

Brian K. Madden (Col '91 L/M) is vice president, commercial division, at Brock Realty in Arlington, Va. In March he broke the longstanding single-transaction production record at the 65-year-old firm. He was named the firm's "2009 Agent of the Year."

Andrew Mauck (Law '91 L/M) joined the law firm of Setliff & Holland, where he will continue his commercial and environmental litigation practice after 16 years at Troutman Sanders.

Ken Paxton (Law '91) was re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives in November 2008 and completed his fourth legislative session. He currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee and the House Land and Resource Management Committee. Additionally, he owns and operates a private practice, specializing in estate planning, probate, real estate and general business matters. He lives with his wife, Angela; and their four children in McKinney, Texas.

Tess Nance Bradford (Col '92) and her husband, Brian, welcomed their second daughter, Tanner Nance Bradford, on June 15,

2009. She joins a sister, Ryan Nance Bradford. The family resides in Alexandria, Va.

Evan Hellwig (Grad '92) became a professor at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio, in 2008 and was named department chair for the school's department of exercise and sport science this spring.

Carolyn Piskun (Col '92 L/M) and her husband, Scott, welcomed their second child and son, Mason Robert, on March 4, 2009. Mason joins brother Maximus, 1. The family lives in Denver.

Ellen Henry Silva (Educ '92) and her husband, David Silva, welcomed their first son, Gabriel Teamir, on June 22, 2009. He was born in Mek'ele, Ethiopia, on Aug. 3, 2008.

James Heaney (Col '93 L/M) and his wife, Rebecca, announce the birth of their first child, Katherine Ann Springer Heaney, on April 2, 2009. The happy family resides in Washington, D.C.

Denise Tucker (Grad '93) published her first mystery novel, *Keeping House: A Madame President Mystery*. The House Mystery Series features seven mysteries, each taking place in a famous house, villa or castle around the world. *Keeping House* is Book 1 in the series, which features the White House and the rise of America's first female president. The book also features scenes that take place at the Rotunda and at Monticello. Thomas Jefferson makes a cameo appearance in the first chapter. *Keeping House* is published by Bluewater Press. You can follow the series at the author's blog at www.thehousemysteries. typepad.com.

Brian Kush (Com '94 L/M) and Mary Beth Young Kush (Col '97 L/M) will celebrate their five-year wedding anniversary on Oct. 30, 2009. Mr. Kush is a certified public accountant, certified information systems auditor and certified information technology professional and serves as president and coach at Moxie Partners, where he works with accountants, entrepreneurs and executives to change their lives through leadership coaching. He has written a book, *Auditing Leadership*, published in July by Wiley, which helps auditors take their professional and leadership skills to the next level.

Richard E. McDorman (Col '94 L/M) published his second book, *Managing Successful Meetings*. Published by inlingua International

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of Bern, Switzerland, in February, the book is an English as a Second Language textbook, trainer resource manual and audio CD designed for advanced ESL students studying at inlingua's 300 language training centers throughout the world. His first book, *Labial Instability in Sound Change*, an adaptation of his University of Chicago master's thesis, was published in June 1999.

Samantha McDonald Franz (Nurs '95, '00 L/M) and David Franz (Col '88, Med '92) announce the birth of their first son, David James, who arrived Feb. 13, 2009. James joins sisters Rebecca, 4; and Sarah, 2. The family resides in Spotsylvania, Va.

Jessica C.E. Gienow-Hecht (Grad '95 L/M) serves in a tenured position as professor of international history at the University of Cologne in Germany. Her book Sound Diplomacy: Music and Emotions in Transatlantic Relations, 1850-1920, was published in June by the University of Chicago Press. She is the editor of the series Explorations in Culture and International History, published by Berghahn Books, New York and Oxford. Her first book, Transmission Impossible: American Journalism as Cultural Diplomacy in Postwar Germany,

1945-55, was published by Louisiana State University Press and received the Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize and the Myrna F. Bernath Book Award, both given by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Her husband, **Heiko Hecht** (Grad '91 L/M), is a professor of psychology at the University of Mainz, Germany. They have four children and live in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Julie Meyer Grogan (Com '95) and Bruce Grogan are proud to announce the birth of their little girl, Haley Kaitlin, on March 25, 2009, in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Gail Pinsky Rand (Com '95 L/M) and her husband, Colin, announce the birth of their third child, Logan Thomas, born July 1, 2009. Logan joins 7-year-old brother Aidan; and 4-year-old sister Chloe. The family resides in Annapolis, Md.

Heather Grehawick Roberts (Nurs '95 L/M) and her husband, Dave, welcomed their third child and son, Henry Christopher, born March 13, 2009. He joins sister Taylor, 5; and brother Nicholas, 2. The family resides in Raleigh, N.C., where Ms. Roberts works per diem on the labor and delivery unit at UNC Hospital.

Meredith Rivers Burkitt (Engr '96 L/M) and her husband, Todd, welcomed their first daughter, Mary Stewart Rivers Burkitt, on Sept. 24, 2008. Mary Stewart joins brother Luke, 3. The family resides in Charlotte, N.C.

Sara Lenser Capistrant (Col '96 L/M) and her husband, Chris, welcomed their second child, Lucas Owen, on June 10, 2008. Lucas joins his brother, Colin, 2. The family resides in Ashburn, Va.

Tyler J. Hodges (Col '96 L/M) is dean of students at Laguna Blanca School in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he oversees discipline and student life for the Upper School. He previously worked for six years as a history instructor and academic dean at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va. Mr. Hodges and his wife, Tristan, have two daughters: Madalene, 3; and Hannah, 9 months.

Sarah McKay (Col '96) and Christopher McKay (Col '94) welcomed a son, Trevor James, on Jan. 17, 2009. Trevor joins his brother, Brooks, 2. The family resides in San Francisco.

Kathleen McLaren-Hawking (Col '96) and her husband, Mark Hawking, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Lilian Elise Hawking. Lilian was born May 27, 2009. The family resides in San Diego.

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Julie K. Rose (Grad '96 A/M) wrote a manuscript, *The Pilgrim Glass*, that in April was named one of 100 semifinalists in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award competition. Nearly 10,000 manuscripts were entered.

Kimberley Roy Davis (Arch '97) and Scott Jeffrey Davis (SCPS '04) had a son, Luke Sean, on Nov. 18, 2008.

Allison Smith Knab (Col '97) and Brian R. Knab (Col '97) welcomed their second daughter, Evelyn Louise, on Dec. 17, 2008. She joins a sister, Clara Annabelle, 3. The Knab girls are the nieces of Christine Smith Hogan (Engr '91 L/M), Stacy Smith Kesten (Col '93) and Daniel Kesten (Col '93 L/M).

Michael Landler (Arch '97 L/M) and his wife, Carrie, welcomed their first child and son, Garrett Eli, on May 1, 2009. The family resides in Great Neck, N.Y.

Elisabeth Piriou Murkison (Col '97) and her husband, James, welcomed their second

