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## Education

**Ph.D., Health and Biomedical Informatics**

Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

Sep 2021 – June 2025

**MPH, Epidemiology and Biostatistics**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Aug 2015 – May 2017

**BA, Anthropology, Women & Gender Studies, Spanish**

Luther College, Decorah, IA

Aug 2008 – May 2012

## Employment History

**Pulmonary Critical Care Postdoctoral Fellow**

Healthcare Allocation Lab | PI: William Parker, MD PhD

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

July 2025 – Present

**American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellow**

Institute for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine | PI: Abel Kho, MD

Department of Preventive Medicine | PI: Norrina Allen, PhD

Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

Jan 2024 – Dec 2025

**Research Project Manager**

Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement Center | PI: Mehul Raval, MD

Department of Surgery, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

Jan 2020 – Jan 2023

**Research Scientist**

Department of Radiology | PI: Perry Pickhardt, MD

University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI

Aug 2015 – Jan 2020

## Teaching Experience

**Northwestern University**

PUB\_HLTH 303: Environmental Health Sciences (TA)

PUB\_HLTH 422: Intermediate Epidemiology (Guest Lecturer)

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

Jan 2024 – Mar 2024

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **Graffy, Peter.** The Effect of Masculinity on Sexual Health Practices among College-Age Students in the United States. *The Journal of the National Association of Student Anthropologists (NASA)*, Vol. II, (2), pp. 12-19. 2011.
2. **Graffy P,** Loomis S, Hinshaw JL, Lee F, Kim D, Pickhardt P, Lubner M, Kitchin D, Ziemlewicz T. Pulmonary intraparenchymal blood patching decreases the rate of pneumothorax-related complications following percutaneous CT-guided needle biopsy. *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (JVIR)*, 28(4): p. 608-613.e1.
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7. Lee S, Summers R, **Graffy P,** Pickhardt P. Population-Based Opportunistic Osteoporosis Screening: Validation of a fully-automated CT tool for assessing longitudinal BMD changes. *British Journal of Radiology*. 2018 Nov 28:20180726. doi: 10.1259/bjr.20180726.
8. O'Connor S, **Graffy P,** Zea R, Pickhardt P. Does Nonenhanced CT-based Quantification of Abdominal Aortic Calcification Outperform the Framingham Risk Score in Predicting Cardiovascular Events in Asymptomatic Adults? *Radiology*, 2018; p. 180562. doi: 10.1148/radiol.2018180562
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10. Pickhardt P, **Graffy P,** Said A, Jones D, Malecki K, Welsh B, Zea R, Lubner M. Multi-parametric CT for Noninvasive Staging of HCV-related Liver Fibrosis: Correlation with Histopathologic METAVIR Fibrosis Score. *American Journal of Roentgenology*, 2019. doi.org/10.2214/AJR.18.20284.
11. **Graffy P,** Liu J, Summers R, Pickhardt P. Deep learning-based muscle segmentation and quantification at abdominal CT: application to a longitudinal adult screening cohort for sarcopenia assessment. *British Journal of Radiology*, 2019; 92: 20190327.
12. Jang S, **Graffy P,** Lee S, Summers R, Pickhardt P. Opportunistic Osteoporosis Screening at Routine Body CT: Normative L1 Trabecular Attenuation Values from over 20,000 Cases. *Radiology*, 2019 May;291(2):360-367. doi: 10.1148/radiol.2019181648.
13. **Peter Graffy,** Sara McKinnon, Garrett Lee & Patrick Remington (2018). Life Outside: A Narrative Ethnographic Inquiry into the Determinants of Homelessness. *Journal of Poverty*. DOI: 10.1080/10875549.2018.1550133
14. **Graffy P,** Liu J, O'Connor S, Summers R, Pickhardt P. Fully-Automated Segmentation and Quantification of Aortic Calcification at Abdominal CT: Application of a Deep Learning-Based Algorithm to a Longitudinal Screening Cohort. *Abdominal Radiology*, 2019 Apr 11. doi: 10.1007/s00261-019-02014-2.
15. **Graffy PM,** Sandfort V, Summers RM, Pickhardt PJ. Automated Liver Fat Quantification at Unenhanced Abdominal CT in a Longitudinal Screening Cohort: Application of a Deep Learning-Based Algorithm for Population-Based Steatosis Assessment. *Radiology*, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1148/radiol.2019190512>.

