# **Zach Sherman**

### **EDUCATION**

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

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

**Thesis:** Campeones de la WWW: net.art's playful politics

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

**Relevent Courses:** 

Intro to Programming (functional), Statistical Methods, Image + AI, Virtual Reality Production, Data and Algorithm in Art, Computers as Metamedium

### **PROJECTS**

**Techno-viz:** Node server + websockets connected to Unity app for interactive concert visuals controlled live by me + audience

**Go in Racket:** Built working Go game (incl GUI) in Racket (typed, functional language) for class project

**Text-mom:** Built front-end (EJS + HTML + CSS) and back-end (Node, Express, MongoDB) for web app to text my mom emojis

**AR Planets:** Built app for making your own solar system in AR using Unity and Google ARCore

**net.poetry:** Built web app for generating poetry from input text using fetch requests + Cognitive Web Search API

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<u>github</u> | portfolio

## **SKILLS** (<-increasing experience) Web Development:

Node/Express/mongoDB Stack, REST API, websockets, Three.js, React

**Video Game Engines:** 

Unity (incl. VR, AR), Godot

**Programming Languages:** 

JavaScript, C#, HTML/CSS, Racket, Python, GLSL, Rust, Haskell

**Media Production:** 

Blender, Ableton, MaxMSP, MagicaVoxel, Photoshop, InDesign

**Data Analysis/Presentation:** 

ArcGIS, RStudio, Tensorflow, Tableau

### TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

**SMART Museum:** Artist + Researcher

Chicago, IL (Oct 2018 - present)

- Using full web and videogame developmment pipelines in concert to create engaging, novel interactive artworks for the web and gallery spaces
- Producing a <u>series</u> of interactive online and in-person works that evolve 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
- <u>Presented</u> 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 <u>Unity</u>, livecoding <u>GLSL</u>, PureData, Ableton, and a <u>web-connected</u> audience
- Created virtual and augmented reality sketches for informal showcase events on campus

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Cobb Coffee Shop: Events Manager, Barista

Sep 2016 - present

Organized Coffee Shop Prom, concerts, misc. social events

Reclaim Chicago: Electoral and Environmental Organizer

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