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EDUCATION

University of Washington − 3.87 GPA, 3.96 in CS

09/22 - 06/26

BS+MS in Computer Science, BS in Mathematics, UWSO First Violin Section, Accelerated Honors Math

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Washington – Advisor: Dr. Stefan Steinerberger

Sep. 2024 – Present

Practical algorithms for graph embedding. Graph Theory, Algorithms, Combinatorics. Link.

Goal: Design a specialized algorithm optimized for embedding cage graphs.

- **Invented and Implemented** algorithm in <u>C</u> with visualization and verification in <u>Python</u>.
- **Co-authored** the research paper [P3] by writing 50% of the paper, 100% of the code, 80% of the figures.

Ubiquitous Computing Lab – *Advisor: Dr. Shwetak Patel*

Jun. 2024 – Present

Battery-free flight-based sensor systems for environmental monitoring and alerts. Embedded ML.

Goal: Low-cost, low-power environmental monitoring to predict disasters like wildfires.

Multi-modal automated lifecycle assessments of consumer electronics. ML for sustainability.

 $\textbf{Goal:} \ \ \textbf{Democratize access to environmental impact estimates and empower sustainable consumption.}$

• **Co-authored** study design and research paper [P4] by leading the data collection effort for 1000s of products and designing the <u>Computer Vision</u> pipeline, UI, model training and evaluation framework.

ICTD Lab – Advisor: Dr. Richard Anderson

Sep. 2022 – May 2024

Digital phone directory for subsistence farmers in rural Tanzania. ICTD. Link.

Goal: Study the economic impacts of digital agricultural information systems in Sub-Saharan Africa.

- o **Presented** live (Para.chi DUB [T2] and CHANGE Seminar [T1]) and video talks [T3].
- o Co-first-authored the paper [P5] accepted to ACM SIGCHI 2024.
- **Led** development of the USSD server and later also the Android App.

PUBLICATIONS

[P5] – Peer Reviewed and Published, Co-first

HCI, ICTD

Ananditha Raghunath, **Alexander Metzger**, Hans Easton, XunMei Liu, Fanchong Wang, Yunqi Wang, Yunwei Zhao, Hosea Mpogole, and Richard Anderson. 2024. eKichabi v2: Designing and Scaling a Dual-Platform Agricultural Technology in Rural Tanzania. In Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '24), May 11-16, 2024, Honolulu, HI, USA. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 16 pages.

[P4] - Submitted to ACM MobiSys 2025, Third

ML, CV

Zhihan Zhang, Yuxuan Mei, **Alexander Metzger**, Felix Hähnlein, Zachary Englhardt, Tingyu Cheng, Shwetak Patel, Adriana Schulz, and Vikram Iyer. SAMIR: Autonomous Sustainability Assessment via Multimodal Information Retrieval.

[P3] – Submitted to Discrete Mathematics, Co-first

Algorithms, Graph Combinatorics

Alexander Metzger and Austin Ulrigg. An Efficient Genus Algorithm Based on Graph Rotations.

[**P2**] – Submitted to Interspeech 2025, First

Audio Models, ML, NLP, HCI

Alexander Metzger, Aruna Srivastava, Ruslan Mukhamedvaleev, and Samir Farhan. Transcribing in Context: Evaluating Biases in English Phonetic Transcription.

[P1] – Planned for NeurIPS, First

HCI, CV, Medical ML

Alexander Metzger and Aureole. Digitized Concussion Tests Using Computer Vision and Speech Recognition.

TALKS

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[T7] – Building Inclusive Speech Technology	Apr. 2025	
DubHacks Next Demo Day, Seattle Washington, WA		
[T6] – The Future of Language Learning	Dec. 2024	
Mozilla Builders Accelerator Demo Day, San Francisco, CA		
[T5] – Computational Linguistics for Machine Aided Pronunciation Learning University of Washington Computational Linguistics Group, Seattle, WA	Oct. 2024	
[T4] – Local AI and Machine Aided Pronunciation Learning Mozilla Builders Accelerator Kickoff Event, New York, NY	Sep. 2024	
[T3&2] – eKichabi v2: Designing and Scaling a Dual Platform Technology in Rural Tanzania ACM SIGCHI Video Presentation, Remote AND Design Use Build's Para.chi Event, Seattle, WA	May 2024	
[T1] – Designing and Deploying Digital Information Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa University of Washington CHANGE Seminar, Seattle, WA	Oct. 2023	
WORK EXPERIENCE		
Koel Labs – Founder and CEO Aug. 20	024 – Present	
 Raised \$100K in funding from Mozilla [H2], Next, and partners for computational linguist First authoring ML and HCI papers [P2], leading team of 3, training SoTA models with PyT 		
Gooey.AI – Software Engineer Jun. 202	3 – Sep. 2024	
 Mentored team of 4 interns through merging 70 pull requests touching 1000s of daily active Deployed ML solutions to 10M+ farmers across 5+ countries, demoed to 193 world leaders at the countries. 		
Akvelon, Inc. – Software Development Intern Jun. 202	Jun. 2023 – Aug. 2023	
\circ Led team of 4 to make 200K open-source contributions to 7 Microsoft repos across 27 pull $^{\circ}$	requests [H1].	
LEADERSHIP		
Seattle Tutoring Partners – Founder and Research Mentor May 20)22 – Present	
 Mentoring research projects for High Schoolers, and collaborating on internationally recogn Developed software for 500+ youth musicians and antenna software for 8K+ aspiring scien 		
Cascade Enrichment – Technical Lead Sep. 202	2 – Sep. 2024	
\circ Managing remote certification and coding curriculum for 30+ tutors; online platform for 10	00+ students.	
Design Build Fly – Lead Computer Scientist Sep. 202	3 – Sep. 2024	
$\circ~$ Coordinated optimization algorithms and data analysis for 30 engineers; we placed 3rd nat	ionally.	
HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS		
[H5] Meta+8VC Next Llama Stack Hackathon: 1st Place, \$1K Prize	2025	
[H4] Microsoft Imagine Cup: Semifinalist, \$5K cloud credits	2025	
[H3] CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award: Honorable Mention	2025	
[H2] Mozilla Builders Accelerator: \$39K research grant, \$35K cloud credits	2024	
[H1] Akvelon Mentor's Choice: Outstanding Leadership	2023	
PROGRAMMING SKILLS		
Languages: JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, Java, C, C++, C#, SQL Tech. Cloud (CCD, Agure, AWS), DEST, Pythorab, Auto-Tecting, Board, Docker, Univ. Cit.	7+ years	
Tech: Cloud (GCP, Azure, AWS), REST, Pytorch, Auto Testing, React, Docker, Unix, Git	4+ years	