

# Victor Thompson

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## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

- Director of Law and Justice Program and Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rider University 09/2010-present
- Lecturer, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, OH 12/2009-07/2010
- Lecturer, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 09/2005-06/2008
- Research Assistant. Long-Term Health Outcomes Study, 22 Year Follow-Up. Palo Alto Veterans Administration 11/2001-05/2003

## **Education**

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| Ph.D. | 2010, Sociology    | Stanford University                      | Stanford, CA |
| M.A.  | 2001, Sociology    | Stanford University                      | Stanford, CA |
| B.A.  | 2000, Sociology    | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | Urbana, IL   |
|       | 1998, Liberal Arts | Parkland Community College               | Urbana, IL   |

**Research and Teaching Interests: Race and Crime; Race and Ethnicity; Inequality; Methods; Social Demography; Racial Identities; Community –Based Research**

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS IN PROGRESS**

### Published Articles and Book Chapters

- Thompson, Victor (with Tahu Kukutai and Patrick Broman). (forthcoming). “Ethnic counting and classification in the census: A global overview, 1965 – 2014.” NIDEA Working Papers. University of Waikato National Institute of Democratic and Economic Analysis.
- Thompson, Victor (with Tahu Kukutai). (2015). “Inside-out: the politics of ethnically enumerating the nation” in *Social statistics and ethnic diversity: cross-national perspectives in classifications and identity politics*, edited by Patrick Simon, Victor Piché, and Amelie Gagnon. IMISCOE-Amsterdam University Press.
- Thompson, Victor (with Tahu Kukutai and Rachel McMillan). (2014). “Whither the census: Continuity and change in census methodologies worldwide, 1985-2014.” *Journal of Population Research*.
- Thompson, Victor (with Tahu Kukutai). (2014). “Censuses, Population: Comparative International Aspects.” *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*.
- Thompson, Victor. (2011). “The Strange Career of Racial Science, Racial Categories and African American Identity” in *Handbook of African American Citizenship 1865-Present*. Ed. Henry Louis Gates Jr. Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Thompson, Victor. (2011). "Race-Conscious Color Blindness: World War II, Brown v. Topeka Board of Education, and the Strange Persistence of the One-Drop Rule" in *Handbook of African American Citizenship 1865-Present*. Ed. Henry Louis Gates Jr. Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Thompson, Victor R (with Lawrence D. Bobo). 2011. "Thinking about Crime: Race and Lay Accounts of Lawbreaking Behavior." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Volume 634, No 1, March 2011: 16-38.

Bobo, Lawrence D. and Victor Thompson. 2010. "Racialized Mass Incarceration: Poverty, Prejudice, and Punishment" in *Doing Race: 21 Essays for the 21st Century* by Hazel Markus and Paula M. Moya (eds.), W.W. Norton & Co.

Bobo, Lawrence D. and Victor Thompson. 2006. "Unfair by Design: The War on Drugs, Race, and the Legitimacy of the Criminal Justice System." *Social Research: An International Quarterly of Social Sciences* 73:445-472.

#### Book Reviews

Thompson, Victor. 2007. "A new take on an old idea: Do we need multiracial studies?" *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 3:437-447. [Major review of three books on multiracial identity]

#### Reports

*Profiles of American-Indian and Alaskan-Native Children from the 2000 Census*. Annie E. Casey Foundation and The Population Reference Bureau.

#### Books and Manuscripts (in progress)

Bobo, Lawrence D. and Victor Thompson. (manuscript in progress). *Unfair by Design: Blacks and Whites View of the New Law and Order Regime*. Expected Completion: 2015-2016.

Kukutai, Tahu and Victor Thompson. (manuscript in progress). *Global Ethnic Enumeration Practices: race, ethnicity, and culture in the census, 1970-2014*. Expected Completion: 2015-2016.

#### Working Papers and Papers In Progress (most available upon request)

Thompson, Victor and Frank Sampson. "Race, gun control, and immigration: Anti-immigrant attitudes and support for guns."

Thompson, Victor. 2014. "How race colors our love for guns: race and support for gun laws."

Thompson, Victor. "Movin' on up: the disproportionate impact of mass incarceration on middle-class blacks and whites."

Thompson, Victor. "Racial and Ethnic Enumeration on the Census in the Americas from 1960-2012."

