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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

University of California, Berkeley, Bellwether Postdoctoral Scholar 2026–present
Supervised by Joshua Blumenstock

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Ph.D. in Sociology 2026
Dissertation: *Bodies of Knowledge: Processes of Social Construction and the Epistemology of Empirical Measurement in Computational Social Science*
co-chairs: Sasha Johfre and Tyler McCormick
Comprehensive Exam passed with distinction

University of Washington, M.A. in Sociology 2024
"Randomized Recruitment Driven Sampling"
 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, UW Sociology

Syracuse University, M.A. in Economics 2017

University of Virginia, B.A. in Economics & in History 2016

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS & TRAINING

NIH Training in Advanced Data Analytics (TADA) T32 Fellowship, UW CSDE 2025–2026
Supervisor: Sara Curran Seattle, WA

Graduate Certificate in Demographic Methods, UW Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology 2025

Concentration in Social Statistics, UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences 2025

Affiliated PHDS Student, International Max Planck Research School 2024–2027
Supervisor: Emilio Zagheni Rostock, Germany

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, SICSS Participant 2025
Stanford University Palo Alto, CA

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH **denotes equal co-authorship*

12. **Social Construction of Urban Space: Using LLMs to Identify Neighborhood Boundaries From Craigslist Ads** ACL 2026, 7th Workshop on NLP+CSS
Visokay, Adam*, Bagley, R. *, Kennedy, I., Hess, C., Crowder, K., Voigt, R., Peskoff, D.
11. **Street View for Whom? An Initial Examination of Google Street View's Urban Coverage and Socioeconomic Indicators in the US** Extended Abstract Proceedings of 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.
9. **GPT Deciphering Fedspeak: Quantifying Dissent Among Hawks and Doves** EMNLP 2023
Peskoff, D., **Visokay, Adam**, Schulhoff, S., Wachspress, B., Blinder, A., Stewart, B.

8. **Respondent-Driven Sampling:
An Overview in the Context of Human Trafficking**
Kunke, J. P.*, **Visokay, Adam***, McCormick, T.

CHANCE 2023

PREPRINTS

7. **Multi-Perspective LLM Annotations for Valid Analyses in Subjective Tasks** *under review*
Navya Mehrotra*, **Visokay, Adam***, Kristina Gligorić
6. **How to measure obesity in public health research?
Problems with using BMI for population inference** *under review*
Visokay, Adam, Hoffman, K., Salerno, S., Johfre, S., McCormick, T.
5. **When you come to a fork in the road, take it:
the Rashomon Effect for social scientists** *under review*
Visokay, Adam*, Hock, E. *, Hoffman, K., McCormick, T.
4. **Randomized Recruitment Driven Sampling** *under review*
Visokay, Adam, Boudreau, L., Heath, R., McCormick, T.
🏆 *UW Sociology Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award*
3. **From Census to Sensors: The Ascendancy of a New Data Regime** *under review*
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 (application based)

Total Funding to Date:	\$81,900
<i>Shanahan Endowment Fellowship. UW CSDE. (2026–27)</i>	\$20,000
<i>Herbert L. Costner Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award. UW Sociology. (2025–26)</i>	\$20,000
<i>Summer Institute in Computational Social Science Host Grant. SICSS Advisory Council. (2026)</i>	\$17,400
<i>ACCESS Explore Allocation (In-kind computing credits), National Science Foundation. (2026)</i>	\$10,000
<i>Joff Hanauer Award for Excellence in Western Civilization Award. UW Simpson Center. (2025)</i>	\$5,000
<i>Azure in-kind cloud computing credits. UW eScience Institute. (2023)</i>	\$3,000
<i>Operationalizing the Multidimensionality of Age Research Grant. UW Sociology. (2025)</i>	\$2,500
<i>Network-based Sampling for the General Population Research Grant. UW Sociology. (2024)</i>	\$2,000
<i>Processes of Social Construction Research Grant. UW Sociology. (2024)</i>	\$2,000

WORK EXPERIENCE

Trustible , AI Insights Contributor	2025–2026
Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR) , NLP Research Scientist	2024–2025
Seattle Housing Authority , Graduate Research Assistant	2024–2025
Puget Sound Survey , Web Developer	2024
Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences , Pre-doctoral Research Assistant	2021–2023
Emory University , Research Assistant	Summer 2023

Supervised by Emily Kalah Gade and Shahryar Minhas

Sciences Po, Pre-doctoral Research Assistant

Summer 2021

Supervised by Thomas Chaney

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations (application based)

CSDE Winter 2026 Lightning Talk & Poster Session	Seattle, WA 2026
Population Association of America. Oral Presentations.	St. Louis, MO. 2026
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
Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology 75th Anniversary. Poster.	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

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
Elder Research. Tech Talk.	Arlington, VA. 2025
University of Washington, Social Problems (SOC 270). Guest Lecture.	Seattle, WA. 2025
Wolfe Research Panel on the Federal Reserve.	Remote, 2025
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 Simposon - UW Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis co-advisor.	2025–2026
Amy Wang - UW Undergraduate Data Science major.	2024–2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python (pandas, scikit-learn, PyTorch), R (shiny, tidyverse, scorch), SQL
Data Engineering: DuckDB, Apache Parquet, web archive processing (WARC/CDX)
NLP: LLM classification & evaluation, topic modeling, running local models on GPU HPC Clusters
Statistics: stratified sampling design, network analysis, survey weighting, Bayesian modeling
Other: Git/GitHub, $\LaTeX$, Azure Cloud, HPC (Jetstream2/ACCESS-CI), Docker

SERVICE

New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA) meeting, University of California, Berkeley, CA
[Co-Organizer](https://tada2026.org/) (tada2026.org/) 05 Oct 2026
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
[Co-Organizer](https://sicss.io/2026/uw/) (https://sicss.io/2026/uw/) 06-17 July 2026
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

REVIEWER

Sociological Methods & Research • EPJ Data Science

REFERENCES

Sasha Johfre (sjohfre@uw.edu) Assistant Professor of Sociology Core faculty in CSSS University of Washington	Tyler McCormick (tylermc@uw.edu) Professor of Sociology, Statistics Core faculty in CSSS University of Washington
Sarah Quinn (slquinn@uw.edu) Associate Professor of Sociology University of Washington	Brandon Stewart (bms4@princeton.edu) Associate Professor of Sociology Princeton University