

# Samantha Thompson, PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

Centre for Climate Justice, Department of Geography and School of Kinesiology  
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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025– **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Centre for Climate Justice, Department of Geography and School of Kinesiology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. (under supervision of Drs. Mohammed Rafi Arefin and Liv Yoon).
- 2024– **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, School of Public Health and Social Policy, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- 2023– **Research Associate**, Right to Housing Research Cluster. University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- 2023-25 **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, Victoria, BC (under supervision of Dr. Jeff Masuda).

### EDUCATION

- 2023 Doctor of Philosophy in Geography  
Department of 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  
Runstad Department of Real Estate, University of Washington
- 2018 Master of Arts in Geography  
Department of 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.
- 2016 Bachelor of Arts in History (with Distinction)  
Major: History; Minor: Geography, Simon Fraser University  
Certificate in Urban Studies  
Study Abroad: University of Nottingham (2015)

2012 Associate of Arts in Global Stewardship  
Community and international studies, Capilano University

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

- 2024-26 Lead Principal Investigator. Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Co-PI: Jeff Masuda. Project: “Care-full housing: Impacts of care on renters’ experiences of crises in housing co-operatives”.
- 2023-25 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Housing Research Training Award.
- 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 Edward L. Ullman Doctoral Award for Excellence in Scholarship (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).
- 2020-22 Doctoral Fellowship (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada).
- 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.*
- 2017 Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master’s (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada).

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-reviewed – Journal Articles Published/In-press/Accepted

2025 **Thompson, S.** (2025). “I hope you can help me”: Tenant careworkers and the

accessibility of local state care infrastructure in housing crises in Vancouver, Canada. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

- 2024 **Thompson, S.** (2024). Caring Housing Futures: A Radical Care Framework for Understanding Rent Control Politics in Seattle, USA. *Antipode* 56(3), 739-1067. DOI: 10.1111/anti.12874.
- 2024 **Thompson, S.** and Barr, J. (2024). “It’s the hope that kills you”: challenging cisheteropatriarchal possibilities of romance, friendship, and care in *Ted Lasso*. *Journal of Popular Television* 12(2), 213-230. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1386/jptv\\_00125\\_1](https://doi.org/10.1386/jptv_00125_1).
- 2023 **Thompson, S.** (2023). “Homes not shelters”: co-productions of home in financialized social housing for women in Vancouver, Canada. *Urban Geography* 44(4), 668-686 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>.
- 2021 **Thompson, S.** (2021). “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. (2021). 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)

#### Peer-reviewed – Book Chapters Published/In-press/Accepted

- 2025 **Thompson, S.** and Masuda, J. (In press, 2025). Community care and tenant wellbeing. Chapter for *Exploring Place and Health through Community Health Interventions*.
- 2025 **Thompson, S.** and England, K. (2025). 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

- 2025 **Thompson, S.** (2025). Review of the book, *For a Liberatory Politics of Home* by Michele Lancione. *Antipode*. <https://antipodeonline.org/2025/01/09/for-a-liberatory-politics-of-home/>.

- 2024 Keller, J., McElroy, E., **Thompson, S.** and A. Vilenica (2024). Editorial: Archiving the Housing Conjunction. *Radical Housing Journal*, 6(2), pp. 1-10; <https://doi.org/10.54825/ALYF7011>.
- 2023 Radical Housing Journal Editorial Collective (2023). Editorial: Life-affirmative struggles for home across borders. *Radical Housing Journal*, 5(1), 1-10. <https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2023/life-affirmative-struggles-for-home-across-borders/>.
- 2022 **Thompson, S.** (2022). 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.** (2022). 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 Steffen, R., Krish, B., Handscombe, D., Jamil, H., Lancione, M. and **Thompson, S.** (2022). ‘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>.
- 2022 Vilenica, A., McElroy, E., Lancione, M. and **Thompson, S.** (2022). 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. (2021). 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/>.
- 2021 Lawanson, T., Ibezim-Ohaeri, V., Akinpelu, D. with Vilenica, A., Lancione, M., **Thompson, S.** (2021). 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/>.
- 2018 **Thompson, S.** (2018). 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 (Selected)

- 2025 **Thompson, S.**, Mishak, B., Pauly, B., and Masuda, J. (21 November 2025). B.C. declared housing as a human right. Now what? *The Tyee*.  
<https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2025/11/21/BC-Cities-Declared-Housing-Human-Right/>.
- 2023 **Thompson, S.** (2023). Tenant Tales podcast: Initiative 23. Access:  
<https://samanthathompson.com/public-scholarship/>.
- 2021 Environment & Planning C: Politics and Space. Minor Revisions podcast (2021). *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 (2020). Acadammit: a Place + Space Collective podcast. *Society & Space Magazine*. Access:  
<https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/acadammit-using-collective-podcasting-to-build-solidarity-in-academia>.

