

Hello all!

My name is Paige Thombs and I am a PhD Candidate in the Faculty of Law here at UVic. I am currently running for a UVic governance position, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

During the 2017/2018 academic year, while an MA student, I served on the Senate Committee on Appeals as the Graduate Student representative. I loved my time there and was grateful to be available to help make important decisions impacting both students and faculty. The committee was both collaborative and professional and I honoured to serve with such an insightful and committed group of people.

I came to graduate school after a 23-year hiatus from academia. During those years, I spent much of it working in the Deaf community as a human rights liaison, as well as representing the voices of children and youth in care.

My current research looks at the ways in which religious identity shapes the legal practice of lawyers, law professors, and law students. This is a nationwide project that involves in-depth interviews with 60+ participants. I bring a sense of compassion, humour, and dedication to all the work I do. I especially love the collaborative process of the many projects I have had the opportunity to be involved in.

Since 2016, I have been an Associate Fellow at UVic's Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS). CSRS is secular research centre composed of a group of local and international scholars, all of whom are exploring how religion intersects with a myriad of social phenomenon from to law, to medicine, to politics, to art and well beyond.

I have loved my time at UVic and hope to have another opportunity to help serve UVic's Board of Governors or one of its important Senate Committees.

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