

Hello Class of 2005!

We hope this email finds everyone well and surviving the winter! It has been quite a year for our class, with our five year reunion behind us. 12% of the class joined us on a beautiful weekend in Northampton between May 13 and 16, 2010. The former class cabinet did such a great job planning and organizing wonderful social events for us including an outing to Packard's with Carol Christ and a wonderful class dinner at the Alumnae house where the Notables performed during cocktail hour. We hope in four years our cabinet can do the same.

We wanted to use this email to introduce our class officers, who were elected at reunion and will serve through the end of our 10-year reunion in 2015:

Larissa Williams (President): She recently moved back to the northeast after a 5 year stint in the south, both in North Carolina and Miami, FL. She finished her Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology from North Carolina State University in July and is now a postdoctoral fellow at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod. She is currently enjoying all the lovely winter activities the Northeast has to offer, such as skiing and skating, but is looking forward to the spring and summer when she can get back onto her road bike and into the water to scuba dive. She has also started horseback riding again, after a 9-year hiatus. She can be reached at lmwillia@ncsu.edu or lawilliams@whoi.edu.

Amy Benson May (Vice President): After 5 years in NYC, she was recently inspired to relocate to Boston, where conveniently, she is now that much closer to Smith College. She lives with her husband (a Smith ally) and enjoys running in the parks nearby and cooking dates with her husband. By day, she currently works for Harvard Management Company, but her secret ambition is that she is also training to be a midwife. Though sometimes she fondly reminisces about the days before email and Facebook, she's plugged into both and is reachable at amymbenson@gmail.com. The rest of the juicy details of her life are also publicly broadcast on her blog, <http://featherthynest-amy.blogspot.com>.

Sarah Winawer-Wetzel (Secretary): She works as a program manager in Boston, where she lives with her girlfriend and their two cats. Her hobbies include monitoring the [Smith College LinkedIn Group](#), periodically updating the [Association of Smith College Alum Blogs](#), and stalking people on Facebook. Sarah can be reached at sarah@alumnae.smith.edu. Her goodwill can be solicited with gifts of food, wine, and puns.

Melissa Benevides (Treasurer): She has been living in New York City since graduation, working for a private wealth management company and residing with her big black cat, Eli. She spends her days giving financial planning advice, renovating her studio apartment in Forest Hills and enjoying all that the city has to offer, including evenings at the opera, cupcakes and bottles of wine with her fellow Smithies. Mel can be reached at mbenevid@gmail.com and found on Facebook (even though, to the great disappointment of her mother, she never posts).

Poornima Muralidhar (Co-Web Chair): She moved to Europe to pursue her Master's studies after graduation, but has been living in Toronto, Canada for the past three years. She writes electronic trading platforms by day, and enjoys all the music, films and awesome, awesome food that Toronto has to offer. She oftentimes wishes

that more Smithies would visit her patch of the world, or that she had more vacation days hoarded up--but she certainly is thankful for the internet, and can be reached at poornima@alumnae.smith.edu or on Facebook.

Brigid Barrett (Co-Web Chair): She majored in American Studies at Smith, enjoying a semester at the Smithsonian in DC her junior year. Brigid is originally from Vermont and moved back after graduating to take organic chemistry classes (long story) and bake cookies as an Innkeeper (very much unlike the *Gilmore Girls*). Today she lives in Brooklyn, NY while she is working on an MS in Communications Design at Pratt Institute. She loves to cook and is exploring the intersection of design and food for her thesis, about which she recently began blogging at [Thinking About Food](#).

We have loved hearing about everyone's updates in SAQ, and hope to continue to hear from you all often.

We are on Facebook as the group named "[Smith Class of 2005](#)." Please add yourself to the group and upload photos and updates as often as you want. Our official class website is here: <http://smith2005.wordpress.com>

If anyone has any suggestions or concerns for the class cabinet, please feel free to contact us!

Stay warm and enjoy the rest of your winter!

Cheers,

Class of 2005 Cabinet (Larissa, Amy, Sarah, Melissa, Poornima, & Brigid)