

# **Shawn Thompson**

**Professor at Thompson Rivers University**

Seattle, WA, US

Journalist, university professor and book author who explores our moral obligations in the crisis of extinction facing orangutans

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## **Biography**

Author of the book *The Intimate Ape: Orangutans and the Secret Life of a Vanishing Species* (2010) and five other books, including *Letters From Prison: Felons Write about the Struggle for Life and Sanity Behind Bars*.

Travelled extensively in Borneo, Sumatra, and parts of Indonesia and Southeast Asia to write the orangutan book.

Currently working on a book about morality and apes.

University professor teaching journalism and communication since 1998.

Newspaper editor, reporter and photographer for 17 1/2 years. Was on the crime, court and prison beat, among other things.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Media Production, Media - Print, Travel and Tourism, Environmental Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

*The Intimate Ape: Orangutans and the Secret Life of A Vanishing Species*

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## **Affiliations**

The Orang Utan Republik

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