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## EDUCATION

- 2023**      **Ph.D. (Geography), University of Washington**  
Dissertation: *Crises of Care: Spatializing infrastructures of care through tenant protections.*  
Committee: Sarah Elwood (Chair), Kim England, Lawrence Knopp, Eugene McCann (SFU Geography), Rebecca Walter (Runstad Dept of Real Estate).
- 2020**      Certificate in Housing Studies, **University of Washington**
- 2016-2018**      **M.A. (Geography), Simon Fraser University**  
Thesis: *"It's yours": Tenant experiences of home and care in women's non-profit housing.*  
Committee: Eugene McCann (chair), Tiffany Muller Myrdahl.
- 2012-2016**      **B.A. (with Distinction), Simon Fraser University**  
History major, Geography minor, Certificate in Urban Studies
- 2009-2012**      **A.A., Capilano University**  
Global Stewardship (community and international studies).

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-2025**      Postdoctoral Fellowship (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Housing Research Training Award). School of Public Health and Social Policy, University of Victoria (under supervision of Dr. Jeff Masuda).

## AWARDS

- 2022**      Edward L. Ullman Doctoral Award for Excellence in Scholarship (Department of Geography, University of Washington).
- 2020**      Howard Martin Medal for Extraordinary Achievement in Scholarship, Teaching, &

Service (Department of Geography, University of Washington).

- 2018** CWAG (Canadian Women and Geography) 2018 Graduate Student Paper Award.  
*Affordable housing? A feminist interpretation of housing shortages and class crises.*
- 2018** Jennifer Fluri and Amy Trauger Student Essay Competition winner (with the Place + Space Collective) (Supporting Women in Geography, Pennsylvania State University).  
*Care-full friendships? Resisting the neoliberal university through solidarity collectives.*
- 2017** Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada).
- 2009** Excellence Scholarship (Capilano University).

<b>FELLOWSHIPS &amp; GRANTS</b>
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- 2022** Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship in the Social Sciences (University of Washington).
- 2022** Digital Humanities Fellowship (Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington).
- 2022** Howard Martin Research Grant (Department of Geography, University of Washington).
- 2022** Gerlach Fellowship (Department of Geography, University of Washington).
- 2021** Martha H. Duggan Fellowship in Caring Labor (Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington).
- 2020-2022** Doctoral Fellowship (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada).
- 2018** Graduate Students' Society at SFU Professional Development Grant (Simon Fraser University).
- 2017** Michael Geller Graduate Scholarship in Urban Development (Simon Fraser University).
- 2017** Department of Geography Graduate Fellowship (Simon Fraser University).
- 2015** Building Owners and Managers Association International Undergraduate Scholarship in Urban Studies (Simon Fraser University)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles with Peer Review

- 2022 **Thompson, S.** Caring Housing Futures: A Radical Care Framework for Understanding Rent Control Politics in Seattle, USA. *Antipode*. DOI: 10.1111/anti.12874.
- 2022 **Thompson, S.** “Homes not shelters”: co-productions of home in financialized social housing for women in Vancouver, Canada. DOI: [10.1080/02723638.2021.2014668](https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2021.2014668).
- 2022 Colburn, G., Fyall, R., McHugh, C., Moraras, P., Ewing, V., **Thompson, S.**, Dean, T., and Argodale, S. (2022). Hotels as Noncongregate Emergency Shelters: An Analysis of Investments in Hotels as Emergency Shelter in King County, Washington During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Housing Policy Debate*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2022.2075027>.
- 2022 **Thompson, S.** “Not your ‘poor dear’”: Community, care, and support in women’s non-profit housing. *Gender Place & Culture* 29(8), 1121-1140.  
DOI: [10.1080/0966369X.2021.1937063](https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2021.1937063).
- 2021 Acolin, A., Ramiller, A., Walter, R.J., **Thompson, S.**, Wang, R. Transitioning to Homeownership: Asset Building for Low- and Moderate-Income Households. *Housing Policy Debate* 31(6), 1032-1049. DOI: [10.1080/10511482.2021.1949372](https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2021.1949372)

### Book Chapters with Peer Review

- Accepted **Thompson, S.** and England, K. Care Geographies: work, home, and bodies. Chapter in *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Cultural and Social Geography*. Eds. Jamie Winders and Ishan Ashutosh.

