

Liza Gak

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Education

- 2020-Present **University of California, Berkeley**, *PhD in Information*.
- 2016-2020 **Washington University in St. Louis**, *B.A. in Computer Science and Math, minor in American Culture Studies*.
GPA: 3.8/4.0, graduated with College Honors
- Spring 2019 **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**, *Exchange Student with Concentration in Computer Science*.

Research Experience

- 2019 **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, *CRA-WP Distributed Research for Undergraduates Program* .
Investigating usage of "finstagram," private-facing Instagram accounts
Built and designed web app to act as cultural probe which analyzes the maintenance of "finstagram"
Supervised by Karrie Karahalios and Ranjitha Kumar
- 2019 **Washington University in St. Louis**, *Undergraduate Researcher* .
Led an ethnographic study of online communities of Lyft drivers to synthesize common concerns

Presentations

- Oct. 2019 **Poster Presentation at Grace Hopper Celebration**, *Orlando, Florida*, Why Do Instagram Users Create and Maintain Multiple Accounts? .
- Sept. 2019 **Oral Presentation at 23rd Annual McNair Heartland Research Conference**, *Kansas City, Missouri*, Creation and Maintenance of Multiple Instagram Accounts .
- Aug. 2019 **Poster Presentation at University of Illinois REU Research Symposium**, *Urbana, IL*, Why Do Instagram Users Create and Maintain Multiple Accounts? .

Awards, Honors, Grants

- 2021 Berkeley Center for Technology, Society and Policy + Algorithmic Fairness and Opacity Group Fellow - \$2,000
- 2020 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2019 CRA-WP Grace Hopper Celebration Research Scholar
- 2019 CRA-WP Distributed Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellow - \$7,500
- 2016-2020 Washington University Dean's List - all eligible semesters
- 2018-2020 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholar

Teaching Experience

- 2019 - 2020 **Washington University Department of Computer Science**, HEAD TA .
CSE240: Logic and Discrete Mathematics

2019 - 2020 **Washington University Learning Center**, ACADEMIC MENTOR .
Tutor students individually in Russian, Calculus, and Computer Science

Relevant Work Experience

May-Aug. **AT&T**, UX RESEARCH AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT INTERN .
2020 Designed, prototyped, and developed front-end UX for ATT technicians

May-Aug. **U.S. Bank**, SOFTWARE DEVELOPER INTERN .
2018 Automated code migration checklist process to reduce processing from 5 hours to 5 seconds

Nov. **Washington University First Year Center**, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER .
2017-Dec. Organize and implement New Student Orientation at Washington University for over
2018 1,800 new students and 3,000 family members

Leadership Experience

2017 - 2020 **Washington University Political Review**, *Programming Director*.
Execute weekly events such as editing workshops, professional development opportunities, guest speakers, and discussions

2017 - 2018 **Washington University First Year Center**, *Washington University Student Associate*.
Advised and supported 30 first-year residents throughout their academic and social transition to college

2018 **Washington University Women in Computer Science**, *Professional Committee Member*.

Technical Skills

Programming PYTHON, JAVA, R

Web Dev FRONTEND - HTML, CSS, JQUERY
BACKEND - COMMAND LINE, PYTHON, DJANGO

Software MS WORD, MS EXCEL, MS POWERPOINT

Languages

English Fluent

Russian Fluent

Latin Reading Proficiency