

# 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*

**Competitive Awards:** SMART Scholars Grant, Summer Action Grant, Metcalf Grant, Neubauer Summer Grant, Institute of Politics Summer Grant

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## EXPERIENCE

**Researcher + Artist:** SMART Museum

*Chicago, IL (Oct 2018 - present)*

- ▶ Studying playfulness in the Hairy Who collections
- ▶ 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

**Researcher:** Neubauer Collegium

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

- ▶ 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

**Excavation Assistant:** Paleo-ecological Excavation

*Wilmington, IL (July - Aug 2017)*

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

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

*Chicago, IL (Sep 2016 - present)*

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

**Research Assistant:** Cumberland River Compact

*Nashville, TN (June - Sep 2016)*

- ▶ Developed and presented sustainable development guidelines for Mayor's Livable Nashville Committee
- ▶ Surveyed creeks (and other key water quality areas) both on the ground and through GIS and used findings to construct watershed restoration plans
- ▶ Examined low-head dams with GIS/aerial imagery to determine suitability for removal

**Researcher + Organizer:** Reclaim Chicago

*Chicago, IL (Oct 2015 - present)*

- ▶ Organized research and outreach for Fair Elections Ordinance to reduce the influence of money in Chicago politics
- ▶ Coordinated *UChicago Student Action* electoral work, including canvassing, communications, and outreach for national, state, and municipal campaigns
- ▶ Led outreach and lobbying efforts for the Clean Jobs Bill, resulting in the passage of a similar, progressive renewable energy bill (Future Energy Jobs Bill) in IL
- ▶ Turned out 1,200 people for a public meeting with elected officials where they committed to support people and planet-first policies

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## SKILLS

**Data Analysis/Visualization:** ArcGIS, R, Basic Python, Racket

**Web Development:** HTML/CSS/JavaScript, Node, Express, Choo, Three.js, P5.js, Dat Protocol

**Media Production:** Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, G Suite, Premiere, Blender, SketchUp

**Proficient Spanish**