

# Zach Sherman

*I design and build digital tools and toys*

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San Francisco

## Open Work Labs (July - Nov 2019)

Software Engineer + Designer – Contract

- ▶ conducted five design sprints over the course of five weeks to create four new prototypes for an open, customizable tool for organizing your work
- ▶ created a [visual identity](#) for an early-stage company
- ▶ wrote maintainable, declarative code for in-production codebases using experimental web3 libraries

**Professional experience with:** HTML/ CSS/JS, React+Redux, NodeJS, IPFS, Git, Figma, Inkscape

### **Things I'm good at:**

- ▶ learning and adapting quickly, from new programming languages to design methods to work frameworks
- ▶ quickly prototyping new designs
- ▶ working outside of the tech echo chamber

## University of Chicago (2015-19)

- ▶ learned how to analyze and influence systems and gained invaluable experience designing, building, and organizing
- ▶ *B.A. with Honors Latin American Studies*
- ▶ *Minor in Media Arts and Design*
- ▶ *Significant coursework in Ecology + Natural Systems*
- ▶ *Thesis: [Campeones de la WWW](#) (Playfulness in Latin American net.art)*
- ▶ *GPA: 3.6 + Dean's List all four years*

## Smart Museum

(Oct 2018- June 2019)

- ▶ used web and game dev frameworks to create engaging, novel [interactive artworks](#) for the web and gallery spaces
- ▶ collaborated with other artists to stage a [series of networked audiovisual performances](#) (the first project listed in link)

## Reclaim Chicago (2015-19)

- ▶ coordinated UChicago Student Action electoral work for two years, including [numerous victories](#) around the city
- ▶ led [direct actions](#) that changed what was politically possible in IL– the [current governor](#) is implementing one of the most progressive agendas of any state gov
- ▶ organized for the Fair Elections Ordinance to get corporate money out of Chicago politics

## Neubauer Collegium

(June - Sep 2018)

- ▶ created a python [web scraper](#) to construct searchable database of [nettime](#) emails
- ▶ found and analyzed archival material from the early internet for my [B.A. thesis](#) on early internet art