

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## VICTORIA LOE

### WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I intended to attend VT but Covid hit just before I moved here. I've enjoyed living here as a townie.

I love the campus community. There are always events going on and so many groups you can join.

### FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

I adore the Hahn Horticulture Garden (especially in the Spring). It's my favorite place to walk or sit and read. It's such a calm and beautiful place.

### HOBBIES?

I really enjoy reading and painting. I go to a lot of live music with friends, and we have a D&D campaign going that has been really fun.

### ARE YOU INTO PODCASTS?

I really enjoy Malcolm Gladwell's *Revisionist History*, *Myths and Legends* from Jason and Carissa Weiser; *Dungeon's and Daddies* (a D&D podcast where they're playing as dads), and I've recently been binge listening to *Sounds Like a Cult* from Isa Medina and Amanda Montell.

### WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

I try to stay really open-minded and explorative, have a spreadsheet of 300+ albums I've been recommended and am listening through. I gravitate toward alternative and punk sounds. Modest Mouse has been one of my favorite bands for a long time, and Jeff Rosenstock has been a recent favorite.

### CD's OR RECORDS?

I collect both! I recently bought *Worry* by Jeff Rosenstock on vinyl. My favorite in my collection is *Rumors* by Fleetwood Mac, mostly because it's an album I think everyone should own.

### FIRST CONCERT YOU ATTENDED

Taylor Swift on her first tour in 2009. I was 8 and absolutely thrilled!

### SOMEWHERE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT ONE DAY?

It is a dream of mine to visit the old temple ruins in Greece. I think it's a beautiful and fascinating country that would be a privilege to visit. I'm also a bit of a Hellenistic mythology nerd, so it would be special to visit the places that I've read stories about my whole life.

### FAVORITE BOOK?

The two books I always find myself coming back to are *The Odyssey* by Homer and *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath. *The Odyssey* was a childhood favorite, and I find the story and structure to be fascinating. *The Bell Jar* is a beautifully written, female-centered story that makes me feel understood.

### FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

Halloween for sure. I spend a lot of time planning out my costumes, and it's always fun seeing what everyone comes up with.

### WHAT ARE SOME ATTRIBUTES OR STRENGTHS YOU BRING TO THE JOB?

Kindness first is how I try to live my life. At the end of the day, everyone we work with and for are complex human beings. No matter the issue, I really try to maintain a baseline of respect for those I am assisting or working with.

### AS A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

My mom still has an "About Me" posted I made as a kid where I declared that I would be the first Obstetrician/Princess/Writer/President/Game Show Host/Philanthropist...still working on that.

### IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, IT WOULD BE...

I like the idea of being able to always have what I need, almost like a *Mary Poppins* bag.



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**Job Responsibilities:** My job is largely student-facing for the SMI office. Primarily, I support students and answer questions about medical insurance, as well as keep up with the office's day-to-day responsibilities.

### MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I feel like we make a genuine difference in the lives of our students. There are instances where we're able to help students use their insurance to its full extent, and that can help them to get better care or save considerable amounts of money.

### FIRST JOB?

I worked at a Sheetz for three years. It is not an experience I would ever repeat.

### ANY PETS?

My partner and I have a 70-pound lapdog named Luna.

### ONE CHORE YOU CAN'T STAND?

Putting laundry away. I've had to be really creative about how to trick myself into putting clothes away in alternative ways.