Victoria (Vicky) Thompson

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EDUCATION

2024- PhD Indiana University-Bloomington, Sociology

2024 MS Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Sociology
Thesis title: *Smiling Under the Mask: How Emotional Labor Shapes Workers' Experiences during COVID*" "

2023 BA Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Sociology

MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

Work, Aging, Inequality, and Disability

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026- Associate Instructor (Instructor of Record)
S110 Charts, Graphs, and Tables (Fall 2026)

2024-2026 Graduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2024 Guest Lecturer, Systems of Justice, Virginia Tech

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023-2024 Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Tech

FELLOWSHIP/GRANT

2022 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Faculty Undergraduate Research Award, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences ($2,000)

2026 Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES) Graduate Student Research Grant ($2,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Ritchie, L.A., E. Boyle, and V. Thompson. 2024 "Primary Responsible Party." In *Encyclopedia of Technological Hazards and Disasters in the Social Sciences*, edited by D.A. Gill, L.A. Ritchie, and N. Campbell. London: Edward Elgar Publishing.

E. Boyle. K. Hamilton. V. Thompson. 2024 “Times Beach, Missouri: Dioxin Contamination” *In Encyclopedia of Technological Hazards and Disasters in the Social Sciences*, edited by D.A. Gill, L.A. Ritchie, and N. Campbell. London: Edward Elgar Publishing.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 **V. Thompson.** “Enough Money for Retirement?: How Workforce Participation Impacts Financial Well-being in Later-Life" *Population Association of America.* St. Louis, MO.

2025 **V. Thompson.** “Smiling Behind the Mask? Why COVID Mandates Changed Restaurant Interactions and Emotional Labor” *American Sociological Association.* Chicago, IL.

2024 **V. Thompson.** “Smiling Behind the Mask: How Emotional Labor Shaped Restaurant Worker’s Experiences during COVID” *Southern Sociology Society.* New Orleans, LA.

WORK IN PROGRESS

2026 **V. Thompson**, Koji Chavez.“Social construction of being ‘able bodied’” *(Working Paper)*

2026 **V. Thompson.** “Enough Money for Retirement?: How Workforce Participation Impacts Financial Well-being in Later-Life" *(Working Paper)*

2025 **V. Thompson.** “Race and Gender differences Workforce Participation over the Life-Course in the Late-Baby Boomer Cohort" *(Working Paper)*

2025 **V. Thompson.** “Smiling Behind the Mask? Why COVID Mandates Changed Restaurant Interactions and Emotional Labor” *(Manuscript Available)*

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2025-2026 Graduate Student Organization Social Committee Member

2023-2024 Sociology Graduate Student Organization Executive Board Member Treasurer, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2023-2024 Sociology Graduate Student Organization Symposium Committee Director, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America