### Editorials, Commentaries, and Reviews

- 2022 **Thompson, S.** Understanding politics of effort in a right to housing: book review forum of *The Right to Dignity: Housing Struggles, City Making, and Citizenship in Urban Chile* by Miguel Pérez. *International Journal of Housing Policy*. DOI: 10.1080/19491247.2022.2084225.
- 2022 **Thompson, S.** Understanding Black spatial politics in Atlanta’s public housing: review of the book *Diverging Space for Deviants: The Politics of Atlanta’s Public Housing* by Akira Drake Rodriguez. *City*. DOI: [10.1080/13604813.2022.2046906](https://doi.org/10.1080/13604813.2022.2046906).
- 2022 Vilenica, A., McElroy, E., Lancione, M. and **Thompson, S.** Editorial: Carcerality, housing precarity, and abolition. *Radical Housing Journal*, 4(1), 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.54825/SSEI7993>

- 2021** Reyes, A., Vilenica, A., McElroy, E., Chen, H-Y., Lancione, M., **Thompson, S.**, Muñoz, S. Editorial: Tenant organizing, scholar activism, and global south perspectives as alternative infrastructures of knowledge production. *Radical Housing Journal* 3(1), 1-10. <https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2021/editorial-3/>.
- 2018** **Thompson, S.** Review of the book *Indigenous Homelessness: Perspectives from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand* edited by Evelyn J. Peters and Julia Christensen. *Canadian Geographer*, 62(3), e10-e11.

## **Public Scholarship**

- 2022** Steffen, R., Krish, B., Handscombe, D., Jamil, H., Lancione, M. and **Thompson, S.** ‘The rents keep on rising and so will we’: Reflections on the 2021 Rent Strike at Sussex University. *Radical Housing Journal*, 4(1), 117-133. <https://doi.org/10.54825/QWNJ9656>.
- 2021** Lawanson, T., Ibezim-Ohaeri, V., Akinpelu, D. with Vilenica, A., Lancione, M., **Thompson, S.** State interventions, inequalities, and people as infrastructure at times of COVID-19 in Lagos, Nigeria. *Radical Housing Journal* 3(1), 75-84. <https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2021/state-interventions-inequalities-and-people-as-infrastructure-at-times-of-covid-19-in-lagos-nigeria/>.
- 2021** Environment & Planning C: Politics and Space. Minor Revisions podcast. *Environment & Planning C: Politics & Space*. (Role: graphic designer). Access: <https://journals.sagepub.com/page/epc/collections/podcasts>.
- 2020** **Thompson, S.** and the Place + Space Collective. Acadammit: a Place + Space Collective podcast. *Society & Space Magazine*. Access: <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/acadammit-using-collective-podcasting-to-build-solidarity-in-academia>.
- 2018** **Thompson, S.** and the Place + Space Collective. Care-full friendships? Resisting the neoliberal university through solidarity collectives. Winner of the Jennifer Fluri and Amy Trauger Student Essay Competition. Access: [https://placeandspacecollective.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/psc\\_swig-submission\\_forcirc1.pdf](https://placeandspacecollective.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/psc_swig-submission_forcirc1.pdf).
- 2015** **Thompson, S.**, and Romisher, J. *Vancouver Historical Tours: This City is Ours—A history of contentious space in Vancouver* walking tour, Simon Fraser University and the Museum of Vancouver. Access: <https://thiscityisourstour.wordpress.com>.
- 2013** Co-organizer and curriculum development, *Am I Canadian? Defining Our Values*, Semester of Dialogue, Simon Fraser University. Day-long public event consisting of workshops and dialogues to explore the complex meanings of what it means to be Canadian. Topics included immigration and labour struggles, faith and politics, and

settler colonialism.

