

# WILLIAM ZHU

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## Professional Summary

**Data Analytics Consultant with 2 years of experience in food tech e-commerce and survey research. Skilled at extracting and communicating business insights from large and complex data sources.**

**Tools:** Python (pandas, numpy, statsmodel, sklearn, matplotlib, seaborn, networkx, nltk, spacy, gensim, geopandas, datashader)  
SQL, R, PySpark, Dask, Google Data Studio, Google Analytics, Git/Github, HTML/CSS  
AWS (Sagemaker, EC2, EMR, Lambda, Redshift, DynamoDB, S3, Kinesis)

**Machine Learning:** Linear and Logistic Regressions, Random Forest, Boosting, KNN, Model Selection, PCA, Clustering

**Analytical Methods:** Hypothesis Testing, Cohort Analysis, Network Analysis, Time-series Forecasting, Text Analysis

## Education

### The University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)

MA Computational Social Science (STEM), Quadrangle Scholar, GPA: 3.8/4.0

June 2022 (Expected)

Courses in Python Programming, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Social Network Analysis, Algorithms, Discrete Math, Databases, Large Scale Computing

Marketing Concentration at Chicago Booth School of Business

Courses in Competitive Strategy, Marketing Strategy, Pricing Strategy, Consumer Behavior, Experimental Marketing

### Haverford College (Haverford, PA)

BA Sociology, Minor in Statistics, GPA: 3.73/4.0, GRE: Verbal: 165/170, Quantitative: 167/170, Writing: 5/6

May 2019

## Work Experience

### RealEats (Geneva, NY)

Data Analytics Consultant

September 2021 – Present

- Drove analytics insight that led to \$16 million Series A funding by automating monthly customer retention reports for CEO, CFO, investors, and board of directors (Python and SQL on AWS Sagemaker and Redshift)
- Built Google Data Studio dashboards that track promo code and ad channel acquisition and retention performance, resulting in 6 hours of CMO and Director of Marketing's time saving every week (Python, SQL, Google Data Studio)

Data Science Intern

June 2021 – September 2021

- Improved 2-month customer lifetime value (LTV) by 7% by identifying and implementing promo codes associated with high Average Order Value (AOV) and low churn rate (Python, SQL, Google Data Studio)
- Solidified brand positioning strategy for the CMO by identifying top customers persona using logistic regressions and decision trees; compiled customer database by merging sales records, Google Analytics API, U.S. Census, Zillow home value index, and various third-party databases (Python and SQL on AWS Sagemaker and Redshift)
- Delivered 8 presentations in front of the CEO, CFO, CMO, and VP of Operations; attended weekly strategic meetings

### Westat (Rockville, MD)

Research Assistant

July 2019 – June 2020

- Received the highest performance rating for all 8 evaluation projects by performing survey data analysis and report writings for clients including the U.S. Department of Education, Verizon, and National Science Foundation (R, Excel)
- Co-authored an [evaluation report](#) that led to \$260K in grant funding for Racial Equity Action Leadership Program by showing that the program is effective at guiding 38 participants to craft company-wide racial equity plan through 8 participant observations, 2 focus groups, and 10 surveys
- Co-authored a peer-reviewed [journal article](#) titled "Using state data sets and meta-analysis of low-powered studies to evaluate a school-based dropout prevention program for students with disabilities." in *Studies in Educational Evaluation*

## Projects

### Exploring Public Bike Share Trip Patterns [\[5-min presentation, blog post\]](#)

March 2021 – Present

- Discovered associations between Chicago's public bike stations' usage volume and crime rates, socio-economic status, and demography by merging and analyzing 300K public bike trip records, 210K Chicago crime records, 11K bus stops records, U.S. Census, and Zillow home value index (Python pandas, networkx, statsmodels) [\[github repository\]](#)
- Demonstrated that Chicago's public bike share network became more integrated since covid-19 by employing Louvain community detection algorithms on 700K public bike trip records (Python pandas, networkx, geopy) [\[github repository\]](#)
- Achieved a prediction accuracy of 71% (AUC=0.76) by using Random Forest to predict whether e-bike trips cross zip codes; implemented parallel computing on 2.1 Million bike trip data (AWS S3 and EMR, PySpark, Dask) [\[github repository\]](#)

### Uncovering Links between Cultural Values and Company Directions [\[5-min presentation\]](#)

March 2021 – June 2021

- Showed that firms with an agile culture are more likely to receive M&A and investment offers by analyzing keyword frequency in 4 Million Glassdoor employee text reviews from 6K firms in the U.S. (Python pandas, statsmodel, nltk, spacy, fuzzywuzzy)