

Zach Brien

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EDUCATION

The George Washington University , Washington, DC	May 2021
Master of Arts in New Media Photojournalism	
Loyola University New Orleans , New Orleans, LA	May 2016
Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications & Minor in New Orleans Studies	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SERCO North America , Washington, DC	Dec. 2024 - Present
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Staff Photographer

- Working alongside the staff photographer Daniel Afzal in the U.S. Postal Service at their headquarters in Washington, DC in their Brand and Policy office
- Photographing stamp unveilings, portraits of employees and officials, postal products, special events and more
- Managing a decades-old image database, working with other departments to find archival images for publication, scanning negatives and archival prints for digital distribution

SIPA USA , Washington, DC	Jan. 2023-Present
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Freelance Photojournalist

- Photographing events I deem newsworthy in the Washington, D.C. area, including the D.C. Defenders inaugural season, protests, and more

Pro Photo , Washington, DC	Apr. 2022-Dec. 2024
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Sales Associate

- Fulfilled all customer service and retail duties
- Initiated camera repair procedures
- Passport photo processing
- Procured used equipment
- Inventory management
- Daily office management.

Zach Brien Photographer, Washington, DC & New Orleans, LA

<i>Photographer; Videographer</i>	May 2016-Dec. 2024
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- Photographed and filmed/edited videos for nonprofit and corporate clients
- Private clients primarily included weddings, portraits
- Assisted with
 - Commercial photographer Patrick Randak at NBC Studios in Washington, D.C.
 - Wedding photographers Traven Stout, Noel Marcantel, Casey McMurray, and Lance Nicholl
 - Filmed weddings with Bride Films/Streetcar Film

Sound Originals, Washington, DC Apr. 2024 - June 2024

- Photographed weddings as both lead and second photographers
- Uploaded weddings via FTP protocol through Lightroom Classic to ShootDotEdit

Mytonomy, Bethesda, MD Apr. 2022-Jul. 2022

Production Assistant, Contractor

- Reorganized video and photo assets of over 100 TB to create a navigable database working with Dimitri Daoulas - media manager and editor.

The Hatchet, Washington, DC Sept. 2019-May 2021

Staff Photographer

- Photographed assignments on campus and around Washington, D.C., including politics, collegiate sports, culture, and more.
- Won the 2020 award for best breaking news photography from the Society for Professional Journalists in DC, MD, VA and NC

The Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Washington, D.C. Dec. 2019-May 2021

Photography Intern

- Photographed employees, promotional photos, and press conferences at the direction of staff photographer, Britt Leckman
- Edited and organized both current and archival images. My biggest single project was creating a timeline of the construction of their new building using archival and updated images.

NOLA Messenger, New Orleans, LA Nov. 2014-Aug. 2019

Freelance Photojournalist

- Pitched, wrote, photographed, and filed community-oriented news stories in the Uptown, Mid City, and Gentilly Neighborhood of New Orleans.
- Assignments included Tulane university sports, local small businesses, local festivals, press conferences of city officials, Mardi Gras, cultural traditions like second lines and Black Masking Indians practices

The New Orleans Advocate, New Orleans, LA Mar. 2015-Jun. 2019

Freelance Photojournalist

- Photographed news, culture, sports in New Orleans; edited, captioned, and submitted images on daily print deadlines using an FTP protocol in Photo Mechanic.

National Football League, New Orleans, LA Aug. 2018-Jan. 2019

Live Content Correspondent

- Photographed still photos, DSLR video and vertical cell phone video at games to be posted in real time and post-game on the NFL, individual team, and players' social media platforms.

Skills

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Photo Mechanic
- AP Style
- Photography
- Photojournalism
- Videography
- Portrait Photography
- Product Photography
- Journalism
- Community organizing