

Barbara Brown, FPPA '76 SF, recently launched "Hold this Thought," a daily radio show on public radio in Alaska. The show is a one-minute "thought" on literature, history, or culture and is designed to inspire reflection, social change, and community-building. Go to www.holdthisthought.org for more information.

Nina Erhlich, FPPA '99 SF, and husband Sev Williams, welcomed their second son, Jude Benjamin Williams, on April 25, 2008 in Santa Barbara, CA.

Robert Fleri, CLP '06, an executive with Wells Fargo in San Francisco, is on the board of the Prescott-Joseph Center in Oakland, where he began volunteering following his involvement with the Taproot Foundation, his shadow placement while in Coro. He is excited by the many projects at Prescott-Joseph, including working to get a Mobile Asthma Clinic to residents of West Oakland.

Diana Ip, FPPA '00 SF, recently became director of programs at Changemakers, a small community-based foundation in San Francisco.

Regina Jackson, FPPA '85 SF, executive director of the East Oakland Youth Development Center (EOYDC), received the Humanitarian Award as an inductee into the Bishop O'Dowd High School Hall of Fame earlier this month. Jackson is the first female and first African American to receive the Humanitarian distinction at O'Dowd.

Maura Keaney, FPPA '99 SF, and husband welcomed their first child, daughter Maren Keaney Williams, on March 19, 2008 in Washington DC. Maura is a corporate social responsibility specialist with APCO Worldwide, a public affairs and communications consulting firm.

Kouslaa Kessler-Mata, FPPA '01 SF, and husband Doowan Lee, became first-time parents on April 20, 2008 with the birth of their daughter, Chaan-hee Tamra Ahpah Mata-Lee. Kouslaa was recently offered a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the Politics Department at USF and will start this fall.

EL 2006 Alumni, Flora Ko, Fatima Duran, and Linna La were awarded scholarships for demonstrating both academic achievement and leadership at the Elks Lodge Awards Ceremony at the Kensington Palace Hotel on March 5, 2008. Congratulations!

Erica Kohl, FPPA '95 SF, is in her final year of a PhD program at UC Berkeley which she hopes will lead to teaching community development and planning. She is the mother of a 1-1/2 year old daughter, Emilia, with husband Jose, who is an artist and professor at Foothill College.

Jerome Padilla, EL '98, is a manufacturing process engineer at Genentech.

Meredith Reynolds, FPPA '04 SF, began a new position for the City of Long Beach as its sustainability coordinator in the City Manager's office. For the past two years she has been in the Planning and Building Department. She is excited by the multitude of green projects ahead.

Steven Strauss, FPPA '82 SF, is the author of the [Small Business Bible](#) and is a columnist for *USA Today*. He resides in Portland, Oregon.