Smithee."

Darcy Scott ’87 reports that she and her husband, Cleave Horton, recently completed a home that they built themselves over the course of three-years, and are now happily living atop a bluff overlooking a lake in Lee, NH. She is the Ippy Award-winning author of the Maine Island Mystery series, Hunter Huntress, and the newly released Margel's Madness. You can follow Darcy on Facebook and on her own website.
Victoria (Tori) Hatch '88 I have lived in Jamaica Plain MA since I graduated and worked for many years as a research electron microscopist (thank you Ada Comstock and Dick Briggs!) I recently stopped working and now I'm busy putting together a satisfying collection of volunteer activities. I got married (first time!) in October of last year and am very happy. I'd love to hear from fellow ADAs or JPites (Jamaica Plain Smithies)! 617-285-8533

Robin Stroud '90 Enjoying learning to play electric guitar--forming a band. Contact me if you're in greater DC area and are interested. Enjoyed first trip to Ireland with husband and youngest son Nate--a spectacular two weeks we had in August before Nate returned to Boston and began his junior year at Berklee College of Music. Older son Ryan and his family live close by and we love spending time with young grandsons. Crafting next career chapter after almost 14 years in the insurance business. Spending my work time doing what I love is most attractive now. Looking forward to visiting Smith and Northampton at earliest opportunity. Welcome connections with other alumnae.

Catherine Hogan '91 I have been working on a non profit for children with social communication challenges in our schools who are not eligible for services. There young people do not qualify for supports for interaction challenges when they are academically sufficient. Yet the young people with these challenges include young people with autism, learning disabilities, ADDs, and other disorders, such as tumors, that affect social interaction. Children who seem “normal” and act “weird” and the primary targets of bullying for which schools don’t have the authority to sanction in a way that can stop such behavior. The NIH has stated the severity of poor outcomes for these young people. We are now in the process of collaborating with folks in Newtown CT to run a group with their student volunteers. We have run several groups in CT with success. We have been unfunded but are moving slowly ahead. Our website and Facebook page are below and youtube account are www.socialcommunicationfoundation.org

Audrey Tanner '91 I have returned to the East Coast after many years, to take the awesome role of Dean of Enrollment Services at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. This is a big departure after working in two of the world's most interesting fine and performing arts colleges, but it is one that allows me to tap into my love for organizational management and leadership, and to round out a very satisfying career in higher education administration. My first love, however, will always be art history—thank you my fine former professors and mentors at Smith, particularly Barbara Kellum. Not a day goes by that I don't use my Smith education in Art History in some way! In addition to being back on the East Coast, I am also writing short fiction and looking for publishing opportunities. Looking to connect with fellow Adas and Smithie writers and artists in the Boston area.

Melody Wilensky '93 After attending last year’s Smith alumnae conference on Taking the Right Risks, she grew certain that her career change to financial services was the right choice. Melody is halfway through the financial planning program at Boston University. She is thrilled to be working with (and learning from) Karen (Sitts) Van Voorhis '95, a certified financial planner. “Karen is a dynamic woman whose integrity and humor confirm that I’ve landed in the right place,” says Melody. "I'm still writing occasionally, as a freelancer and on my book about my
grandmother, a new French-Italian immigrant who lost her first husband in 1914, leaving her with four children.

**Kimberly Marlowe Hartnett ’01**: You will likely get an email from Melissa Maday about a great meet-up we had (including some other Adas) in Virginia this fall -- I was doing a reading for a book I wrote that grew out of my Smith honors thesis in 2001. If she does -- please add this (because she won't tell you) -- she 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!

**Libby Page ’01**: Hello! I have an update! After years of teaching theatre and English, I've done a 180 and started a food website: irishfoodrevolution.com. It allows me to write about my love of Ireland and cook delicious food. Excited for this new adventure!

**Melissa Maday-Sheldon ’01**: In September, Michelle Arsenault (AC'01), Kimberly (Homer) Kennedy (’00) and I met up in Fairfax, VA to attend a book reading by our friend and Northrop housemate Kimberly Marlowe Hartnett (AC’01). 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. It was a truly 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.

