# Alexander Metzger

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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Washington − 3.87 GPA

09/22 - 06/25

BS in Mathematics and CS, Accelerated Honors Math, Math Departmental Honors, UWSO First Violin Section

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**University of Washington** – *Independent, advised by: Dr. Stefan Steinerberger* 

Sep. 2024 – Present

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

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

- o **Invented and Implemented** algorithm in C with visualization and verification in SageMath.
- o Co-authored the research paper [P1] with fellow Mathematics major Austin Ulrigg.

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

Jun. 2024 – Present

Mathematical models for urban sound localization and battery-free autonomous flight control.

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

Statistical lifecycle assessment models for consumer and industrial electronics.

**Goal:** Democratize access to environmental impact estimates and empower sustainable consumption.

o **Co-authored** the ACM MobiSys 2025 paper by designing statistical and <u>Computer Vision</u> models.

## ICTD Lab – Advisor: Dr. Richard Anderson

Sep. 2022 – May 2024

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

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

- o Led UW SWE team in multi-million-USD, multi-year collaboration with Cornell, EDI Global, and IRDP.
- **Presented** live [T1,2] and video talks [T3] about the 10K farmers we helped across 5 districts in Tanzania.
- o Co-first-authored the paper [P2] accepted to ACM SIGCHI 2024 and led statistical analysis.

#### **FAVORITE PUBLICATIONS**

# [P2] – Peer Reviewed and Published, Co-first

Economics, 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.

[P1] – Submitted to Discrete Mathematics, Co-first

Algorithms, Graph Combinatorics

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

#### **TALKS**

[T4] – Graph Algorithms, Discrete Combinatorial Optimization, and Genus	May 2025
Universifty of Washington Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA	
${f [T4]}-Computational  Linguistics  for  Machine  Aided  Pronunciation  Learning$	Oct. 2024
University of Washington Computational Linguistics Group, Seattle, WA	
[ <b>T3&amp;2</b> ] – eKichabi v2: Designing and Scaling a Dual Platform Technology in Rural Tanzania	May 2024
ACM SIGCHI Video Presentation, Remote AND Design Use Build's Para.chi Event, Seattle, WA	
$[{f T1}]$ – Designing and Deploying Digital Information Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa	Oct. 2023
University of Washington CHANGE Seminar, Seattle, WA	

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Koel Labs** – Founder and CEO

Aug. 2024 - Present

- Raised \$100K in funding from Microsoft and partners [H3,5,6] for computational linguistics research.
- o First authoring machine learning papers and talks [T4] on novel mathematical modeling of speech.

# **Gooey.AI** – Software Engineer

Jun. 2023 - Sep. 2024

- o **Mentored** team of 4 interns through merging 70 pull requests touching 1000s of daily active users.
- o **Deployed** ML solutions to 10M+ farmers across 5+ countries, demoed to 193 world leaders at the UN.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

# **Seattle Tutoring Partners** – Founder and Research Mentor

May 2022 – Present

- Mentoring K-12 students through Calculus, Stats, Algebra, and internationaly recognized research.
- o Serving 500+ youth musicians and 10K+ aspiring scientists through custom mathematical software.

## Cascade Enrichment – Technical Lead

Sep. 2022 - Sep. 2024

o Managed math curriculum for 30+ tutors and online math assessment platform for 100+ students.

# **Design Build Fly** – Lead Computer Scientist

Sep. 2023 - Sep. 2024

o Coordinated aerodynamic modeling and optimization team of 30; secured international 3rd place [H2].

# Akvelon, Inc. – Intern Software Development Manager

Jun. 2023 – Aug. 2023

o Led team of 4 to make open-source accessibility contributions to 7 Microsoft data analysis tools [H1].

#### HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

[H6] Meta+8VC Next Llama Stack Hackathon: 1st Place, \$1K Prize	2025
[H5] Microsoft Imagine Cup: Semifinalist, \$5K cloud credits	2025
[H4] CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award: Honorable Mention	2025
[H3] Mozilla Builders Accelerator: \$39K research grant, \$35K cloud credits	2024
[H2] Design Build Fly Annual Competition: International 3rd Place	2024
[H1] Akvelon Mentor's Choice: Outstanding Leadership	2023

#### MATH SKILLS

Computational Tools: Mathematica, SageMath, Matlab, PyTorch, C/C++	3+ years
Classes: Abstract+Linear Algebra, Combinatorics, Probability, Numerical Analysis, Stats	3+ years
Applied: Aerodynamics, Antenna Design, Machine Learning, Economics, Teaching	3+ years
<b>Research</b> : Study Design, Clinical Trials, Paper Writing, Grant Applications, Presentation	3+ vears