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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
* <i>Economic Sociology, Processes of Social Construction, Sociology of AI and Algorithms</i>	
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)

<i>Herbert L. Costner Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award</i> . UW Sociology. 2025.	\$20,000
<i>Joff Hanauer Award for Excellence in Western Civilization</i> . University of Washington. 2025.	\$5,000
Grants:	
Hosting a <i>Summer Institute in Computational Social Science</i> at UW in Seattle. SICSS. 2026.	\$17,400
UW Azure Cloud Computing Credits: UW eScience Institute. 2023.	\$3,000
Research: <i>Operationalizing the Multidimensionality of Age</i> . UW Sociology. 2025.	\$2,500
Research: <i>Network-based Sampling for the General Population</i> . UW Sociology. 2024.	\$2,000
Research: <i>Processes of Social Construction</i> . 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 Zeyu Wang, Yingchao Jian, Adam Visokay , Don MacKenzie and Jon E. Froehlich ACM GeoIndustry '25. doi:10.1145/3764919.3770883	COLM 2024
From Narratives to Numbers: Valid Inference Using 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	COLM 2024
GPT Deciphering Fedspeak: Quantifying Dissent Among Hawks and Doves Peskoff, D., Visokay, Adam ., Schulhoff, S., Wachspress, B., Blinder, A., Stewart, B. Findings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP). doi:10.18653	EMNLP 2023

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

<i>University of Washington</i>	
Graduate Research Assistant , in partnership with the Seattle Housing Authority. Supervisor: Kyle Crowder.	2024–present
Web Developer for the Puget Sound Survey community outreach site. Supervisor: Nathalie Williams.	Summer 2024
Pre-doctoral Research Assistant , Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences. Supervisor: Tyler McCormick.	2021–2023
AI Insights Contributor , Research & Development. <i>Trustible</i> .	2025–present
NLP Research Scientist . <i>Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR)</i> .	2024
Research Assistant , <i>Emory University</i> . Supervisors: Emily Kalah Gade and Shahryar Minhas.	Summer 2023
Post-bac Research Assistant , <i>Sciences Po</i> . Supervisor: Thomas Chaney.	Summer 2021

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

<i>University of Washington</i>	
CS&SS Math Camp , Instructor. UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Instructor of Record. Graduate.	Summer 2024
Survey of Sociology , Teaching Assistant, University of Washington Professor Rosalind Kichler. Undergraduate.	Spring 2024
Statistics for the Social Sciences . Teaching Assistant. University of Washington Professor William Brown. Undergraduate.	Winter 2024
Statistics for the Social Sciences . Teaching Assistant. University of Washington Professor Emmanuella Furfaro. Undergraduate.	Autumn 2023
Students:	

Amy Wang (current undergraduate Data Science major)

Autumn 2024–present

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 2015-2016
My best mile time is 4:02.

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