

# **Aaron Hemens, multimedia journalist**

## **Education**

- Bachelor of Journalism (Honours) with a minor in Film Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ont. (2014-2018)
- Graduated in June 2018 with a CGPA of 10.5 (A-)
- Named to the Deans' Honour list in 2014-15 and 2017-18
- Named as the recipient of the Mitch Jacobson Memorial Award in Photojournalism by Carleton's School of Journalism and Communication in 2017-18

## **Relevant Work Experience**

- Multimedia reporter, Kelowna Capital News, Kelowna, B.C. (April 2021 - present)
- Reporter/Editor, Creston Valley Advance, Creston, B.C. (August 2020 - March 2021)
- News Editor, The Fulcrum, Ottawa, Ont. (November 2019 - March 2020)
- Reporter/Editor, Inuvik Drum, Inuvik, NWT. (January 2019 - August 2019)
- Reporter, Northern News Services, Yellowknife, NWT. (January 2019)
- Freelance features writer and photographer, Ottawa Life Magazine, Ottawa, Ont. (August 2018 - December 2018)
- Summer Photo Editor, The Charlatan, Ottawa, Ont. (May 2018 - Sept. 2018)
- Photo Assistant, The Charlatan, Ottawa, Ont. (Sept. 2017 - April 2018)
- General Reporter (Intern), Metro Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont. (November 2016)
- Photojournalist and president of student photojournalism club "Humans of Carleton University" (Jan. 2016 - April 2018)

## **Other Journalistic/Media Experience**

- Freelance photographer for the Globe and Mail (December 2020)
- Mentee in the Room Up Front Canadian BIPOC Photojournalists Mentorship Program (October 2020 - present)
- Volunteer photographer for The Pigeon (October 2020)

- General news reporter and photographer at Centretown News (Jan. 2018 - April 2018)
- Current affairs reporter, videographer and video editor at The 25th Hour (Sept. 2017 - Dec. 2017)
- Volunteer writer for The Charlatan (2016 - 2017)
- Volunteer writer for The Wrench (2016 - 2017)

### **Key Skills:**

- A deadline-oriented journalist who can work independently and manage a number of different tasks while operating under tight pressure.
- An experienced reporter who can write for both print and web, who prioritizes balance, accuracy, facts, detail and timeliness.
- A natural at generating story ideas and finding leads through a number of different sources.
- A multi-dimensional photographer who can shoot anything from sports, concerts, portraits, protests, conferences and more.
- A meticulous videographer and producer who is keen on framing, sequences, sound and direction.
- Experienced in working with various programs and platforms such as Wordpress, Snapseed, Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere, InDesign and iMovie.
- Social media specialist who has experience in engaging with various audiences on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Proficient in the Canadian Press style of writing

***References available upon request***