Thompson, Victor. "Population Projections of the Mixed Race Population, 2000-2055."

Thompson, Victor. "Racial Transitions: tracking the multiracial population from 2000-2007. A monumental shift or a shifting population?"

Kukutai, Tahu and Victor Thompson. "Challenging Discourses on Indigenous Disengagement: Adolescent School Connectedness in New Zealand."

Kukutai, Tahu and Victor Thompson. "Doing diversity 'Down Under': New Zealand's ethnic enumeration practices in global perspective." (Invited for submission to *New Zealand Population Review*).

Thompson, Victor and C. Matthew Snipp. "Observing Racial Hierarchies in a Multiracial Population." (under revision for submission to *Race and Ethnic Relations*).

### Presentations

Thompson, Victor. 2014. "How race colors our love for guns: race and support for gun laws." Presentation at American Society for Criminology 2014 Annual Meeting in San Francisco November 19 - 22, 2014.

Thompson, Victor. 2014. "Racial and Ethnic Enumeration on the Census in the Americas from 1960-2012." Presentation at Eastern Sociological Society 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 20-23 February 2014.

Thompson, Victor (with Tahu Kukutai and Rachael McMillan). 2013. "Census in Flux. Census methodologies in global context, 1985-2014. Presentation at Population Association of New Zealand 2013 Conference: Population and Policy, Exploring the Connections, Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand, 27-28 June 2013.

Thompson, Victor. 2013. "Mass incarceration, friends, and family: How mass incarceration disproportionately affects blacks and whites in their exposure to the criminal justice system." Presented at the National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis Seminar Series, University of Waikato, 1 August 2013.

Thompson, Victor (with Tahu Kukutai). 2013. "Ethnic classification in the national census, 1985-2012: Evidence from the Ethnicity Counts? Project." Presented at the XXVII International Union for the Scientific Study of Population International Population Conference, Busan, Republic of Korea, 26-31 August 2013.

Thompson, Victor. 2012. "Movin' on up: the disproportionate impact of mass incarceration on middle-class blacks and whites." Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> RAIN Initiative Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 11-13, 2012.

- Thompson, Victor. 2012. "Population Projections of the Mixed Race Population, 2000-2055." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 17-20, 2012, Denver, CO.
- Thompson, Victor. 2012. "Friends and family behind bars: How mass incarceration disproportionately affects blacks and whites in their exposure to the criminal justice system." Paper presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, New York, NY, February 23-26, 2012.
- Thompson, Victor and Tahu Kukutai. 2012. "Standardising ethnicity beyond national boundaries? Observations from a global." Poster presented at the European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics.
- Thompson, Victor and Lawrence D. Bobo. 2009. "Thinking About Crime: Attributions, Race and Lay Accounts of Law-Breaking Behavior." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the American Association for Public Opinion Research, Hollywood, FL, May 17, 2009.
- Kukutai, Tahu and Victor Thompson. "Inside out: The politics of enumerating the nation". Paper presented at the Social Statistics and Ethnic Diversity: Should we count; how should we count; and why? Montreal, Quebec, Canada, December 6-8, 2007.
- Kukutai Tahu and Victor Thompson. "Doing diversity 'Down Under': New Zealand's ethnic enumeration practices in global perspective". Paper presented at the Population Association of New Zealand conference, Wellington, New Zealand, July 3-4, 2007.
- Bobo, Lawrence D. and Victor Thompson. "Prejudice and Punitiveness." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal Convention Center, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 10, 2006.
- Thompson, Victor and Frank L. Sampson. "Cybercafes and CyberGames: Virtual and Non-Virtual Spaces for Identity Construction, Social Development and Interaction" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal Convention Center, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 10, 2006.
- Thompson, Victor and C. Matthew Snipp. "Observing Racial Hierarchies in a Multiracial Population." Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 10-12, 2004

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

### Fellowships

- 2006-2007 Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2005-2006 Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2000-2001 Stanford University Graduate Fellowship, Sociology

## Grants

2015 Rider University Supplemental Research Grant 2015 (\$3,400)

2015 Recipient of Rider University Summer Research Fellowship 2015 (\$8,158)

2011-2014 Co/Associate PI on Marsden Fund Fast Start grant (NZ\$300,000/~US\$250,000) with Tahu Kukutai (Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand). Title of grant proposal: "Ethnicity Counts?: Global Practices of Ethnic Enumeration"

