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# Alexander C. Michels

**Education** 

# University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. in Informatics

#### Westminster College

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Financial Economics

↑ Champaign, IL June 2019-Present

↑ New Wilmington, PA

August 2015 - May 2019

– Minor in Computer Science — Honors in Computer Science and Math — Graduated Cum Laude — 3.7 GPA

**Experience** 

# CyberGIS and CyberInfrastructure Researcher

Champaign, IL

CyberGIS Center and CyberInfrastructure & Geospatial Information Laboratory (CIGI)

June 2019-Present

- Work for the "Algorithm & Systems" and "Spatial Modeling" teams where I administrate cyberinfrastructure and develop spatial models.
- Redesigned CyberGISX to run on Kubernetes allowing for scalability and rewrote images to use shared software directories to improve efficiency.
- Developed Docker-based Hadoop cluster for educational and research applications.
- Wrote and published multiple spatial models for educational and research purposes.

#### **Data Scientist and Informatics Reseacher**

↑ Los Angeles, CA

Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics at UCLA & Praedicat, Inc.

June 2018 -August 2018

- Worked for Praedicat, Inc. automating information extraction, classification, and aggregation from web data for business profiling of over 52,600 companies and corporate entities.
- Worked for IPAM to develop a novel algorithm for computational fact-checking on knowledge graphs and a self-supervised machine learning algorithm for sentence importance which outperformed TF-IDF.

# Systems Administrator and Software Engineer

Titan Radio and WCN 24/7

New Wilmington, PA

May 2018 - May 2019

- Responsible for the technology required to keep the radio and television station operating.

#### **Information Technology Intern**

New Castle, PA

Treloar & Heisel

September 2018 - December 2018

- Maintained databases and wrote applications for company use in Java, Python, and Visual Basic.

💠 Skills \_\_\_\_\_

La Data Science: Big Data, G.I.S., Git, Machine Learning, Parallel Programming, Network Science

**⟨/> Languages:** Python (& Cython), Bash, Java, C++, R

Technologies: Docker, Hadoop (HDFS/Spark/Yarn), Kubernetes, OpenStack, Terraform

**Q** Operating Systems: Linux (esp. Mint & Ubuntu), Windows

**P** Projects

# CyberGISX

L https://cybergisxhub.cigi.illinois.edu/

- Platform for reproducible spatial data science using JupyterHub on DockerSwarm and Kubernetes
- Developed version using K8s on Openstack integrated with Hydroshare: http://go.illinois.edu/cjw-k8s

#### WhereCOVID-19

https://wherecovid19.cigi.illinois.edu/

- Dashboard for displaying up-to-date COVID-19 statistics.
- Wrote the pipeline to calculate spatial accessibility to medical resources. DOI: 10.1186/s12942-020-00229-x