## Research Reports

- 2020 Colburn, G., Fyall, R., **Thompson, S.**, Dean, T., McHugh, C., Moraras, P, Ewing, V., and Argodale, S. (2020). 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://kcrha.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Impact-of-Hotels-as-ES-Study\\_Full-Report\\_Final-11302020.pdf](https://kcrha.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Impact-of-Hotels-as-ES-Study_Full-Report_Final-11302020.pdf)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Conferences and Workshops Organized

- 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.

### Invited Panelist/Speaker

- 2026 **Thompson, S.**, Yoon, L., Arefin, M.R., Jewell, K., Pratt, G. Critically exploring rights-based housing organizing and research in a climate crisis. Right to Housing Research Cluster Idea Incubator, University of Victoria.
- 2025 **Thompson, S.** Considering the role of community care in pursuit of more just housing futures. Right to Housing Research Cluster Idea Incubator, University of Victoria.
- 2025 **Thompson, S.** The work of urban justice. Panelist. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Detroit, USA. Panel organized by Drs. Libby Porter and Michele Lancione.
- 2023 **Thompson, S.** Sustaining Life in Housing Crises: Impacts of landlord-tenant laws on tenants' experiences of care and housing. Keynote address. A Place Like Home: Community and Housing in Research conference, Simon Fraser University.
- 2022 **Thompson, S.** Caring in Crises: Mutual Care Relationships of Tenants in Seattle, USA. Panelist. Care Infrastructures in Unequal Cities panel, Visualizing Care conference, Duke University.

### Panels and Sessions Organized

- 2025 Beyond open access: a panel discussion about accessible research with the *Radical Housing Journal*. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Detroit USA. With Drs. Judith Keller, Melora Koepke, Aysegul Can, and Erin McElroy.
- 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.

### Papers Presented (Selected)

- 2025 Wideman, T. and **Thompson, S.** (2025). Moments of urban care within and beyond the housing-property nexus in Vancouver, Canada. Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2025 **Thompson, S.** and Wideman, T. (2025). Collective care at the nexus of property and housing: tensions and possibilities. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Detroit, USA.
- 2023 **Thompson, S.** Spatializing tenants' experiences of care infrastructures in housing crises. Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada.

- 2023 **Thompson, S.** 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 **Thompson, S.** 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 **Thompson, S.** 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 **Thompson, S.** “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 **Thompson, S.** 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 **Thompson, S.** “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 **Thompson, S.** Care-full homes?: Producing home and care in non-profit housing for women. Faculty of Environment Graduate Research Day, Simon Fraser University,
- 2018 **Thompson, S.** 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 **Thompson, S.** More than shelter: producing home in Vancouver’s non-profit women’s housing. Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice, University of Minnesota.
- 2017 **Thompson, S.,** Nowell, M. and the Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society (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.
- 2016 **Thompson, S.** Home-making?: a feminist analysis of the production of home in contemporary housing forms. Critical Geographies mini-conference, University of Washington.

### **Invited Guest Lectures**

- 2026 **Thompson, S.** Climate justice starts at home: understanding the relationship between urban housing and climate crises. Guest lecture for GEOG 161: Urban Change, Simon Fraser University.
- 2024 **Thompson, S.** Community care in housing. Guest lecture for URB 620: Urban Communities and Cultures, Simon Fraser University.
- 2021 **Thompson, S.** Exploring Ethnography in Housing. Geography 315: Research and Understanding in Geography, University of Washington.
- 2020 **Thompson, S.** Global Intimacy in Urban Real Estate Campaigns. Geography 375: Geopolitics, University of Washington.
- 2019 **Thompson, S.** Placing Care in Urban Housing: tenant experiences of care in women's non-profit housing. Geography 277: Geography of Cities, University of Washington.
- 2018 **Thompson, S.** Finding Home: tenant experiences of home and care in women's non-profit housing. Urban Studies 665: Urban Housing Policy, Simon Fraser University.
- 2018 **Thompson, S.** Geographies of Care. Geography 387: Gender and Geography, Simon Fraser University.

### **TEACHING, GRADUATE ADVISING, AND MENTORSHIP**

#### **Graduate Committee Membership**

- 2024– Keavy McAbee (PhD, Social Dimensions of Health Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Victoria).

#### **Research Assistant Supervision**

- 2025– University of Victoria (lead supervision): Liam Fox (PhD)
- 2025– University of British Columbia (co-supervision): Aida Mohajeri (PhD), Rachel Stern (PhD), Gabby Doebeli (MA), Mahin Alam (Undergraduate), Jessie Jiang (Undergraduate), Lila Jones (Undergraduate), Anushka Bellani (Undergraduate), Rachel Wong (Undergraduate).

