

# Zach Sherman

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## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

**B.A. Latin American Studies, Minor in Media Arts and Design**

**GPA:** 3.58 | **Honors:** Dean's list (2015-19), National Merit Scholarship (2015-19)

**B.A. Thesis:** *Campeones de la WWW: the Playful Politics of Latin American net.art*

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## EXPERIENCE

**SMART Museum:** Artist + Researcher

*Chicago, IL (Oct 2018 - present)*

- ▶ Using full web and videogame development pipelines in concert to create engaging, novel interactive artworks for the web and gallery spaces
- ▶ Producing a [series](#) of interactive online and in-person works that play with the aesthetics of late capitalism and change over time in response to audience interactions

**Neubauer Collegium:** Arts Researcher

*Chicago, IL (June 2018 - Sep 2018)*

- ▶ Created Python [web scraper](#) to construct searchable database of nettime emails
- ▶ Analyzed listhost archives, artist interviews and essays, contemporaneous articles to situate Latin American net.art within global/regional politics and new media
- ▶ [Presented](#) preliminary findings for B.A. thesis at a closing symposium

**UChicago Festival of the Arts:** Artist

*Chicago, IL (Jan 2018 - present)*

- ▶ Collaborated with other artists to stage a series of audiovisual performances using various combinations of [Unity](#), livecoding GLSL, PureData, Ableton, and a [web-connected](#) audience
- ▶ Created virtual and [augmented](#) reality sketches for informal showcase events on campus

**Cobb Coffee Shop:** Events Manager, Barista

*Chicago, IL (Sep 2016 - present)*

- ▶ Organized Coffee Shop Prom, concerts, misc. social events

**Reclaim Chicago:** Electoral and Environmental Organizer

*Chicago, IL (Oct 2015 - present)*

- ▶ Organized for Fair Elections Ordinance to get corporate money out of Chicago politics
- ▶ Coordinated *UChicago Student Action* electoral work, including canvassing, communications, and outreach for national, state, and municipal campaigns

**Paleo-ecological Excavation:** Excavation Assistant

*Wilmington, IL (July - Aug 2017)*

- ▶ Practiced rigorous fieldwork: thorough documentation and measurement, careful excavation

**Cumberland River Compact:** Research Assistant

*Nashville, TN (June - Sep 2016)*

- ▶ Developed and presented sustainable development guidelines for Mayor's Livable Nashville Committee
- ▶ Edited small parts of website

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## SKILLS (decreasing experience ->)

**Web Development:** Node/Express/mongoDB Stack, REST API, websockets, Three.js, p5.js, ml5.js

**Video Game Engines:** Unity (incl. VR, AR, Machine Learning Agents), Godot

**Programming Languages:** JavaScript, C#, HTML/CSS, Racket, Python, GLSL

**Media Production:** Blender, Ableton, MaxMSP, MagicaVoxel, Photoshop, InDesign

**Data Analysis/Presentation:** G Suite, ArcGIS, RStudio, Tensorflow, Tableau

**Proficient Spanish**