## **Research Reports and Working Papers**

- 2020** Colburn, G., Fyall, R., **Thompson, S.**, Dean, T., McHugh, C., Moraras, P, Ewing, V., and Argodale, S. Impact of Hotels as Non-Congregate Emergency Shelters: an analysis of investments in hotels as emergency shelter in King County, WA during the COVID-19 pandemic. Access: <https://regionalhomelesssystem.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Impact-of-Hotels-as-ES-Study-Full-Report-Final-11302020.pdf>

## **WORKSHOPS & ORGANIZED CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

- 2021** Expanding Futures of Care Geographies (3 sessions), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle USA (virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic). With Dr. Caitlin Alcorn.
- 2019** Taking Care: a conference for engaging the politics, processes, and ethics of care work, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington. With Dr. Kim England and Dr. Caitlin Alcorn.
- 2018** Faculty of Environment Graduate Research Day, Simon Fraser University.
- 2018** Geography Graduate Association's Graduate Workshop Series, Simon Fraser University.
- 2017** Strategies for Solidarity: a mini-conference on forming collectives in the neoliberal academy, Simon Fraser University. With the Place + Space Collective.
- 2017** Department of Geography's Teaching Assistant Training Workshop, Simon Fraser University.
- 2016** This City is Ours: a History of Contentious Space in Vancouver walking tour. Your Future Home: Creating the New Vancouver Exhibit, Museum of Vancouver.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED**

- 2023** Tenants' Practices and Politics of Collective Care in Housing Crises. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, USA (virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- 2022** Caring in crises: spatializing infrastructures of care through tenant protections.

American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, USA (virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic).

- 2021** Disrupting housing crises with care: rent control debates in Seattle, USA. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Prince George, Canada (virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- 2021** “We Deserve Rent Control”: Radical Care Disruptions in Rent Control Movements in Seattle, WA. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Seattle, USA (virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- 2020** The Art of Real Estate: Global intimacy in urban development campaigns. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Victoria, Canada (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- 2020** “We Deserve Rent Control”: Care networks across rent control movements in Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, USA (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- 2018** Care-full homes?: Producing home and care in non-profit housing for women. Faculty of Environment Graduate Research Day, Simon Fraser University,
- 2018** More than shelter: producing home and care in non-profit housing for women. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, USA.
- 2018** More than shelter: producing home in Vancouver’s non-profit women’s housing. Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice, University of Minnesota.
- 2018** More than shelter: producing home in Vancouver’s non-profit women’s housing. Department of Geography Graduate Research Day, Simon Fraser University.
- 2017** Whose Priorities, Whose Knowledge, Whose Projects? Navigating Community and Institutional Relationships within Activist-Oriented Research. Critical Geographies mini-conference, University of Northern British Columbia. With Magnus Nowell and the Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society.
- 2017** Processes for Forming Cross-Disciplinary Solidarity Collectives. Bridging Gaps: Making Connections Through Social Research—Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, University of British Columbia. With the Place + Space Collective.
- 2016** Home-making?: a feminist analysis of the production of home in contemporary housing forms. Critical Geographies mini-conference, University of Washington.

<b>INVITED LECTURES</b>
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- 2022** Caring in Crises: Mutual Care Relationships of Tenants in Seattle, USA. Care Infrastructures in Unequal Cities panel, Visualizing Care conference, Duke University.
- 2021** Exploring Ethnography in Housing. Geography 315: Research and Understanding in Geography, University of Washington.
- 2020** Global Intimacy in Urban Real Estate Campaigns. Geography 375: Geopolitics, University of Washington.
- 2019** Placing Care in Urban Housing: tenant experiences of care in women's non-profit housing. Geography 277: Geography of Cities, University of Washington.
- 2018** Finding Home: tenant experiences of home and care in women's non-profit housing. Urban Studies 665: Urban Housing Policy, Simon Fraser University.
- 2018** Geographies of Care. Geography 387: Gender and Geography, Simon Fraser University.

