

GABRIEL ZAKAIB

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REPORTING EXPERIENCE

EDITORIAL INTERN | Street Sense Media | Washington, D.C. | January to April 2025

- Pitched and reported five stories about homelessness and poverty on deadline for a twice-monthly newspaper, including an in-depth look at Washington's housing crisis, an obituary and a co-bylined feature on the ongoing cost of the opioid epidemic among the homeless.
- Photographed and reported on city and police actions including homeless encampment clearings.

PHOTOGRAPHER AND REPORTER INTERN | The Rappahannock Record | Kilmarnock, VA | June and July 2023

- Won trust of the local community to produce award-winning photographs of small-town life for a weekly newspaper
- Pitched and reported a feature story on local vibrant religious communities amid the national decline of religiosity.

MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE

NEWS BEAT PHOTOGRAPHER | The Eagle at American University | Washington, D.C. | September 2022 to Present

- Cover news assignments across Washington including national political demonstrations.

FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER | Gabriel Zakaib Photo | VA and D.C. | May 2019 to Present

- Photograph weddings, events and portraits. Corporate clients include Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the Emily Couric Leadership Forum and Cohen Veterans Bioscience.

VIDEO PRODUCTION INTERN | Leading Authorities, Inc. | Washington, D.C. | January to April 2023

- Operated cameras on video shoots, edited projects in Adobe Premiere Pro and After Effects and wrote website articles.

CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE

GUEST SERVICES ASSOCIATE | Mountain Sky Guest Ranch | Paradise Valley, MT | May to August 2024 and 2025

- Problem-solved and worked in teams to provide four-star customer service.
- Resolved customer complaints and attended to medical incidents.
- Adapted to different roles daily, including guiding backcountry hikes, serving luxury dinners, washing dishes, cleaning facilities and safely instructing guests on a shotgun shooting range.
- Got along with a diverse crowd of 70+ seasonal workers.

EDUCATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY | School of Communication | Washington, D.C. | May 2026, Expected

- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Minor in Psychology
- Co-Director, American University Photo Collective

SKILLS

- AP Style | Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro | Content for Social Media | Photography with Digital Camera Systems | Short and Long Form Video Production | International Travel and Wilderness Survival