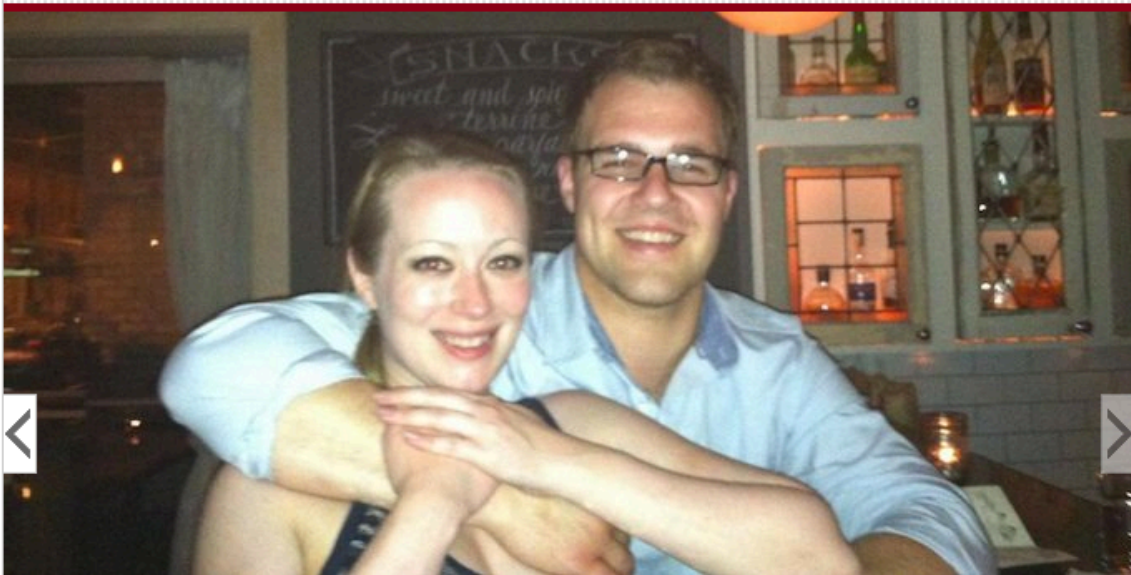


Chicago's Cutest Culinary Couples

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Dejern Huffman (Craft Spirits Manager, Tenzing Wine & Spirits) and Alex Renshaw (Head Bartender, Drumbar and Beverage Director, Menin Hospitality)

Relationship Status: Dating

How They Met: At [Sable Kitchen + Bar](#), where they both worked. "I was a barback, she was a bartender, and she couldn't resist," Alex said. "It was a likely tale of us hanging out as friends and it evolved into a relationship. If our story was a movie it would be *Barback Mountain*."

How Long They've Been Together: 2.5 years

Most Romantic Food Moment: Alex and Dejern spend most of their free time and money on travel and fine dining. The pair have eaten at most of Chicago's most prestigious restaurants including [Alinea](#), [Next](#), [Grace](#), [Goosefoot](#), [Henri](#) multiple times and [Brindille](#). But if they had to pick one that was the highlight, Alex said [Schwa](#) was the most romantic. Alex took Dejern there for her birthday two years ago, and the combination of hardcore rap and fine food epitomized their relationship.

On Keeping Home and Work Life Separate: "You can do that?" Alex asked. They both boast an impressive home bar, cocktail book library and vest collection that would suggest life at home hardly keeps them away from their passion for spirits at work.

Go-to Date Spot: [Bar DeVille](#)