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Computational Social Science • Economic Sociology • Social Statistics • Science, Technology, and Society Studies

ABSTRACT

PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of Washington with a concentration in computational social science and social statistics. Interested in model multiplicity (Rashomon), inference with predicted data (e.g. PPI++, DSL), online experiments, and survey methods. Recent work in COLM and EMNLP.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Washington	2023–present
co-advised by Professors Sasha Johfre and Tyler McCormick	
Comprehensive Exam, passed with distinction	Spring 2025
M.A. in Sociology, University of Washington	2024
"Randomized Respondent Driven Sampling: A Cellphone Based Approach"	
🏆 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, UW Sociology	
M.A. in Economics, Syracuse University	2017
B.A. in Economics & in History, University of Virginia	2016

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS & TRAINING

Affiliated Ph.D. Student, International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS-PHDS)	2024–2027
Supervisor: Emilio Zagheni	Rostock, Germany
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Participant	2025
Stanford University	Palo Alto, CA

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS *denotes equal co-authorship

11. **Street View for Whom? An Initial Examination of Google Street View's Urban Coverage and Socioeconomic Indicators in the US** ACM GeoIndustry 2025
Wang, Z., Jian, Y., Visokay, Adam, MacKenzie, D., Froehlich, J.
10. **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, T.
Presented at: ASA Chicago (2025), PAA Washington DC (2025), COLM Philadelphia (2024), CSDE 75th Anniversary (2025), UW CS&SS 25th Anniversary (2024)
Invited talks: Elder Research, UW eScience Institute, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, UW Computational Demography Working Group (all 2024)
9. **GPT Deciphering Fedspeak: Quantifying Dissent Among Hawks and Doves** EMNLP 2023
Peskoff, D., Visokay, Adam., Schulhoff, S., Wachspress, B., Blinder, A., Stewart, B.
Invited talks: Wolfe Research (2025), US Census Bureau xD (2024)
8. **Respondent-Driven Sampling: An Overview in the Context of Human Trafficking** CHANCE 2023
Kunke, J. P.*., Visokay, Adam*, McCormick, T.

Working Papers

7. **How to measure obesity in public health research?** *under review*
Problems with using BMI for population inference
Visokay, Adam, Hoffman, K., Salerno, S., Johfre, S., McCormick, T.
Presented at: ASA Chicago (2025), PAA Washington DC (2025)
6. **When you come to a fork in the road, take it:** *under review*
the Rashomon Effect for social scientists
Visokay, Adam*, Hock, E. *, Hoffman, K., McCormick, T.
5. **Social Construction of Urban Space:** *under review*
Understanding Neighborhood Boundaries Using Rental Listings
Visokay, Adam*, Bagley, R. *, Kennedy, I., Hess, C., Crowder, K., Voigt, R., Peskoff, D.
4. **Randomized Respondent Driven Sampling: a Cellphone Based Approach** *under review*
Visokay, Adam, Boudreau, L., Heath, R., McCormick, T.
🏆 UW Sociology Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award
3. **From Census to Sensors: The Ascendance of a New Data Regime**
Fourcade, M., **Visokay, Adam**, Quinn, S., McCormick, T.
2. **Rising Obesity Without Fat Gain? Decomposing US Obesity Trends Since 2000**
Visokay, Adam
1. **“Super Spikes” Difference in Differences: the Latest Controversy in Running Shoe Technology**
Visokay, Adam

GRANTS & AWARDS

Total Funding Secured to Date:	\$51,900
<i>Herbert L. Costner Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award</i> . UW Sociology. (2025)	\$20,000
Hosting a <i>Summer Institute in Computational Social Science</i> at UW in Seattle. SICSS. (2026)	\$17,400
<i>Joff Hanauer Award for Excellence in Western Civilization Award</i> . UW Simpson Center. (2025)	\$5,000
UW Azure Cloud Computing Credits. UW eScience Institute. (2023)	\$3,000
<i>Operationalizing the Multidimensionality of Age Research Grant</i> . UW Sociology. (2025)	\$2,500
<i>Network-based Sampling for the General Population Research Grant</i> . UW Sociology. (2024)	\$2,000
<i>Processes of Social Construction Research Grant</i> . UW Sociology. (2024)	\$2,000

WORK EXPERIENCE

<i>Trustible</i> , <i>AI Insights Contributor</i> . Research & Development.	2025–present
<i>Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR)</i> , <i>NLP Research Scientist</i> .	2024–2025
<i>Seattle Housing Authority</i> , <i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> .	2024–2025
<i>Puget Sound Survey</i> , <i>Web Developer</i> for the community outreach site.	2024
<i>Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences</i> , <i>Pre-doctoral Research Assistant</i> .	2021–2023
<i>Emory University</i> , <i>Research Assistant</i> . Supervised by Emily Kalah Gade and Shahryar Minhas.	2023
<i>Sciences Po</i> , <i>Post-bac Research Assistant</i> . Supervised by Thomas Chaney.	2021

INVITED TALKS

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. Research Seminar.	Rostock, Germany. 2025
UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Student Seminar.	Seattle, WA. 2025
UW + Amazon Science Hub Research & Networking Mixer. Poster.	Seattle, WA. 2025
American Sociological Association. Oral Presentations.	Chicago, IL. 2025
Allen School + Microsoft Research Summer Bash. Poster..	Seattle, WA. 2025
Population Association of America. Oral Presentations.	Washington, DC. 2025
Elder Research. Tech Talk.	Arlington, VA. 2025
Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology 75th Anniversary. Poster.	Seattle, WA. 2025
University of Washington, Social Problems (SOC 270). Guest Lecture.	Seattle, WA. 2025
Conference on Language Modeling. Poster.	Philadelphia, PA. 2024
UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences 25th Anniversary. Poster.	Seattle, WA. 2024
UW Responsibility in AI Systems & Experiences. Poster.	Seattle, WA. 2024
US Census Bureau xD. Research Seminar.	Remote. 2024
UW eScience Institute. Research Seminar.	Seattle, WA. 2024
UW Computational Demography Working Group. Research Seminar.	Seattle, WA. 2024
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. Research Seminar.	Seattle, WA. 2024

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Data and Society , Teaching Assistant, University of Washington	Autumn 2025
Instructor: Zack Almquist. Undergraduate.	
CSSS 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
Instructor: Rosalind Kichler. Undergraduate.	
Statistics for the Social Sciences . Teaching Assistant. University of Washington	Winter 2024
Instructor: William Brown. Undergraduate.	
Statistics for the Social Sciences . Teaching Assistant. University of Washington	Autumn 2023
Instructor: Emmanuella Furfaro. Undergraduate.	
Justin Simpson - UW undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis co-advisor.	Autumn 2025–present
Amy Wang - UW undergraduate Data Science major.	Autumn 2024–present

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python (pandas, scikit-learn, PyTorch), R (shiny, tidyverse, scorcher), SQL

NLP: LLM fine-tuning, text classification, evaluation

Other: Git/GitHub, \LaTeX , Azure Cloud, docker

SERVICE

Reviewer: Sociological Methods & Research • EPJ Data Science

Graduate Student Association, University of Washington Department of Sociology

President 2024–2025

Graduate Admissions Committee 2025–2026

Co-organizer. UW RAISE Winter Exposition, Seattle WA 28 Feb 2025

Co-host. Crisis at the Treasury Panel, Economic Sociology section of the ASA 06 Feb 2025

Team Captain. University of Virginia Cross Country (my best mile time is 4:02) 2015–2016

REFERENCES

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