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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:

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

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

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

[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](https://doi.org/10.48550)

[GPT Deciphering Fedspeak: Quantifying Dissent Among Hawks and Doves](#) EMNLP 2023
Peskov, 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

[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

[CSDE 75th 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

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

<i>Reviewer</i>	
Sociological Methods & Research	
European Physical Journal (EPJ) Data Science	
<i>Graduate Student Association, University of Washington</i>	
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) Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA	2025
GIS and Spatial Analysis Workshop . Instructor: Stefan Leyk Data Visualization Design Workshop . Instructor: Jonas Schöley Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock Germany	2025

REFERENCES

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