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## EDUCATION

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[Ph.D. in Sociology](#), University of Washington 2023–present  
Concentration in Social Statistics & Certificate in Demographic Methods  
Comprehensive Exam\*, pass with distinction Spring 2025  
*\*Economic Sociology, Processes of Social Construction, Sociology of AI and Algorithms*

[Affiliated Student](#), International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS-PHDS) 2024–2027  
Supervisor: Emilio Zagheni

[M.A. in Sociology](#), University of Washington 2024  
"Randomized Respondent Driven Sampling: A Cellphone Based Approach"  
 Department's Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award

[M.A. in Economics](#), Syracuse University 2017

[B.A. in Economics & in History](#), University of Virginia 2016

## EXPERIENCE

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*University of Washington*

[Graduate Research Assistant](#), in partnership with the Seattle Housing Authority. 2024–present  
Supervisor: Kyle Crowder.

[Web Developer](#) for the Puget Sound Survey community outreach site. Summer 2024  
Supervisor: Nathalie Williams.

[Pre-doctoral Research Assistant](#), Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences. 2021–2023  
Supervisor: Tyler McCormick.

[AI Insights Contributor](#), Research & Development. *Trustible*. 2025–present

[NLP Research Scientist](#). *Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR)*. 2024

[Research Assistant](#), *Emory University*. Summer 2023  
Supervisors: Emily Kalah Gade and Shahryar Minhas.

[Post-bac Research Assistant](#), *Sciences Po*. Summer 2021  
Supervisor: Thomas Chaney.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS \* denotes equal co-authorship

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[From Narratives to Numbers: Valid Inference Using](#) COLM 2024  
[Language Model Predictions from Verbal Autopsy Narratives](#)  
Fan, S. \*, **Visokay, Adam**\*, Hoffman, K., Salerno, S., Liu, L., Leek, J., McCormick, H. T.  
Conference on Language Models (COLM). [doi:10.48550](https://doi.org/10.48550)

[GPT Deciphering Fedspeak: Quantifying Dissent Among Hawks and Doves](#) EMNLP 2023  
Peskoff, D., **Visokay, Adam**., Schulhoff, S., Wachspress, B., Blinder, A., Stewart, B.  
Findings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP). [doi:10.18653](https://doi.org/10.18653)

## IN PREPARATION

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[How to measure obesity in public health research?](#)

[Problems with using BMI for population inference](#)

**Visokay, Adam**, Hoffman, K., Salerno, S., Johfre, S., McCormick, H. T. [preprint](#)

[When you come to a fork in the road, take it: the Rashomon effect for social scientists](#)

**Visokay, Adam\***, Hock, E.\*, Hoffman, K., McCormick, T. [preprint](#)

[Social Construction of Urban Space:](#)

[Understanding Neighborhood Boundaries Using Rental Listings](#)

**Visokay, Adam\***, Bagley, R.\*, Kennedy, I., Hess, C., Crowder, K., Voigt, R., Peskoff, D. [preprint](#)

[Street View for Whom? A Critical Look at Google Street View's Urban Coverage](#)

Wang, Z., Jian, Y., MacKenzie, D., **Visokay, Adam.**, Froehlich, J.

[Subjectivity Biases in Preference Annotations and Pairwise Evaluations of Language Models](#)

**Visokay, Adam**, Sap, M.

[Randomized Respondent Driven Sampling: a Cellphone Based Approach](#)

["Super Spikes" Difference in Differences: the Latest Controversy in Running Shoe Technology](#)

## OTHER WRITINGS

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[Legal Financial Obligations in Washington's Courts](#)

2024

Jones, K., Beach, L. R., Gilman, A. B., Wang, W., McCurley, C., Morande, B., **Visokay, Adam.**

Washington State Center for Court Research (WSSCR).

[Respondent-Driven Sampling: An Overview in the Context of Human Trafficking](#)

CHANCE 2023

Kunke, J. P.\*, **Visokay, Adam\***, McCormick, H. T.

