

Blake Bauer

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EDUCATION

- 2022 - 2026 B.A., Department of Historic Preservation, University of Mary Washington
- 2018 - 2022 Advanced Diploma, Pulaski County High School

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Storytelling, Filmmaking, Photography, Public History, Documentary, Video Editing, Appalachia, Southwest Virginia, Community-Centered Preservation, Archival Documentation and Collections Management, Museums, Conservation,

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

Honors and Awards

- 2025 Student Speaker, Celebration of Giving, University of Mary Washington
- 2025 Dean's List, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 Dean's List, University of Mary Washington
- 2023 Dean's List, University of Mary Washington

Scholarships and Funding

- 2025 Barbara Alden International Scholarship, University of Mary Washington
- 2025 Juanita S. Carpenter '39 Scholarship, University of Mary Washington
- 2025 UMW Alumni and Friends Scholarship, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 UMW Faculty-Led Program Scholarship, CIE, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 V-TOP Internship Support Grant, Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership
- 2024 Lt. General Albert J. Bowley Scholarship, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 Beyond the Classroom Internship Grant, University of Mary Washington
- 2023 Veronica S. Johnson '89 Scholarship for Historic Preservation, Department of Historic Preservation, University of Mary Washington

- 2022 - 2026 Talon Award, University of Mary Washington
- 2022 Presidential Emerging Leaders Program, University of Mary Washington
- 2022 Future Educator Scholarship, Pulaski County Education Association

VIDEOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

- 2026 Creator, *Perros Callejeros: The Street Dogs of Peru*
-in development
- 2025 Creator, *DORM: The Stories Behind Marshall and Russell Halls*
-in development
- 2025 Creator, *UMW – Stories Behind the Buildings*, UMW Lively Internship Program
<https://youtu.be/Dz9UkEF6zhs?si=qGhWYdMwWLN6H9sy>
<https://youtu.be/H8TrG2iF8AI?si=-KFXtZZwOkqX1xpZ>
https://youtu.be/-ZeLt01YioE?si=FGNHwyOw_UN4FSHi
<https://youtu.be/0824fhiizel?si=aQYEnuKAu43H2XXS>
- 2025 Production Assistant/Actor, *Resolved to Live and Die: The Revolutionary Roots of Southwest Virginia*. Blue Ridge PBS and PBS Appalachia
<https://www.pbs.org/show/resolved-to-live-and-die-the-revolutionary-roots-of-southwest-virginia/>
- 2025 Creator, *funkenzwangsvorstellung - super eight & 35mm*
<https://youtu.be/Buh5u1nqAOA>
- 2025 Creator, *A Minute with Monroe*
<https://youtu.be/r8a5EI4Kv0E?si=NVN9gb68Q00vvES->
- 2025 Creator, *too ghoul for school – hi8 short film*
https://youtu.be/711VF9Nc0q4?si=RUMumK_5Dfa7051u

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

- 2026 Artist w/ Two Chosen Works & Honorable Mention for “Natalia” 35mm film, Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts 2026 All Photography Exhibition, FCCA

FIELDWORK AND DOCUMENTATION EXPERIENCE

- 2024 GPR Technician, Belmont Gravesite GPR Class Project, UMW Archaeology Lab

- 2024 Archaeology Technician, Mary Washington Monument GPR Survey, UMW Archaeology Lab
- 2023 - 2025 Operations Volunteer, Glencoe Mansion: Museum & Gallery, Radford, VA
- 2023 - 2025 Craftsman Intern, Wilderness Road Regional Museum, Newbern, VA

ARCHIVAL AND MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

- 2024 - 2025 Bowley Scholar Intern, James Monroe Museum, Fredericksburg, VA
- 2024 Digital Archiving Lab Student Assistant, Special Collections & University Archives, Simpson Library, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 Archival Documentation Volunteer, Special Collections & University Archives, Simpson Library, University of Mary Washington
- 2023 - 2024 Collections Volunteer, James Madison Museum, Orange, VA