**Carrie Rubinstein ’02**: [Last] fall I had my first NYC solo art exhibition entitled "Retrofit" at Rhombus Space in Brooklyn, NY. "Retrofit" is an installation of a domestic space entirely made of paper. Objects are built from sheet paper or cast from molds. The ceiling is modeled after tin ceiling sections and cast with paper. Several Smithies attended the opening, Emily Breines AC 03, Po Crest AC 03, Kamilah Weeks ’13, Jill Rubinstein ’93, Sarah Elliott ’95.

**Heidi Trask Behrendt ’04**: My journey as a lifelong learner continues. I graduate from the University of Southern California in August 2016 with my Master of Social Work. My major is mental health with a sub concentration in military mental health. I plan on working for the Veteran's Administration and will open a private practice as my retirement work.

**Karen Warren ’05**: I recently sold my house--have given up pulling weeds, raking leaves, shoveling snow, and mowing!! I purchased a condo, still in Holyoke, and I love condo life. It is very close to Ashley Reservoir where I love to walk. Still working full time but I enjoy my new home tremendously!

**Angelyn Zephyr ’05**: visited her 50th state in May, 2015, meeting her own requirement of "you've got to do something there that you would go there to do". In other words, stopping for gas doesn't count! She got her 48th state while at Smith, on an Ecology Field Trip to Maine. The main thing she learned there was that Ecology was not her calling, which was a good thing to learn. It took 10 more years to get the last state, Alaska, because she was revisiting multiple
states with her husband, who was actively catching up. He was at 36 when they met. They deliberately saved the single "neither one of us has been there" state of Alaska to visit as 50th-and-Final together. She's now working on her next list: National Parks.

**Jessica Smyser** '06 received a Master's Degree in Ethical Leadership from Claremont Lincoln University in 2015 and is Director of Relationships and Reciprocity at the Academy for the Love of Learning in Santa Fe, New Mexico, a nonprofit whose mission is to nurture wonder, curiosity and critical thought. She is interested in the nature of leadership, incorporating mindfulness in her work to connecting with people.

**Jill Dumont Anderson** '07 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.

**Saloma Furlong** '07 is a finalist for a Fulbright research grant to study in Germany for the 2016-2017 academic year. The title of her project is "Tracing Amish Education Traditions through the Annals of German History." [ed. note: Saloma did not receive the grant, but has moved on to other pursuits. You can follow her at salomafurlong.com]

**Sylvia Sanchez** '07
Family: I will be celebrating my 19th wedding anniversary in February! My son recently joined the Air Force Reserve and will be in basic training in Texas this summer. My younger son will be starting high school this fall!
Education/Career: Master in Education and certified as a Reading Specialist. Post graduate degree in Education namely in Language, Literature and Culture.
Soon after Smith, I continued onto my education graduate degrees and graduated from Umass Amherst in February 2015. I currently work in Springfield as an ESL teacher and have been there for eight years. Currently I have a large population of native Spanish speakers and refugees mainly from African countries and southeast Asia. I love the children I work with! Working with English language learners has helped me learn more about their culture and language which helps me teach them English! It is such an enlightening experience!

**Martha Clark** '10 I am now living in Clearwater Florida still recovering from a fall on the ice in 2014 where I sustained a TBI. I am currently on the job search, putting one foot in front of the other, one day at a time.
"Always ask the turtle" - Gloria Steinem~
"A woman is like a teabag; you never know how strong she is until she is in hot water." - Eleanor Roosevelt
**Karen Sise '10** has been working in the Registrar's Office at Smith since graduating and was recently promoted to Assistant Registrar. She continues to work closely with current Adas as the adviser to the class cabinet. Karen is working on a Masters in Higher Education Administration at UMass and will be finishing her degree in May 2017.

**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 who I interview, and current students. In 2014, I enrolled in a 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. My biggest compliment lately came from a doctor during our appointment, who told me that I looked like a Smithie!

**Lydia Warren '14** received a Praxis Digital Humanities fellowship to enhance digital scholarship in the humanities. She is working on her doctorate in Critical and Comparative Studies at the University of Virginia’s McIntire Department of Music, furthering her academic focus on ethnomusicology, race, gender, and (perceived) authenticity in modern blues music. She will be assistant stage manager at the Heifetz Institute in Staunton, VA in summer 2016. She is excited to read what other Smithies are doing post-graduation. You can keep up with her career at [www.LydiaWarren.com](http://www.LydiaWarren.com).