

# ALEJANDRO ZAPATA ACOSTA

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## EDUCATION

### **B.S. in Computer Science**

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
Minor: Pure Mathematics, Animation

*Expected May 2019*

GPA: 3.84  
Dean's List

**RELEVANT COURSES:** Data Structures, Algorithms, Multivariable Calculus, Intro. 3D Animation, Programming Languages, Interactive Animation (UE4), Game Design (Unity), Computer Graphics, Interaction Design, Motion Capture/Facial Capture, Artificial Intelligence, Software Engineering Lab, Linear Algebra, Databases, Computer Networks

## SKILLS

**Technical experience with:** Python, Java, JavaScript, C++, C#, Photoshop CS6, Maya, Blender, Unreal Engine 4, Unity, Motion Builder, Faceware Analyzer, OpenGL, React JS.

**Languages:** Bilingual in English and Spanish (Written and Verbal), beginner Japanese (Written and Verbal).

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### **K'two (LMU CS Senior Thesis) | Los Angeles, CA**

*February 2019 – Present*

Technical Director

K'two is a 1-4 player, browser-based, online multiplayer, class-based, zombie wave survival game under development for my senior thesis. Play the WIP build here: <http://justinkyletorres.com/ktwo-webgl-sandbox/>.

- Communicated with artist, designer, and programmers in order to achieve and understand each other's goals and concerns with integrating assets into the game.
- Managed and maintained lists of assets required and their status as they moved through development via a custom asset development pipeline.

### **Radii Robotics | Los Angeles, CA**

*August 2018 – December 2019*

Software Development Intern

- Full-stack development with React framework, AWS, Google maps API, ArcGIS.
- Creating documentation and software design documents.

### **Summer Undergraduate Research Program | Los Angeles, CA**

*May 2018 – July 2018*

Researcher

- Designed, pitched, and developed own research project along with faculty member Dr. Andrew Forney.
- **DunGen** is a game development tool utilizing modern causal inference tools as applicable to procedural role-playing game dungeon generation. DunGen generates random but coherent dungeon layouts for use in development or design.

## PRESENTATIONS

Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research

*November 17, 2018*

### **Causal Inference in Procedural Dungeon Generation**

*[github.com/CapnSquirrel/DungeonPCG](https://github.com/CapnSquirrel/DungeonPCG)*

- Explored and implemented Bayesian Network causal inference as a procedural content generation method for random role-playing game dungeon generation.
- Generated 2D representation for dungeon layout based on generated output

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

SURP research grant

Social Justice Scholarship (Full-tuition)

International Collegiate Programming Contest, Top 20 in SoCal

Outstanding Freshman Student Award – Computer Science

Kyodai (Japanese Culture Club), Treasurer

Association for Computing Machinery, Co-President

Resilience (Immigration Social Justice), Treasurer

Esports Club, Treasurer