<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>
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- 2020-2023** Predoctoral Instructor, University of Washington.  
 GEOG 375: Geopolitics (Fall 2020, 42 students)  
 GEOG 271: Geographies of Food and Eating (Winter 2021, 75 students, TA supervision).  
 GEOG 301: Cultural Geographies (Summer 2021, 42 students).  
 ENGL 298: Intermediate Writing in the Social Sciences (Fall 2022 & Winter 2023; 16-21 students).
- 2018-2022** Teaching Assistant, University of Washington.  
 GEOG 230: Geographies of Global Inequality (Fall 2018, 75 students).  
 GEOG 280: Introduction to the Geographies of Health and Healthcare (Winter 2019, 75 students).  
 GEOG 277: Geography of Cities (Spring 2019, 75 students).  
 GEOG 335: Geographies of the Developing World (Winter 2020, 75 students).  
 GEOG 315: Explanations and Understanding in Geography (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, 42-50 students).  
 GEOG 271: Geographies of Food and Eating (Fall 2021, 75 students)  
 GEOG 258: Digital Geographies (Win 2022, 75 students).

- 2016-2018** Teaching Assistant, Simon Fraser University.  
 GEOG 327: Geographies of Tourism (Fall 2016, 55 students).  
 GEOG 362: Urban Built Environments (Spring 2017, 42 students).  
 GEOG 362: Urban Built Environments (Spring 2018, 42 students).  
 GEOG 387: Geography and Gender (Summer 2018, 42 students).

<b>ACADEMIC &amp; UNIVERSITY SERVICE</b>
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- 2021-present** Editor, *Radical Housing Journal*.
- 2020-2022** Co-President, Geography Graduate Students' Association, Department of Geography, University of Washington.
- 2020-present** Head Steward, UAW Local 4121, University of Washington.  
 Member of International Solidarity Workgroup and Housing Justice Workgroup.
- 2020-present** Member, Caring Labor Research Group, Harry Bridges Center for Labor, University of Washington.
- 2019-2020** Colloquium Committee, Department of Geography, University of Washington.
- 2018-2019** Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, University of Washington.
- 2017-2018** President, Geography Graduate Association, Simon Fraser University.
- 2017-2018** Graduate Student Representative, Speaker Series Committee, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University.
- 2016-2017** Graduate Student Department Representative, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University.
- 2016-2017** Secretary, Geography Graduate Association, Simon Fraser University.
- 2016-present** Co-founder and member, Place + Space Collective (interdisciplinary human geography and urban studies academic collective), Simon Fraser University.

<b>RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS &amp; RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>
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- 2022** Research Assistant, Department of Geography/EarthLab Innovations, University of



Washington. Under supervision of Dr. Sam Kay.

**2020** Research Assistant, Runstad Department of Real Estate, University of Washington. Under supervision of Dr. Rebecca J. Walter and Dr. Arthur Acolin.

**2020** Research Assistant, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington. Under supervision of Dr. Gregg Colburn and Dr. Rachel Fyall.

**2019** Staff Associate, University of Washington (Summer 2019).

**2017** Research Assistant, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University with Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative. Under supervision of Dr. Eugene McCann.

**2016-present** Editorial Assistant, *Environment and Planning C: Politics & Space*.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**2022** UW Libraries Storytelling & Podcasting Fellows program, University of Washington.

**2021** Podcasting and the Art of the Interview with Hrishikesh Hirway, *Atlas Obscura*.

**2020** Teaching Online 101 Workshop, University of Washington.

**2019** Higher Education Teaching Course, University of Washington.

**2016** Instructional Skills Certificate, Simon Fraser University.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

**2017-present** Member, American Association of Geographers.

**2016-present** Member, Canadian Association of Geographers.

**2017** Member, Economic Geographies Reading Group, Simon Fraser University.

**2016-2018** Member, Critical Geographies of Policy Reading Group, Simon Fraser University.

## SELECTED WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**2018-present** Volunteer and Vice President on Board of Directors (since 2022), Downtown

Eastside SRO Collaborative Society.

- 2001-2018** Provincial Liaison and Unit Guider, Girl Guides of Canada.
- 2012-2016** Children and Youth Program Instructor, Champlain Heights Community Association.
- 2013-2016** Executive Editor, *The Runner* newspaper, Kwantlen Polytechnic University.
- 2009-2013** Editor-in-Chief and Editor, *The Capilano Courier*, Capilano University.
- 2010-2013** Board of Directors, citizenU (anti-racism and anti-discrimination program supporting youth), City of Vancouver.