Chance Magazine, American Statistical Association. [doi:10.1080](#)

## AWARDS & HONORS (application based)

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*Joff Hanauer Award for Excellence in Western Civilization.* University of Washington. 2025. \$5,000

*Herbert L. Costner Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award.* UW Sociology. 2025. \$20,000

Research: *Operationalizing the Multidimensionality of Age.* UW Sociology. 2025. \$2,500

Travel: PAA. UW CSDE. 2025. \$500

Travel: COLM. James McCann Graduate Research Fund at the UW. 2024. \$500

Research: *Network-based Sampling for the General Population.* UW Sociology. 2024. \$2,000

Research: *Processes of Social Construction.* UW Sociology. 2024. \$2,000

UW Azure Cloud Computing Credits: UW eScience Institute. 2023. \$3,000

## PRESENTATIONS

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*Conference Presentations*

[Americal Sociological Association \(ASA\)](#) Paper Session, Chicago, IL

09 Aug 2025

From Narratives to Numbers: Valid Inference Using Language Model Predictions from Verbal Autopsy Narratives.

[Americal Sociological Association \(ASA\)](#) Round Table, Chicago, IL

09 Aug 2025

BMI predicts adiposity, but not well enough to learn about obesity.

[Population Association of America \(PAA\)](#) Oral Session, Washington, DC

12 Apr 2025

BMI predicts adiposity, but not well enough to learn about obesity.

[Population Association of America \(PAA\)](#) Oral Session, Washington, DC 12 Apr 2025  
From Narratives to Numbers: Quantifying Dissent Among Hawks and Doves.

[UW RAISE Winter Exposition](#) Poster Session, Seattle, WA 28 Feb 2024  
When You Come to a Fork in the Road, Take It: Adopting a Rashomon Paradigm for Social Science  
(with Eddie Hock).

[Conference on Language Models \(COLM\)](#) Poster Session, Philadelphia, PA 07 Oct 2024  
Valid Inference Using Verbal Autopsy Narratives.

[UW CS&SS 25th Anniversary](#) Poster Session, Seattle, WA 16 May 2024  
Valid Inference With Predictions From Narratives.

#### *Invited Research Talk*

[CSDE 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event](#). Poster Session. Seattle, WA 15 Apr 2025  
Valid Inference With Verbal Autopsy Narratives

[UW SOC 270](#) Social Problems. Seattle, WA 21 Apr 2025  
Generative AI: a social problem?

[Elder Research](#). Tech Talk. Arlington, VA 12 Nov 2025  
Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI

[UW eScience Institute](#). Data Science Seminar. Seattle, WA 12 Nov 2024  
Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI

[UW Computational Demography Working Group](#). Seattle, WA 06 Nov 2024  
Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#). Deep Learning Affinity Group. Seattle, WA 05 Nov 2024  
Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI

[US Census Bureau xD](#). Intersection of ML and Social Science Series. Remote 10 July 2024

## TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

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### *University of Washington*

[CS&SS Math Camp](#), Instructor. UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Summer 2024  
Instructor of Record. Graduate.

[Survey of Sociology](#), Teaching Assistant, University of Washington Spring 2024  
Professor Rosalind Kichler. Undergraduate.

[Statistics for the Social Sciences](#). Teaching Assistant. University of Washington Winter 2024  
Professor William Brown. Undergraduate.

[Statistics for the Social Sciences](#). Teaching Assistant. University of Washington Autumn 2023  
Professor Emmanuella Furfaro. Undergraduate.

Students:

Amy Wang (current undergraduate Data Science major) Autumn 2024–present

## SERVICE

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### *Reviewer*

Sociological Methods & Research  
European Physical Journal (EPJ) Data Science

*Graduate Student Association, University of Washington*

President

2024–2025

*Other*

[Co-organizer](#). UW RAISE Winter Exposition, Seattle WA

28 Feb 2025

[Co-host](#). Crisis at the Treasury Panel, presented by the Economic Sociology section of the American Sociological Association, Remote

06 Feb 2025

[Team Captain](#). University of Virginia Cross Country, Charlottesville VA  
My best mile time is 4:02.

2015-2016

## REFERENCES

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References are available upon request. Please email me at [avisokay@uw.edu](mailto:avisokay@uw.edu)