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19. Pickhardt PJ, **Graffy PM**, Zea R, Lee SJ, Liu J, Sandfort V, Summers RM. Automated Abdominal CT Imaging Biomarkers for Opportunistic Prediction of Future Major Osteoporotic Fractures in Asymptomatic Adults. *Radiology*, August 2020. DOI: 10.1148/radiol.2020200466
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27. AA Perez, V Noe-Kim, MG Lubner, **PM Graffy**, JW Garrett, DC Elton, Pickhardt PJ. Automated Deep Learning CT-based Liver Volume Segmentation: Defining Normal and Hepatomegaly for Clinical Practice. *Radiology*, 2022. 302 (2), 336-342.
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32. PJ Pickhardt, T Nguyen, AA Perez, **PM Graffy**, S Jang, RM Summers, JW Garrett. Improved CT-based Osteoporosis Assessment with a Fully Automated Deep Learning Tool. *Radiology: Artificial Intelligence* 4 (5), e220042.
33. Lee M, Zea R, Garrett J, **Graffy PM**, Summers RM, Pickhardt PJ. Abdominal CT Body Composition Thresholds Using Automated AI Tools for Predicting 10-year Adverse Outcomes. *Radiology*, 2022: p. 220574.
34. **Graffy P**, Zimmerman L, Luo Y, Yu J, Choi Y, Zmora R, Lloyd-Jones D, Allen N. Longitudinal Clustering of Life's Essential 8 health metrics: Application of a novel unsupervised learning method in the CARDIA Study. *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA)*, 2024. 2024 Jan 18;31(2):406-415.
35. **Graffy, P. M.**, Sunderraj, A., Visa, M. A., Miller, C. H., Barrett, B. W., Rao, S., et al. (2024). Methodological approaches for measuring the association between heat exposure and health outcomes: A comprehensive global scoping review. *GeoHealth*, 8, e2024GH001071.
36. **Peter M. Graffy**, Benjamin W. Barrett, Maxime A. Visa, Helen Kemprecos, Erika Rasnick, Abel Kho, Daniel E. Horton. Degrees of difference: the impact of climate data resolution on mortality estimates using a novel geospatial linkage tool. *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 2025. Forthcoming.
37. Harrison C. Garcia, **Peter M. Graffy**, Benjamin W. Barrett, Maxime A. Visa, Jenny Jia, Evan Mallen, Nik Prachand, Graham Briggs, Trent Ford, Don Wuebbles, Norrina Allen, Abel Kho, Daniel E. Horton. Increasing urban tree canopy is associated with reduced temperatures and mortality: a longitudinal analysis of Chicago neighborhoods. *Lancet Planetary Health*, 2025. Forthcoming.
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39. **Peter M. Graffy**, Benjamin W. Barrett, Daniel E. Horton, Abel Kho, Norrina B. Allen. Critical temperature thresholds for identifying vulnerability to heat-related excess cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. *Circulation*, 2025. Forthcoming.
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4. **Graffy P**, McKinnon S, Lee G, Remington P. Life Outside: An Investigation into the Lived Experiences of the Madison homeless. *University of Wisconsin Population Health Sciences Annual Poster Presentation*. Madison, WI. April 2017.
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7. **Graffy P**, Li K, Hernando D, Reeder S, Pickhardt P. Quantification of Liver Fat Content with Non-contrast MDCT: Correlation with MRI Proton Density Fat Fraction (PDFF). American Roentgen Ray Society 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting. Washington, DC. April 21-27, 2018.
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10. **Graffy P**, Lubner M, Pickhardt P. Can Multiparametric CT Predict the Presence of NASH and Fibrosis in Patients with NAFLD? American Roentgen Ray Society's 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Honolulu, HI. May 5-10, 2019.
11. Pickhardt PJ, **Graffy PM**, Zea R, Lee SJ, Liu J, Sandfort V, Summers RM. Fully-Automated Analysis of Abdominal CT Scans for Opportunistic Prediction of Cardiometabolic Events: Initial Results in a Large Asymptomatic Adult Cohort. Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR) Annual Scientific Meeting. Orlando, Florida. 2019. **\*Roscoe E. Miller Best Scientific Paper Award**
12. **Graffy P**, Jang S, Lee S, Summers M, Liu J, Pickhardt P. Opportunistic Osteoporosis Screening at Routine Body CT: Normative L1 Trabecular Attenuation Values from Over 20,000 Data Points. American Roentgen Ray Society's 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Honolulu, HI. May 5-10, 2019.
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19. Deiss-Yehiely N, **Graffy PM**, Weigman B, Hassan C, Pickhardt PJ, Weiss JM. High-risk serrated lesion detection at CRC screening: multi-target stool DNA versus CT colonography. Digestive Disease Week 2020. May 2-5, 2020. Chicago, IL.
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  32. **Graffy P**, Liu J, Summers M, **Pickhardt P**. Deep Learning-Based Segmentation and Quantification of Muscle Density and Area at Abdominal CT in a Longitudinal Adult Screening Cohort. American Roentgen Ray Society's 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Honolulu, HI. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  33. Sandfort V, Yan K, **Graffy PM**, **Pickhardt PJ**, Summers RM. CT Organ Segmentation: Use of variational autoencoders to detect incorrect segmentations in a large (> 10k CT scan) dataset. Radiology (RSNA) 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting. November, 2019. Chicago, IL.
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  35. **Graffy P**, Zimmerman L, Luo Y, Yu J, Choi Y, Zmora R, Lloyd-Jones D, Allen N. Clustering in CARDIA: Longitudinal Analysis of Life's Essential 8 using a Novel Machine Learning Method. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Feinberg Lewis Landsberg Research Day. Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Poster Presentation.
  36. **Graffy P**, Zimmerman L, Luo Y, Yu J, Choi Y, Zmora R, Lloyd-Jones D, Allen N. Clustering in CARDIA: Longitudinal Analysis of Life's Essential 8 using a Novel Machine Learning Method. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Biomedical Informatics Data Jam. Loyola University, Maywood, IL. October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Poster Presentation.

