# **Zakery Clarke**

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# **Work Experience**

Thrive Global- Head of Data Science & Al (Aug 2024 - Current)

- Led AI vision and strategic initiatives, collaborating closely with product and executive stakeholders.
- Managed the development of a foundational Healthcare Large Language Model (LLM) through a subsidiary co-founded by the OpenAI Startup Fund.
- Managed a team of Machine Learning Engineers, Data Scientists, Analysts, and Al Engineers.

## (Team Lead) Staff Machine Learning Engineer (Sep 2023 - Current)

- Built and led a Data Science team focused on deploying ML models as the core experience of a Behavior Change Platform with 500k+ users, including Fortune 500 clients founded by Arianna Huffington.
- Led the development of advanced ML recommendation models that improved user engagement by 15%, utilizing various Machine Learning techniques in collaboration with Product teams.
- Developed an LLM agent that was preferred by users over actual coaching experiences, significantly enhancing the platform's user engagement.

## Health Rhythms- (Team Lead) Senior Machine Learning Engineer (Nov 2021 - Sep 2023)

- Trained models to predict and prevent mental illness for at risk patient populations of
- Created real-time ETL pipelines to process raw GPS and EHR data in a HIPPA compliant environment
- Led process of productionizing data sources and model development lifecycles

## **Dr Owl-** Machine Learning Scientist (Mar 2019 - Nov 2021)

- Led development of Advertisement platform and built Bayesian Recommendation Engine
- Designed ID verification service that saved over \$500,000 in expenses by utilizing facial recognition and Machine Learning techniques
- Analyzed statistics on a platform with over 1 million users

## **E-Center-** Full-Stack & Machine Learning Engineer (Oct 2018 - Nov 2019)

- Analyzed E-Sports player performance through the use of Convolutional Neural Networks,
   Object Recognition and Machine Learning systems
- Created business plan and participated in start-up pitches to secure funding

#### **E-TransControl-** Full-Stack Software Developer (Dec 2016 - Aug 2018)

- Created online payment portal to facilitate customer transactions
- Embedded Processor Development for transmission controllers in modified vehicles

# **Education**

#### **Master's of Computer Science**

University of New Mexico 2019-2021

- Focus in Machine Learning & Al
- Thesis Research in NLP systems

## **Bachelor's Computer Science**

University of New Mexico 2016-2019

- Presidential Scholarship & Dean's List
- Minor in Mathematics & Statistics

# **Projects**

#### **Thesis Project- Interpretable LLMs**

https://zclarke.dev/thesis.pdf

- NLP thesis focused on learning intermediate representations for question answering
- Uses word vectors, text to text transformers, coreference resolution and other NLP techniques to generate inferred knowledge graphs from a passage of text

#### **Teapot Al Local LLM Agent**

https://zclarke.dev/portfolio.html#teapot

- Built a fine-tuned LLM agent that can perform RAG based chat completely in the browser.
- ❖ Runs completely in a user's browser or chrome extension and can use tools with a ~1 billion parameter model.

## **NYC AI Traffic Camera Analysis**

https://github.com/zakerytclarke/nyc\_ai\_traffic\_camera\_analysis

Performed large scale analysis of 1000 publicly available traffic cameras using object recognition to identify traffic patterns using parallelized inference

#### **NM Apartment Advisors Rent Predictor**

https://zclarke.dev/Apartment\_Rent\_Analysis

- Created a neural network model with less than 5% error rate to predict rent prices
- Used ensemble learning techniques to account for sparse sample data

#### Solomon.ai

https://github.com/zakerytclarke/solomon

- Created tool to automatically clean and visualize data, and build machine learning models
- Publicly available under open source license

# **Skills**

Languages: Python, JavaScript, Node JS, Haskell, Java, C++, C, SQL, MongoDB, No-SQL, Object Oriented Programming, Functional Programming

Libraries: Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-learn, Keras,
Tensorflow, Hugging Face, Spacy NLP, Catboost
Soft Skills: Communication, Self-Starter,
Leadership, Teamwork, Problem Solving, Detail
Oriented, Quick Learner, Interested in new
technologies

Techniques: Machine Learning, Artificial
Intelligence, Neural Networks, Natural Language
Processing (NLP), Large Language Models (LLM),
LangChain, Retrieval Augmented Generation, Image
Recognition, Clustering, Data Science, Data
Visualization, Continuous Integration/Continuous
Deployment (CICD), HIPPA Certification
Technologies: Github, Databricks, Delta Lake,
AWS, S3, AWS Cognito, GCP, Vertex AI, Azure,
Cloudfront, Elastic Beanstalk, Linux, Unity, Express,
React, React - Native, Agile/Scrum, Flutter, Git,