

# Mason Brown

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## Education

**Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Double Major in Print Journalism and English  
3.6 GPA  
VCU Honors College  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars

## Media Experience

### Crime Reporter

#### ***The Commonwealth Times* (VCU's student paper) 8/30/2011 – present**

As the crime beat reporter for the CT, I have covered stories about campus crimes, missing students and other issues. For example, I led the coverage of the arrest of a VCU police officer in a case brought about by an FBI child pornography sting. Also, in September 2011, I broke a story about drug arrests in Monroe Park in the heart of the VCU campus. I also have written stories about the inauguration of a new VCU president and cancer research at VCU's medical campus. Furthermore, I have covered "Copwatch," a police brutality search and awareness campaign that involved the following of an anarchists group as they searched for police misconduct around downtown Richmond. Semiweekly. Samples of my work are available at <http://wafflesrok.wordpress.com>

### Staff Writer

#### ***Capital News Service* 1/15/2012 – present**

Whether it was a locality tax, elections, or a delegate running for congress, CNS gave me a little taste of everything in political journalism. A VCU-run newswire and capstone class that feeds to several local Virginia papers with the focus on the Virginia General Assembly and content related to state government. This course emphasizes on clean copy, professionalism, enterprise reporting and independent journalism. I have been published in several papers and websites including the daily newspaper the Petersburg Progress-Index and the Gannet website Newsleader.com. Samples of my work are available at <http://wafflesrok.wordpress.com> as well as in attached clips.

### Co-Host

#### ***Geek Speak on WVCW* (VCU student radio station) 1/23/2011 – present**

As co-host for the talk show Geek Speak I would help plan episodes and recruit guests for the show. The show started off as a fun project between a friend and I but developed into a weekly show with a regular audience. Our show focused on topics including comics, videogames, movies and books as well as "geek culture" in and around campus. Weekly show, volunteer. Episodes can be found at <http://wvcw.org/show-archives/g33k-5peak/>

## Leadership Experience

### Vice President

#### **Crew Team at VCU 8/1/2011 – present**

As Vice President of the largest and most active club sports team at VCU, I have worked to completely redesign their website as well as increase recruitment. We manage a team of over 50 rowers and allocate funds for equipment that runs in the multiple thousands. We practice Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Beyond that, I also work to manage funds and the direction of the team with the other officers.

## **Supplemental Instruction Leader**

***Campus Learning Center***      **1/17/2012 – present**

My passion for science and technology, namely that involving space, led me to a job as an SI leader for a class in astronomy. I currently teach a supplemental course in PHYS 103 for VCU. Tasks include attending lecture, planning sessions, teaching and moderating sessions and proctoring exams. I am responsible for supplementing lecture classes with more in depth study into the content and review for the class exams.

## **Skills**

- Proficient in Photoshop, InDesign, Premier, Audition and other Adobe Suite products
- Strong software skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Strong writing skills and communication skills
- Excellent time management and leadership skills
- Proficient in WordPress and other blog platforms
- Proficient with XD Cameras and video-editing software
- Skills with audio mixers and sound-editing software

## **References**

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Jeff South      Associate Professor, Journalism and Director of Undergraduate Studies *Virginia Commonwealth University*  
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