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Education

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, U.S.
Ph.D., Sociology, expected 2029
M.A., Sociology, 2026

Columbia University, New York, NY, U.S.
M.A., Economics, 2021

The University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia
B.A., Economics, 2019

Research Interests

Labor Markets, Work and Organizations, Stratification and Inequality, Quantitative Methods

Publications

Rosenfeld, Jake and **Letao Wang**. 2025. "Meritocracy Pay Beliefs in the Contemporary U.S." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 718(1): 61–89.

Working Papers

Wang, Letao. "Changing Work, Unchanged Status? Occupational Prestige in the U.S., 1989–2012" Under review.

- Poster accepted at PAA 2026

Visokay, Adam, Soumyakanti Pan, Molly Griston, Polina Iasakova, Mark Nepf, Denis Peskoff, Riya Sinha, Jikai Sun, Isabelle Thiara, **Letao Wang**, Yiwei Wu, Lauren Yan, and Tyler H. McCormick. "The Uneven Rise of AI-Generated Web Content." Under review.

In Progress

"Right-to-Work and Public Sector Unionization" (with Patrick Denice, Jake Rosenfeld, and Daichi Hibi)

"Starting in the Suburbs: Immigrant Entry and Enclave Relocation, 1990–2020" (with Samuel Kye and Zhongze Wei)

"Gender Gap in Time Spent with Work Ties On and Off the Clock" (with Chaeyoon Lim)

Presentations

"Occupational Prestige in the U.S., 1989–2012." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, May 2026. Poster presentation.

"What Workers Think About Pay" (with Jake Rosenfeld). Annual Meeting of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, New York, NY, June 2024.

Teaching

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Washington University in St. Louis

Economic Realities of the American Dream	Spring 2026
Fundamentals of Population Dynamics	Fall 2025
The Roots of Ferguson: Understanding Racial Inequality in the Contemporary U.S.	Spring 2025
Economic Realities of the American Dream	Fall 2024

Fellowships & Awards

Columbia Program for Economic Research (PER) Summer Fellowship	2020
The University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize	2018
The Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance	2016
The University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize	2016

Additional Training

The Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science — Jul. 2026
University of Washington

Service

To Washington University in St. Louis

Student Representative on Event Committee, Dept. of Sociology — 2026–2027
- Organizer of Graduate Student Workshop

Student Representative on Hiring Committee, Dept. of Sociology — 2024–2025

Programming and Software

R, Stata, LaTeX