37. **Peter M. Graffy**, Ashwin Sunderraj, Maxime A. Visa, Corinne Miller, Ben Barrett, Sheetal Rao, Sara F. Camilleri, Ryan D. Harp, Chuxuan Li, Anne Brenneman, Abel Kho, Daniel E. Horton, Norrina Allen. Climate-Related Heat Exposure and Cardiovascular Health: A Global Scoping Review. American Heart Association EPI Lifestyle Meeting. March 18-21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Chicago, IL. Poster Presentation.
38. Benjamin W. Barrett, **Peter M. Graffy**, Daniel E. Horton, Abel Kho. Daymet and DeGAUSS: Development of a Novel Method that Links High Spatial Resolution Gridded Meteorological Data with Geocoded Healthcare Encounters. International Population Data Linkage Network Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rapid Oral Presentation.
39. Harrison Garcia, **Peter Graffy**, Benjamin Barrett, Maxime Visa, Ashwin Sunderraj, Jenny Jia, Daniel E. Horton. Urban Tree Canopy, Temperature, and Mortality: A Machine Learning Analysis of Chicago Neighborhoods. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Feinberg Lewis Landsberg Research Day. Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Poster Presentation. **\*Social and Public Health Section Finalist**
40. Maxime Visa, Helen Kemprecos, Benjamin Barrett, **Peter Graffy**, Daniel Horton. Development and validation of a novel method for healthcare data linkage to high-resolution gridded coordinate temperature and climate variables. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Feinberg Lewis Landsberg Research Day. Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Poster Presentation.
41. **Peter Graffy**, Maxime Visa, Benjamin Barrett, Abel Kho, Daniel Horton. A comparison of heat exposure measurement methods to determine the effect of extreme heat on cardiovascular disease mortality in Chicago. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Feinberg Lewis Landsberg Research Day. Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Poster Presentation.
42. Mehul V. Raval, Yao Tian, Lynn Huang, Erin Wymore, Deysi Paniagua-Perez, Kirsty M. Engelhardt, Mallory N. Perez, Alison Lehane, Charesa Smith, Gwyneth Sullivan, Audra J. Reiter, Andrew Hu, Martha-Conley E. Ingram, **Peter Graffy**, et al. "Implementation Yields Success – Results of the ENhanced Recovery In CHildren Undergoing Surgery (ENRICH-US) Randomized Controlled Trial." American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2025. Quebec, Canada. May 7-10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
43. Mehul V. Raval, Willemijn Schafer, Yao Tian, , Mallory N. Perez, Lynn Huang, Alison Lehane, Erin Wymore, Deysi Paniagua-Perez, Charesa Smith, Gwyneth Sullivan, Audra J. Reiter, Andrew Hu, Martha-Conley E. Ingram, Kirsty M. Engelhardt, **Peter Graffy**, et al. "Preliminary Analysis of Implementation Drivers in the Enhanced Recovery In CHildren Undergoing Surgery (ENRICH-US) Randomized Controlled Trial." American Surgical Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, 2025. San Diego, CA. April 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

