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Education

Ph.D Sociology, University of Washington, 2023-present
Concentration in Social Statistics & Certificate in Demographic Methods
M.A. Economics, Syracuse University, 2017
B.A. Economics & History, University of Virginia, 2016

Affiliations

International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science (IMPRS-PHDS)
Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE) at the UW
Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CS&SS) at the UW
Responsibility in AI Systems & Experiences (RAISE) at the UW

Peer-Reviewed Publications (+ denotes equal co-authorship)

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

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

Kunke, J. P. +, **Visokay, A.** +, & McCormick, H. T. 2023. *CHANCE*, American Statistical Association.
"Respondent-Driven Sampling: An Overview in the Context of Human Trafficking". [doi:10.1080](https://doi.org/10.1080)

Publications in Preparation

Visokay, A. "Randomized respondent driven sampling: a cellphone based approach"

Visokay, A., Hoffman, K., Salerno, S., Johfre, S., McCormick, H. T. "BMI predicts adiposity, but not well enough to learn about obesity".

Visokay, A. +, Hock, E. + "Rashomon effect for social science".

Visokay, A., Saap, M. "Subjectivity biases in preference annotations for LLM alignment".

Visokay, A. "Super Spikes: The Latest Controversy in Running Shoe Technology".

Other Publications

Jones, K., Beach, L. R., Gilman, A. B., Wang, W., McCurley, C., Morande, B., **Visokay, A.** 2024. "Legal Financial Obligations in Washington's Courts". Washington State Center for Court Research (WSSCR).

Research Grants

Graduate Research Grant. Supervisor: Nathalie Williams, Department of Sociology, UW. Summer 2024.	\$2000
Graduate Research Grant. Supervisor: Sasha Johfre, Department of Sociology, UW. Summer 2024.	\$2000
UW Azure Cloud Computing Credits Grant. UW eScience Institute. Winter 2023.	\$3000

Presentations

Invited Research Talks

- Research lecture, UW eScience Institute, *Data Science Seminar*. 12 Nov 2024.
- Research lecture, UW CSDE, *Computational Demography Working Group*. 06 Nov 2024.
- Research lecture, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, *Deep Learning Affinity Group*. 05 Nov 2024.
- Guest speaker, US Census Bureau xD, *Intersection of ML and Social Science Series*. 10 July 2024.

Conference Presentations (application-based)

- "Embracing Multiplicity in Uncertain Times: Doing Social Science with Rashomon Sets" with Eddie Hock. UW Responsibility in AI Systems & Experiences *Winter Exposition*. Poster Session. Seattle, WA. Winter 2025. * *planned*
- "BMI predicts adiposity, but not well enough to learn about obesity". Session on *Obesity, Behavior, and Novel Weight-Loss Medications*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2025. * *planned*
- "From Narratives to Numbers: Quantifying Dissent Among Hawks and Doves". Session on *Machine Learning Approaches in Mortality Research*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2025. * *planned*
- "Valid Inference Using Verbal Autopsy Narratives" with Shuxian Fan. Conference on Language Models. Poster Session. Philadelphia, PA. 07 Oct 2024.
- "Valid Inference With Predictions From Narratives". 25th Anniversary Celebration. Poster Session. UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences. Seattle, WA. 16 May 2024.

Teaching & Mentorship

Graduate

- CS&SS Math Camp, Instructor. Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, Summer 2024

Undergraduate

- SOC 110, *Survey of Sociology*, Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Spring 2024
- STAT 221, *Statistics for the Social Sciences*. Teaching Assistant. University of Washington. Fall, Winter 2023.

Mentor

- Amy Wang (undergraduate student at the University of Washington)

Professional Service

Ad-hoc reviewing: *Sociological Methods & Research*

President, Graduate Student Association, UW Department of Sociology . 2024-2025 Academic Year.

Paid Research

Employee

- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Washington Department of Sociology. Supervised by Professor Kyle Crowder. Fall 2024-present.
- Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, University of Washington Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences. Supervised by Professor Tyler McCormick. Fall 2021-Fall 2023.
- Post-baccalaureate Research Assistant, Sciences Po. Supervised by Professor Thomas Chaney. Summer 2021.

Independent Contractor

Trustible. AI Insights Contributor, Research & Development. 4-6 hours per week, 2025-present.

Puget Sound Data Project. Web Developer for the Puget Sound Survey community outreach site. 2-5 hours per week, Summer 2024.

Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR). Independent researcher. *Legal Financial Obligations in Washington's Courts*. 5-10 hours per week. March-September 2024.

Research Assistant supervised by Professor Emily Kalah Gade and Professor Shahryar Minhas. I built a dashboard to visualize and make accessible the Syrian Armed Groups, Alliances and Actions dataset (SAGAA). 5-10 hours per week. April-July 2024.