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EDUCATION

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

AWARDS & GRANTS (application based)

Herbert L. Costner Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award. UW Sociology. 2025.	\$20,000
Joff Hanauer Award for Excellence in Western Civilization. University of Washington. 2025.	\$5,000
Grants:	
Hosting a Summer Institute in Computational Social Science at UW in Seattle. SICSS. 2026.	\$17,400
UW Azure Cloud Computing Credits: UW eScience Institute. 2023.	\$3,000
Research: Operationalizing the Multidimensionality of Age. UW Sociology. 2025.	\$2,500
Research: Network-based Sampling for the General Population. UW Sociology. 2024.	\$2,000
Research: Processes of Social Construction. UW Sociology. 2024.	\$2,000
Travel: PAA. UW CSDE. 2025.	\$500
Travel: COLM. James McCann Graduate Research Fund at the UW. 2024.	\$500

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS * denotes equal co-authorship

Street View for Whom? An Initial Examination of Google Street View's Urban Coverage and Socioeconomic Indicators in the US	COLM 2024
Zeyu Wang, Yingchao Jian, Adam Visokay, Don MacKenzie and Jon E. Froehlich ACM GeoIndustry '25. doi:10.1145/3764919.3770883	
From Narratives to Numbers: Valid Inference Using Language Model Predictions from Verbal Autopsy Narratives	COLM 2024
Fan, S.*, Visokay, Adam*, Hoffman, K., Salerno, S., Liu, L., Leek, J., McCormick, H. T. Conference on Language Models (COLM). doi: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	

IN PREPARATION

[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

[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](#)

PRESENTATIONS

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

MPIDR Computational Demography Working Group . Seminar. Rostock, Germany Rashomon for Social Scientists	17 Dec 2025
CSDE 75th Anniversary Event . Poster Session. Seattle, WA Valid Inference With Verbal Autopsy Narratives	15 Apr 2025
UW SOC 270 Social Problems . Seattle, WA Generative AI: a social problem?	21 Apr 2025
Elder Research . Tech Talk. Arlington, VA Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI	12 Nov 2025
UW eScience Institute . Data Science Seminar. Seattle, WA Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI	12 Nov 2024
UW Computational Demography Working Group . Seattle, WA Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI	06 Nov 2024
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center . Deep Learning Affinity Group. Seattle, WA Inference with Predicted Data: Examples from Verbal Autopsies and the BMI	05 Nov 2024
US Census Bureau xD . Intersection of ML and Social Science Series. Remote	10 July 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

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.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

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:

SERVICE

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)

2025

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

GIS and Spatial Analysis Workshop. Instructor: Stefan Leyk

2025

Data Visualization Design Workshop. Instructor: Jonas Schöley

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock Germany

REFERENCES

References are available upon request. Please email me at avisokay@uw.edu