2013 Recipient of Rider University Summer Research Fellowship 2013 (\$8,158)

2006-2007 Stanford Teaching Assistant Improvement Grant for Sociology Department to improve quality of teaching assistant training in department (\$1,200)

2006 Travel Grant for participation in African and African American Studies "Paris Noir: 2007 Expedition to Paris." Stanford University. (\$1,000)

2005 Stanford Social Demography Travel Grant (\$1,000)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (syllabi available upon request)**

### Rider University (2010-current)

*Race and Crime*

*Racial and Ethnic Relations*

*Research Methods; Punishment*

*Introduction to Criminology*

*Crime and Media*

*Criminal Justice Practice*

*Sociology of Deviance*

*Social Demography*

*Punishment and Society*

### Columbus State Community College, Columbus, OH (2009-2010)

*Introductory Sociology*

*Sociology of Deviance*

### San Jose State University, San Jose, CA (2005-2008)

*Social Theory*

*Race and Ethnic Relations*

*Immigration and Identity*

*Social Problems*

*Sociology of the City*

*Research Methods and Writing for Sociologists*

*Introduction to Sociology*

### Stanford University, Stanford, CA (2002-2009)

*Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity 200X. Senior Seminar-Research Methods and Writing in the Major*

*Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity 199. Pre-Honors Seminar on Research Methods and Writing a Thesis*

*Race, Community and Urban Sociology*  
*Honors College Advisor, Bing Honors College*  
*Urban Studies: Building Community, Writing Tutor and Advisor.*  
*Political Sociology, Summer Teaching Fellow*  
*American Language and Culture*

## **Software Skills**

**Proficient:** Stata; SPSS; HLM

**Occasional use:** ArcGIS; R; M-Plus; LISREL

## **PROFFESIONAL SERVICE**

### Institutional Analysis Advisory Group for Rider University

- Advise on the selection (or review) of instruments especially in terms of their effectiveness in meeting institutional objectives for accountability.
- Advise on strategies for sampling and administration
- Provide critical assistance in interpretation of data
- Analyze data (e.g. BCSSE, NSSE, CLA+, Assessment reports, Institutional data, IPEDS or national Student Clearing House data) and report findings to Provost

Provide feedback on how data can be used to develop strategies for improvement especially as related to student outcomes and student retention.

### University Governance

Faculty elected member (Secretary) of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Policy (LASCAP-4 faculty members and 3 Administrators): All academic policies and governance for Liberal Arts and Sciences are made by LASCAP. This includes any changes to the core, new courses, changes to current curriculum, and any policy that may affect the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Faculty elected member of Committee on Minority Affairs: the Committee on Minority Affairs is responsible for the recruitment and retention of minority students; faculty members; or members of the staff at the University.

### Curriculum and Program Development

- Law and Justice Committee, Member
  - Member of core group charged with designing and implementing new Criminal Justice major at Rider University.

- Designed and taught several courses within program: (“Media and Crime”; “Punishment and Corrections”; “Race and Crime”; “Criminal Justice Practice”; “Law and Justice Senior Seminar”)
- Rider High Impact Learning and Community Engagement Minor
  - Began designing new community engagement minor for Rider undergraduates
  - Habitat for Humanity—Coordinator of ongoing relationship with Habitat for Humanity and East Trenton Community Center. In initial stated of developing a sustainable project for new minors
  - Isles Inc.—Ongoing partnership with Isles to integrate new minors in to non-profit community of Trenton and local area.
  - Developed a special section of Introductory Sociology for Bonner Scholar students with focus on community engagement
  - Taught special topics course entitled, “Community Based Research.”
- STEM-Ed at Rider University
  - Member of advisory board for committee on recruiting more students from underserved communities
  - Assisted in drafting of grant proposal for Stem-Ed Scholarship Program, \$1.5million. Offered co-PI role but turned down.
  - Participant in Association of American Colleges & Universities Transforming STEM Education: Inquiry, Innovation, Inclusion, and Evidence Network for Academic Renewal Conference. San Diego, CA, 31 October – 2 November 2013.
- Petey Greene Chapter at Rider University
  - Founding faculty director of Petey Green Chapter at Rider University. The Petey Greene Program tutors and provides educational resources for prisoners working toward gaining an education.
  - Students serve on a weekly volunteer basis throughout the year inside various correctional facilities throughout New Jersey
  - Increased from 12 students to approximately 30 students tutoring on a weekly basis over a one year time period.

