

GABRIEL ZAKAIB

Reporter and Multimedia Journalist

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REPORTING EXPERIENCE

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

- Pitched and reported five stories on deadline about homelessness and poverty for a twice-monthly newspaper.
- Developed and interviewed sources in the homeless community, interviewed experts, advocates and city officials and pieced through complex government policy to break news.
- Dove into Washington's housing crisis, reported an obituary, covered police actions during encampment clearings and co-bylined a cover story on the ongoing opioid epidemic among D.C.'s homeless.

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

- Captured photographs of small-town life for a weekly newspaper.
- Pitched and reported a feature story on the area's vibrant religious communities as national church attendance rates declined.

MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE

NEWS BEAT PHOTOGRAPHER | The Eagle at American University | Washington, D.C. | September 2022 to May 2026

- Covered assignments across Washington including large political demonstrations and a presidential inauguration. Collaborated with colleagues and editors in the newsroom while navigating fast-paced environments to turn around winning images on tight deadlines.

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

- Photograph weddings, events and portraits. Worked with corporate clients including 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

- Collaborated across departments, 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, May to October, 2026

- Lived and worked at a top Montana guest ranch guiding backcountry hikes, serving meals, cleaning facilities and safely instructing guests on a shotgun shooting range.
- Problem-solved and adapted to different roles daily while living with a diverse crowd of 70+ seasonal workers.

EDUCATION

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

- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Minor in Psychology
- Co-Directed American University Photo Collective, leading the executive board and managing the \$9,000 annual budget

SKILLS

- AP Style | Reporting and Interviewing | Source Development | Deadline Reporting | Research | News Judgment | Feature Article Writing | Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro | Photography | Video Production