

Class of 1990 Alumni Magazine Column
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Through the blessings of Facebook and the “Dartmouth Class of 1990” group (53 classmates and growing), I was able to beg for some updates from a variety of classmates.

Ann Fromholtz shot me a quick update, “I was married to Jack Walsh in September in Pasadena, CA; there were Dartmouth folks from the class of 1960 to 2011 there. I am now living in Houston and working for ConocoPhillips. I practice labor & employment law, which is what I've done since law school. When Jack and I decided to move to Houston, I was excited about the prospect of seeing Cris Infante Smith regularly. Unfortunately for me, she and her family (her husband Creighton and four kids) moved to Abu Dhabi the week I moved to Houston this summer. They'll be there for three years.” Congratulations on your nuptials, Ann!

I also heard from Wes Wang, live from New York. He writes, “Well one thing I am up to is throwing a big benefit in NYC on November 1, 2008 for Sunflower Children (www.sunflowerchildren.org). I usually host an event every few months for different wildlife conservation groups at my loft in SoHo. Some of the groups that I have become involved with include World Wildlife Fund, Ocean Conservancy, Wildaid and Wildlife Alliance. If any classmates are at all interested in learning more or attending any of the events, please send me a Facebook message. I spend my free time (when not dealing w/this mess in credit derivatives, which is what my firm focuses on trading) going kite boarding in Brazil or anyplace that I can find decent winds.”

I always get nervous when I am contacted by a representative of a U.S. Embassy, but it was great to hear from David Connell. He shares, “Hola from Mexico. I moved to Mexico City recently where I work at the US Embassy as a cultural affairs officer. I'm already looking forward to discussing US culture on the beaches of Mazatlan. My last Foreign Service post was in Bolivia, a great country to visit despite the anti-US rhetoric from the government.”

Meg Sommerfeld, swamped with finishing her annual report to the College as president of the Dartmouth Club of DC (she is the 3rd '90 in a row to lead it, following in the fine footsteps of Jonathan Sullivan and Derek Symer), elaborated further on David's endeavors. She notes, “We also enjoy seeing David Connell here in DC when he stops off in Washington in between exotic postings! David did a superb job running our DC Club's Webster Dinner, which recognizes local alums who have worked public service, a few years back before he returned to the Foreign Service in 2006. I'll also brag away for David that he has been on past tours to Rome and Rio de Janeiro with the Foreign Service. (How do you keep getting such cool postings?). And after those, but before he went to Bolivia, he earned his MBA (from Duke) and worked in the DC area for awhile.

We look forward to seeing him in between future tours--and we hope to go visit him in Mexico City in the meantime!”

Susy Svatek Ziegler, an assistant professor of geography at the University of Minnesota, co-authored her second book, entitled *Landscapes of Minnesota*. The book “explores how the lives and livelihoods of Minnesotans have affected what the state has become and what it one day will be.”

May you all enjoy a blessed 2009, as we anticipate our reunion in June!