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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

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

SKILLS

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

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

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

Proficient Spanish