### A. Personal

- American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship (2024 – 2025)
- Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship (2021 – 2023)
- Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society (2017)
- Dean's List (2008 – 2012, 2015 – 2017)
- NCAA Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Academic Team (2008 – 2011)
- All-UFA 1<sup>st</sup> Team (Professional Ultimate Frisbee) & MVP Nominee (2014, 2016, 2018)

### B. Students

- Poster Finalist, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Lewis Landberg Research Day, Harrison Garcia (2024)

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

**Programming & Scripting:** R, Python, SQL, Java, HTML, MATLAB, LaTeX

**Data Science & ML:** scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Jupyter Notebooks, R Shiny

**Statistical Software:** SAS, Stata  
**GIS & Spatial Tools:** ArcGIS, DeGAUSS

**Version Control & Documentation:** Git, GitHub, Markdown

**Survey & Research Tools:** REDCap, Qualtrics, eIRB, ClinicalTrials.gov  
**Visualization & Reporting:** Tableau, PowerBI  
**Reference Management:**

EndNote, Zotero, Mendeley  
**Qualitative Research:** Dedoose,  
Qualitative methods

**EHR Systems:** EPIC, Cerner  
**Other Tools:** Census.gov

**Languages:** Bilingual  
(English/Spanish)

## SERVICE

### A. Invited Professional and Public Lectures

1. “Data linkage, health data, and CVD,” University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, July 2025

### B. University, School and Departmental Committees

#### Northwestern University

- Northwestern Institute for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: AI in Healthcare Forum Student Organizer
- Health Sciences Integrated Program Student Organization Sports Chair
- Youth Sports Coach (Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee)

### C. Organization Membership

- American Heart Association (AHA) (2023 – Present)
- American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) (2023 – Present)

### D. Reviewer of Manuscripts

- Reviewer, *Osteoporosis International* (2019 – Present)
- Reviewer, *Artificial Intelligence in Medicine* (2020 – Present)
- Reviewer, *Journal of Computer Assisted Tomography (JCAT)* (2020 – Present)
- Reviewer, *Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences* (2023 – Present)
- Reviewer, *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA)* (2023 – Present)

### E. Research Mentoring

Ben Weigman, PGY3 Diagnostic Radiology (2017 – 2018)  
Department of Radiology  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics

Nimrod Deiss-Yehiely, PGY2 Internal Medicine (2018 – 2019)  
Department of Radiology  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics

Maxime Visa, Medical Student (2022 – 2025)  
Feinberg School of Medicine  
Northwestern University

Harrison Garcia, Medical Student (2024 – 2025)  
Feinberg School of Medicine  
Northwestern University

Helen Kemprecos, Medical Student (2024 – 2025)  
Carle School of Medicine  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Jake Mackie, PhD Candidate (2024 – 2025)  
Health Services and Outcomes Research



Northwestern University

Mercy Berchi, PhD Candidate (2024 – 2025)  
Health and Biomedical Informatics  
Northwestern University

Donna Hooshmand, PhD Candidate (2025 – Present)  
Computer Science  
Northwestern University

Hyojung Jang, PhD Candidate (2025 – Present)  
Biostatistics  
Northwestern University

Rachel Zuo, HS student (2025)  
Research project mentorship

Aarin Bothra, HS student (2025)  
Research project mentorship

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

### A. Ongoing Research Support

University of Chicago  
T32 5T32HL007605-40  
Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Grant (6/30/2025-Present)  
NIH

### B. Completed Research Support

Northwestern University  
24PRE1193628  
Predoctoral Fellowship (1/1/2024-12/31/2025)  
American Heart Association  
\$105,000

## MEDIA

*Work featured in:* “OEMC, cooling centers, air conditioning & more: What's changed in extreme heat response since deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave.” ABC 7 Chicago, July 16, 2025. [Link here](#).

*Work featured in:* “Heat Study: Chicago Temperatures Vary as Much as 22 Degrees Between Neighborhoods.” Borderless Magazine, by Liuan Huska, January 29, 2024. [Link here](#).

*Work featured in:* “As Chicago Survives Another Heat Wave, the City Reassesses Its Disaster Plan.” *Chicago Tribune*, July 16, 2025. [Link here](#).