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Dr. Emily Fjaellen Thompson is a visual anthropologist working at the intersection of Latin American studies, digital humanities, and collaborative research methods in post-conflict Peru. She earned her PhD in sociocultural anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, and is currently the Tinker Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford University.

Through participatory, multi-modal ethnographic fieldwork, Dr Thompson investigates how occult archives and hidden photographs reveal alternative forms of historical testimony. Her work considers visual materials as sites of resistance, survival, and ongoing negotiations of traumatic pasts.

Dr Thompson's research has been supported by the Fulbright Program, Tinker Foundation, and Modern Endangered Archives Program at the UCLA Library with funding from Arcadia. She has published in academic journals and co-authored the first trilingual Quechua-Spanish-English dictionary in the United States. As an award-winning educator and curator, she is committed to collaborative and feminist practices that bridge academic research with community engagement.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, University of California Berkeley (2026)
- PhD, University of California, Berkeley
- MA, New York University
- BA, Vassar College

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LINKS

- Emily Fjaellen Thompson: https://www.emilyfjaellen.com/

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Methods in Latin American Studies: LATINAM 397A (Aut)
- Scholarly Writing and Research in Latin American Studies: LATINAM 397B (Win)