

Kisha Thompson, PhD, CRNA, is a native of New York and was commissioned as a 2LT in the United States Army Reserve Nurse Corps in 1999, after earning the rank of E-5. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Johns Hopkins University, a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia from Georgetown University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from Pace University's Lienhard School of Nursing.

During her military career, MAJ Thompson served in a Civil Affairs (38A) capacity, independently working to meet the daily needs of 1,600 Cuban and Haitian migrants in a temporary camp in Guantanamo Bay, CUBA in 1995. She served in Kosovo in 2000 in support of Operation Joint Guardian (KFOR), improving ethnic relations, assisting the transition of control from military to local authorities, and assessing facility conditions in the highly volatile Vitina municipality, Kosovo. She has also provided anesthesia services at Fort Knox, Fort Bragg, and West Point. MAJ Thompson retired from the Army Reserve after a distinguished career spanning 21 years. Her military experience instilled an enduring commitment to service, resilience, and care for underserved and vulnerable populations. Dr. Thompson is a proud member of NBNA and currently serves on the Uniformed Service Health Equity Committee.

Dr. Thompson is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Northeastern University's Bouvé College of Health Sciences, where she joined the faculty in August 2023. She maintains active clinical practice with collaborative affiliations in New Hampshire and Vermont and is currently a candidate for promotion to Associate Clinical Professor. In her academic role, she teaches across the graduate curriculum encompassing healthcare policy, research methods, and doctoral scholarship, and supervises student scholarly project committees. She was recognized as a 2024 Faculty Scholar at the Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research.

Dr. Thompson's program of research centers on health equity, chronic pain, and patient empowerment through community-based approaches. She is Principal Investigator of a feasibility study of the Bodyknowledging Program with the Salem (MA) Council on Aging and Co-Investigator on an international collaboration funded by the Norwegian Directorate (3M NOK, 2025–2028), focused on cross-cultural adaptation of empowerment-based health promotion interventions. Her scholarship has been disseminated through peer-reviewed publications, including work in *Chronic Illness*, and through presentations at the BMJ International Forum and AANA Annual Congresses.

Dr. Thompson is currently serving in her third term as President of the New Hampshire Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (NHANA), where she advances legislative advocacy, professional wellness, and student engagement. She is an active member of the AANA Foundation's Pain Research Interest Group and the AANA Continuing Education Committee. Her sustained commitment to mentorship, health equity, and the advancement of nurse anesthesia practice reflects the highest standards of professional and community service.