

Aaron Hemens — Freelance Photographer, Writer and Journalist

Education

- Bachelor of Journalism (Honours) with a minor in Film Studies. Carleton University, Ottawa, Ont. (September 2014 - June 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

- Freelance journalist and photographer, IndigiNews. (March 2022 - present)
- Freelance journalist and photographer, The Discourse. (March 2022 - present)
- Freelance journalist and photographer, New Canadian Media. (February 2022 - present)
- Freelance photographer, Boulevard Magazine. (February 2022)
- Freelance blog writer, Xi Digital Corp. (November 2021 - present)
- Freelance photographer, the Globe and Mail. (December 2020 - present)
- Multimedia reporter, Kelowna Capital News, Kelowna, B.C. (April 2021 - December 2021)
- 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, N.W.T. (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 - September 2018)
- Photo assistant, The Charlatan, Ottawa, Ont. (September 2017 - April 2018)
- Intern, Metro Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont. (November 2016)

Other Experience

- Mentee in the Room Up Front Canadian BIPOC Photojournalists Mentorship Program (October 2020 - October 2021)
- Volunteer photographer for The Pigeon (October 2020)
- Reporter and photographer at Centretown News (January 2018 - April 2018)
- Broadcast reporter, videographer and editor at The 25th Hour (September 2017 - December 2017)
- Photojournalist and president of student photojournalism club “Humans of Carleton University” (January 2016 - April 2018)
- Volunteer writer for The Charlatan, Carleton’s independent newspaper Ottawa, Ont. (August 2016 - August 2017)
- Volunteer writer for The Wrench, Ottawa, Ont. (November 2016 - March 2017)

Key Qualities:

- A creative photographer who specializes in news, portraits, commercial, documentary, live events, street and landscape photography.
- A technical, concise and strategic writer who prioritizes clarity, balance, detail, accuracy, structure and timeliness.
- A self-starting journalist with a strong sense of news judgement, whose reporting experiences for print and web includes community news, breaking news, race and diversity, arts and culture, features, crime, court and council.
- An imaginative video producer who has experience in creating short-documentaries, broadcast journalism and short films.
- Experienced in working with various programs such as Photo Mechanic, Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere, InDesign, Final Cut Pro and iMovie.
- Experienced in SEO and blog writing for companies whose services include home and restoration, window replacement parts, aluminum recycling and more.
- Social media specialist who can curate engaging content for audiences on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Proficient in the Canadian Press style of writing

References available upon request