#### **Instructor**

- 2024 SDH 590: Theories of Human Geographies, Fall, University of Victoria (directed study).
- 2023 GEOG 258: Digital Geographies, Summer, University of Washington (40 students, reader-grader supervision).
- 2023 ENGL 298: Intermediate Writing in the Social Sciences, Winter, University of Washington (16 students).
- 2022 ENGL 298: Intermediate Writing in the Social Sciences, Fall, University of Washington (21 students).
- 2021 GEOG 301: Cultural Geographies, Summer, University of Washington (42 students).
- 2021 GEOG 271: Geographies of Food and Eating, Winter, University of Washington (75 students, TA supervision).
- 2020 GEOG 375: Geopolitics, Fall, University of Washington (42 students).

**Teaching Assistant**

- 2022 GEOG 258: Digital Geographies, Winter, University of Washington (75 students).
- 2021 GEOG 271: Geographies of Food and Eating, University of Washington (75 students).
- 2019-21 GEOG 315: Explanations and Understanding in Geography, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, University of Washington (42-50 students).
- 2020 GEOG 335: Geographies of the Developing World, Winter, University of Washington (75 students).
- 2019 GEOG 277: Geography of Cities, Spring, University of Washington (75 students).
- 2019 GEOG 280: Introduction to the Geographies of Health and Healthcare, Winter, University of Washington (75 students).
- 2018 GEOG 230: Geographies of Global Inequality, Fall, University of Washington (75 students).
- 2018 GEOG 387: Geography and Gender, Summer, Simon Fraser University (42 students).
- 2018 GEOG 362: Urban Built Environments, Spring, Simon Fraser University (42 students).

- 2017 GEOG 362: Urban Built Environments, Spring, Simon Fraser University (42 students).
- 2016 GEOG 327: Geographies of Tourism, Fall, Simon Fraser University (55 students).

## ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Positions and Committees

#### Service to Department and University:

- 2023– Member, Centre for Environmental Health Equity, University of Victoria.

#### External and Community Service:

- 2024– Executive Member-at-Large, Feminist Intersectional Solidarity Group of the Canadian Association of Geographers.
- 2021– Editor, *Radical Housing Journal*.
- 2018-2025 Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society (Volunteer, including as Vice-President on Board of Directors, 2017-2025).

#### Service as a Graduate Student (Selected):

- 2020-22 Co-President, Geography Graduate Students' Association, Department of Geography, University of Washington.
- 2020-23 Head Steward, UAW Local 4121, University of Washington.  
Member of International Solidarity Workgroup and Housing Justice Workgroup.
- 2020-23 Member, Caring Labor Research Group, Harry Bridges Center for Labor, University of Washington.
- 2019-20 Colloquium Committee, Department of Geography, University of Washington.
- 2018-19 Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, University of Washington.
- 2017-18 President, Geography Graduate Association, Simon Fraser University.
- 2016-17 Graduate Student Department Representative, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University.

### Grant and manuscript reviews

- 2024 Insight Grant external reviewer for Social Sciences and Humanities Research

Council of Canada.

2024 Fernwood Publishing.

### **Manuscripts reviewed for international journals**

*Gender Place and Culture* (2021, 2023), *Antipode* (2023, 2024), *Australian Geographer* (2024), *Housing Studies* (2025), *International Journal of Housing Policy* (2024, 2025), *Journal of Urban Affairs* (2023), *International Indigenous Policy Journal* (2024, 2025), *Radical Housing Journal* (2021), *Journal of Environmental Media* (2024), *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (2024), *Canadian Geographies* (2025); *Health and Place* (2025).

### **RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (SELECTED)**

- 2022 Research Assistant, “The Housing Spectrum, Temperature Extremes, and the Costs of Thermal Safety and Comfort: A Community-Informed Policy Evaluation of Weatherization and Energy Assistance Programs.” PI: Dr. Sam Kay, Department of Geography, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Funded by UW EarthLab Innovations Grant.
- 2022 UW Libraries Storytelling & Podcasting Fellows program, University of Washington.
- 2021 Podcasting and the Art of the Interview with Hrishikesh Hirway, *Atlas Obscura*.
- 2020 Research Assistant, “Impact of hotels as non-congregate emergency shelters.” PIs: Drs. Gregg Colburn and Rachel Fyall, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology and Runstad Department of Real Estate, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- 2020 Teaching Online 101 Course, University of Washington.
- 2019 Higher Education Teaching Course, University of Washington.
- 2016 Instructional Skills Certificate, Simon Fraser University.
- 2016-25 Editorial Assistant, *Environment and Planning C: Politics & Space*.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (SELECTED)**

Canadian Association of Geographers, Member  
American Association of Geographers, Member  
Economic Geographies Reading Group, Member (2017, Simon Fraser University)

Critical Geographies of Policy Reading Group, Member (2016-2018, Simon Fraser University)