



Elisa Dobbins & Jason Bell

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
CHAPEL
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
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OCCUPATIONS She's a marketing manager; he's a construction project manager
HOMETOWNS She's from Fairfax, VA; he's from Richmond, CA **HOW THEY MET** As students at the University of Virginia **FIRST DATE** DC Improv **WHERE THEY GOT ENGAGED** Elisa's apartment in Ithaca, NY, the weekend before she started business school at Cornell University **WEDDING FLOWERS** Peonies, hydrangeas, ranunculuses, dahlias, and tulips **CAKE FLAVORS** Red velvet and vanilla butter **BIGGEST SURPRISE OF THE WEDDING** The three-hour dance-off between one of the groomsmen and a wedding guest **FIRST DANCE** "The Nearness of You" by Norah Jones **FOUR WORDS THAT DESCRIBE THE WEDDING** An amazing, blessed day **HONEYMOON** Moorea, French Polynesia **WHERE THEY CURRENTLY LIVE** Oakland, CA



THE DETAILS

BRIDE'S GOWN: *Martina Liana, Hannelore's*
GROOM'S TUX: *Ted Baker, Bloomingdale's*
EVENT PLANNER: *Jamie Sears of Simply Chic Events*
RECEPTION VENUE: *Veritas Vineyard & Winery*
FLOWERS: *Janie Medley Flora Design*
ENTERTAINMENT: *DJ D-Mac, DJ D-Mac & Associates*
INVITATIONS: *The Dandelion Patch*
CALLIGRAPHY: *Pretty Mail Calligraphy*



THE DETAILS

BRIDE'S GOWN: *Jim Hjelm, Kleinfeld NYC*
 GROOM'S SUIT: *Canali, Tysons Corner*
 HAIR/MAKEUP: *Kimberly Steele*
 EVENT PLANNER: *Kate Harlan, Simply Chic Events*
 FLOWERS: *MultiFlor*
 CATERER: *Occasions*
 INVITATIONS: *Papyrus*



Melanie Nakagawa & Michael Marino

WOODEND SANCTUARY
 CHEVY CHASE, MD
 05.26.12

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OCCUPATIONS She's the senior energy and environment counsel for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; he's a special adviser with the Department of Justice **HOMETOWNS** She's from Watchung, NJ; he's from Marshfield, MA **HOW THEY MET** Playing flag football in the Capital Alumni Network sports league **FIRST DATE** 9:30 Club **FAVORITE RESTAURANT** Mellow Mushroom **WHERE THEY GOT ENGAGED** At their apartment in DC **WEDDING COCKTAIL** Gin-basil smash **WEDDING FLOWERS** Peonies, freesia, tulips, and hydrangeas, all in shades of white **FAVORITE WEDDING DETAIL** The Japanese paper crane chandelier—Melanie's dad hand-folded 1,000 cranes, a symbol of good luck and happiness **WEDDING THEME** Elegant, timeless, intimate **HONEYMOON** Biras Creek, Virgin Gorda, BVI **WHERE THEY CURRENTLY LIVE** Washington, DC

