

***Professor Vivian Thomson, University of Virginia  
Reviews and Testimonials***

***Advance reviews for Sophisticated Interdependence in Climate Policy: Federalism in the United States, Brazil, and Germany (Anthem Press, 2014)***

“In this engaging and carefully researched book, Vivian E. Thomson offers a politically astute roadmap for reducing our dependency on fossil fuels. Even when tackling a global problem like climate change, national and local institutions are as relevant as ever.” Paul F. Steinberg, Professor of Political Science and Environmental Policy, Malcolm Lewis Chair in Sustainability and Society, Harvey Mudd College

“Through elaborated interconnections and an in-depth view, Thomson provides unique insights, skillfully identifying common ground and pivotal factors to break today’s stalemates in multilateral environmental agreements. Readers, regardless of their political views, will find much to stimulate their thinking in this book.” Oswaldo Lucon, Professor, University of São Paulo, and Climate Change Adviser, São Paulo State Government

“Packed with climate law and policy insights, this book’s most notable scholarly contribution is in illuminating conditions and motives associated with US state climate activism during periods of federal inaction. Thomson provides rich material for scholars, policymakers, and anyone interested in the policy challenges posed by climate change.” — William W. Buzbee, Professor of Law, Georgetown University

***Reviews of Garbage In, Garbage Out: Solving the Problems with Long-Distance Trash Transport (University of Virginia Press, 2009)***

“Thomson's commitment to reduction in the amount of trash is welcome and important; it comes as a breath of fresh air within the policy literature on garbage transportation. Moreover, it digs beneath the surface of our trash transport problems in a normatively admirable manner.” Paul Wapner, Professor of Global Environmental Politics, American University

"This topic is of immense importance. *Garbage In, Garbage Out* is original and is a substantial contribution to the field of environmental policy. Thomson demonstrates convincingly that the problem of solid waste management is far more complex and serious than most would conceive." John Wargo, Professor of Risk Analysis, Environmental Policy, and Political Science, Yale University

"*Garbage In-Garbage Out* is an outstanding work that sheds much light on the current solid waste business model past and future. I highly recommend it to anyone in our industry, and to all who care about how we dispose of waste and where." Bruce J. Edmonds III, Environmental Research Solutions

### ***University of Virginia Student Evaluations***

*Recent (2012-14) University of Virginia student comments on Professor Thomson's environmental policy classes. Students complete evaluations anonymously at the end of the semester.*

"A very fascinating look into an often overlooked aspect of American politics."

"Very eye-opening semester."

"Instructor very knowledgeable & passionate about subject matter."

"This class was fabulous."

"Great instructor and overall very approachable!"

"I really enjoyed the freedom we had to express our ideas during discussion."

"Professor Thomson is an engaging, dynamic instructor whose lecture/discussion style encourages us to think freely about our opinions and races but also keeps us focused on the scope of the topic."

"Great class, amazing professor."

"Very passionate and very knowledgeable."

"Very passionate about course material, her research added a lot to discussions."

"Vivian Thomson is an amazing professor. She truly has a grasp of the material and does a good job of explaining it."

"She really goes above and beyond."

"Vivian is clearly dedicated to her students and to her practice. I enjoy the words of wisdom that pepper her lectures. I admire her passion and scholarly path. Thanks for everything, Vivian! You are fantastic."

"My view of trash has been altered by this course, and I believe I will still be trying to consume less in 5 years. *Garbage In, Garbage Out* has made me look at goods in terms of their waste."

"One of the most engaging teachers I've had yet. So clearly invested in student success."

"Great professor."

"Very enthusiastic about teaching her students and having us enjoy the class as well as learn."

"This is the best class I have taken at UVA."

"Great class, amazing professor."

"I enjoyed her patience/tolerance of differing ideas/viewpoints, as well as her desire to promote those which made the most sense."

"What I learned: despite being dysfunctional at times, our economic system and government can actually bring about meaningful change in environmental policy. And each of us CAN make a difference."

"What I learned: People have a hard time accepting policies with clear costs but diffuse, late-order benefits. This is what makes environmental policymaking so difficult. Equity and efficiency do not have to be at odds."

“What I learned: The last thing you said in class about what we can achieve with a can do attitude and how precious and small our world really is. That all trash has to go somewhere and all energy has to come from somewhere.”

“Professor Thomson’s lectures were always engaging, challenging, and informative. Her greatest strength was her ability to help us synthesize complex information on our own, instead of just telling us.”

“I have learned more from this course than any other one at UVA. Vivian is great about getting her students fully involved and passionate about environmental issues.”

“Strengths included how Thomson led discussion and her knowledge level on wide range of topics – helped to stimulate class interest.”

“I loved the race discussion dinner. I learned so much that I never would have otherwise. It was my favorite part of the entire class. Professor Thomson did a wonderful job as host/moderator.”

“Passion for subject was obvious and transferred to students.”

“This class has a ton of reading, but if you give 100% it will be the most worthwhile class you will take.”

“I think she stimulated very good discussion and really helped my understanding of envi. issues. So glad this course was part of ETP! Almost wish it was a yearlong.”

“I would rave, but it would be redundant. Don’t change anything!”

“Engaging discussion. Never bored.”

“One of my favorite classes at UVA; loved the small discussion based format, really encouraged synthesis of the readings; great variety of topics. Thanks for an awesome semester!”