#### Dissertation Committee

Ashley Reichelman, Northeastern University [External committee member]

#### OTHER SERVICE

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, 2013-2014

Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Sociology Club at Rider University, 2010-current

Served on hiring committee for new hire of Associate Director for Grants Development & Science Literacy

Student Advisor for ongoing internships at Habitat for Humanity (serve as consultant for Habitat regarding potential research projects for students)

Editor of The Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity annual newsletter, 2007-2009. Wrote several articles and conducted interviews in addition to organizing the production of the newsletter.

Organized and spoke at graduation ceremonies for graduating students in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (2006, 2007)

Organized Student Colloquium for the Presentation of Research by seniors graduating in African & African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Chicana/o Studies, Comparative Studies, and Native American Studies. (2006; 2007)

Graduate Student Co-Organizer of Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity conference on Katrina and its aftermath titled, *Confronting Katrina: Race, Class and Disaster in American Society*. (Fall 2005)

Copyeditor for several chapters of *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective* by David B. Grusky. 2008. Westview Press.

Member of organizing committee for Institute for Research in the Social Sciences conference on Inequality (May 18, 2005)

Graduate Student Organizer of Stanford University Sociology Department's Faculty Colloquium bringing speakers from around the country. (2001-2004)

Founding Co-Editor of *Studentlink*, the American Sociological Association electronic student newsletter, 1999-2000

Student Advisory Board member of the ASA Student Forum, 1999-2000

Member of Population Association of America since August 1999

Member of American Sociological Association since August 1998

Member of American Association of Public Opinion Research since 2002

Ad Hoc Reviewer for: *Du Bois Review*; *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Quarterly*; *European Sociological Review*; Sage Publications; Oxford University Press

### **SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS**

Andrew J. Rider Scholar Most Influential Advisor, 2013 (honored at university wide reception)

Rider University Advisor Appreciation Award, 2013-2014

Rider University Advisor Appreciation Award, 2012-2-13

Rider University Advisor Appreciation Award, 2011-2012

Rider University Advisor Appreciation Award, 2010-2011

Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality Graduate Student Affiliate, (2006-2010).

Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Student Appreciation Award for outstanding service as Teaching Fellow. Stanford University (2006; 2007)

Dean's List at Parkland College every semester attended.

Dean's List at University of Illinois every semester attended.

Graduation with honors and departmental distinction-University of Illinois.

### **PRESS AND MEDIA**

Research cited in *The New Yorker* article "The Color of Justice", September 3, 2014. The article drew on work from a report put out by The Sentencing Project in which my work was cited extensively.

Faculty Profile in *Rider University Alumni Magazine*: Feature faculty profile discussing the new criminal justice program at Rider University < <http://www.rider.edu/ridermagazine/spring-2014/people/faculty/dr-victor-thompson>>.

Interviewed and quoted for Rider University CLAES Newsletter article, "New Major Tilts the Scales in Favor of Rider Students: Rider's new B.A. in Criminal Justice prepares students for careers or advanced study in a variety of fields." < [http://www.rider.edu/sites/default/files/docs/claes\\_news\\_fall2013.pdf](http://www.rider.edu/sites/default/files/docs/claes_news_fall2013.pdf)>.

Thompson, Victor. "Issue: Is there a recipe for success for immigrants?: What factors enable some immigrants to outperform others?" *Asbury Park Press*. Feb 23, 2014. Response to a book released in 2014 by Harvard law professors Amy Chua and Jed Rubenfeld, *The Triple Package*. <<http://www.app.com/article/20140223/NJOPINION06/302230037/-Issue-there-recipe-success-immigrants->>.

Thompson, Victor. "Issue: What kinds of questions need to be posed 50 years after MLK's 'I Have a Dream' speech?" *Asbury Park Press*. Aug 23, 2013. Response to acquittal of George Zimmerman in 2013 and the continuing importance of race in America. <<http://archive.app.com/article/20130825/NJOPINION06/308250036/-Issue-What-kinds-questions-need-posed-50-years-after-MLK-s-Dream-speech->>.

## REFERENCES

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