

# Alex MacLean

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## EDUCATION

- 2021 **Algorithmic Composition and Sound Design**, Dadageek Academy,  
Thomas Echols, Online
- 2020 **Deep Learning Specialization**, Coursera, Andrew Ng, Online
- 2019-2020 **McMaster University**, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
MA in Communication and New Media
- 2019 **Machine Learning for Musicians and Artists**, Kadenze,  
Rebecca Fierbrink, Online
- 2012-2017 **Western University**, London, Ontario, Canada  
HBSc in Computer Science
- 2010-2012 **Fanshawe College**, London, Ontario, Canada  
Diploma in Music Industry Arts

## PERFORMANCES

- Jul 2020 **Oceanic "Datanimism"**, Networked Music Festival, Remote  
Web-based installation featuring an audio composition  
based on a data sonification of rising sea-level data
- Feb 2020 **Bionic March**, International Conference on Live Coding,  
Limerick, Ireland  
Live coding performance with voice and machine listening

## Exhibitions

- Jul 2020 **Immersive Dreams**, New Interfaces for Musical Expression,  
Remote  
Demo presentation of an interactive virtual reality  
sound installation
- Dec 2019 **Immersive Dreams**, Imaginary Landscapes, McMaster  
University, Canada  
Interactive virtual reality sound installation
- Dec 2019 **Scrap Focus**, Sensorium of Things, McMaster University,  
Canada  
Multi-channel sound installation

## WORKSHOPS

- Jul 2020 **Electronic Literature + Live Coding Jam/Workshop**, ELO,  
Remote  
(w/ David Ogborn, Alex McLean, Alejandro Franco, Luis N. Del Angel, and Jessica Rodriguez)
- Jul 2020 **Practices and Techniques for Networked Live Coding Bands**,  
Networked Music Festival, Remote  
(w/ The Cybernetic Orchestra)
- Feb 2020 **Multi-lingual audio-visual collaboration**, ICLC,  
Limerick, Ireland  
(w/ David Ogborn, Jamie Beverley, Alejandro Franco,  
Luis N. Del Angel, and Jessica Rodriguez)

## TEACHING

- 2021-Pres. **Instructor**, Dadageek Academy, Online  
Developed online, asynchronous workshop and course  
content for collaborative live coding
- 2019-2020 **Teaching Assistant**, McMaster University  
Supervisor: Dr. David Ogborn  
Lead weekly tutorials, held office hours, and marked  
student assignments for the department of Communication  
Studies and Multimedia  
Fall 2019 - MMEDIA 2G03: Intro to Digital Audio  
Winter 2020 - MMEDIA 1A03: Multimedia and Digital  
Society

## RESEARCH

- 2019-2020 **Master's Thesis**, McMaster University  
Supervisor: Dr. David Ogborn  
Research and development of a software system called  
Switch Jockey - an intelligent, automated video switcher  
for WebGL shaders  
<https://www.alexmaclean.ca/switch-jockey/>
- 2019-2020 **Research Assistant**, McMaster University  
Supervisor: Dr. David Ogborn  
Assisted in the development of the Estuary, a platform  
for collaboration and learning through live coding  
<https://estuary.mcmaster.ca/>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Pres. **Applied Machine Learning Engineer**, Evertz Microsystems  
Development and deployment of state-of-the-art ML/AI  
algorithms for the benefit of the broadcast industry
- 2017-2019 **DevOps and Cloud Engineer**, Evertz Microsystems  
Participated as a member of the Deployment Strategy Team to  
automate software delivery on AWS, VMWare, and bare metal

2015-2016 **Biocloud and Data Grid Project Intern**, Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Canada  
Planned, deployed, and maintained multiple private cloud  
environments for testing bioinformatics applications

**SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

2021 **Research and Creation Grant**

Awarded by the Canada Arts Council for \$10,000 of creative research

2019 **Entrance Scholarship**

Awarded upon acceptance to McMaster's MA program in Communication and  
New Media

2014 **Laurene Patterson Estate Scholarship**

Awarded in November 2014 to a Western Science student who has shown  
outstanding academic merit

2012 **Best Audio Product**

Awarded upon graduation from Fanshawe College in April 2012 for a  
recording of an original song