PUBLIC OUTREACH EXPERIENCE

- 2025 Event Organizer, Parent's Weekend Civil War Tours, Historic Preservation Club, University of Mary Washington
- 2025 Event Organizer, 1st Annual Sweetheart Ball, Historic Preservation Club, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 Event Organizer, 40th Annual Ghost Walk, Historic Preservation Club, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 Event Organizer, Parent's Weekend Civil War Tours, Historic Preservation Club, University of Mary Washington
- 2024 Regional Interpreter, Mary Draper Ingles Festival, Pulaski, VA
- 2024 18th Century Reenactor, Independence Day Celebration, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Lynchburg, VA
- 2023 - 2024 Public Outreach Intern, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, National Park Service, VA
- 2023 Children's Crafts Leader, Holiday Open House, Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc., VA
- 2023 Volunteer, 39th Annual Ghost Walk, Historic Preservation Club, University of Mary Washington

- 2023 Craft Station Leader, Beeping Easter Egg Hunt, Gari Melchers Home and Studio, Falmouth, VA
- 2023 Event Photographer, Picturing New Connections Program, Gari Melchers Home and Studio, Falmouth, VA

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2026 FCCA All Photography February 2026. *FCCA February 28*.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFaBaiwi4Ts>
- 2025 A Flurry of Research, Creativity and Inquiry on Display at UMW Fall Symposia. *University of Mary Washington Website* December 20.
<https://www.umw.edu/news/2025/12/20/a-flurry-of-research-creativity-and-inquiry-on-display-at-umw-fall-symposia/>
- 2025 School Spirit and Donor Impact Take Center Stage at UMW's Celebration of Giving. *University of Mary Washington Website* November 18.
<https://giving.umw.edu/blog/2025/11/18/school-spirit-and-donor-impact-take-center-stage-at-umws-celebration-of-giving/>
- 2025 Documentary reveals roots of revolution in Southwest Virginia. *Cardinal News* November 11.
<https://cardinalnews.org/2025/11/11/documentary-reveals-roots-of-revolution-in-southwest-virginia/>
- 2024 Historic Preservation Major Searches for Mary Washington's Gravesite. *UMW Year in Review 2023-2024* December 17.
https://issuu.com/umwpublications/docs/yearinreview2023-24_v6
- 2024 Searching for Mary: George Washington's Mother. *Northern Virginia Magazine* June 12.
<https://northernvirginiamag.com/culture/news/2024/06/12/searching-for-mary-george-washingtons-mother/>
- 2024 Searching For Mary's Final Resting Place. *The Freelance Star* February 20.
https://fredericksburg.com/edition/page-a1/page_9da6111c-adf6-54ab-b37a-957220abfcfe.html
- 2024 UMW, Washington Heritage Museum team up to resolve grave concerns. *Fredericksburg Free Press* February 20.
<https://www.fredericksburgfreepress.com/2024/02/19/umw-washington-heritage-museum-team-up-to-resolve-grave-concerns/>
- 2024 High-Tech Hunt for Mary Ball Washington's Grave. *Potomac Local News*. February 28.

<https://www.potomaclocal.com/2024/02/28/high-tech-hunt-for-mary-ball-washingtons-grave/>

2023 Log Launch at Ingles Ferry. *The Patriot* September 8. <https://pcpatriot.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/September-8-2023.pdf>

PUBLICATIONS

2026 Writer, *Various Digital Storytelling Blog Posts*.
<https://digitalstorytelling.blakeabauer.com/>

2025 Writer, *Freemasonry and Monroe*. James Monroe Museum Blogs January 16.
<https://jamesmonroemuseum.umw.edu/2025/01/16/masonry-and-monroe/>

2023 Team Member, *The May Day Tradition, Through Their Eyes*. December 13.
<https://fayescorner.com/exhibition/the-may-day-tradition-through-their-eyes/>

PRESENTATIONS

2024 Mary Washington Monument Landscape: Utilizing Ground Penetrating Radar in an Archaeological Context. Poster presented at the Washington Heritage Museum's 130th Anniversary Wreath Laying Event at the Mary Washington Monument

2024 Mary Washington's Lost Grave: Utilizing Ground Penetrating Radar in an Archaeological Context. Poster presented at the 18th annual UMW Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium

SERVICE

Campus Service

2025 - 2026 Outdoor Trip Leader, Campus Recreation, University of Mary Washington

2024 - 2026 President, Historic Preservation Club, University of Mary Washington

2023 - 2024 Department of Historic Preservation Representative, College of Arts and Science (CAS) Student Advisory Board, University of Mary Washington

2023 - 2026 Employee, Student Activities and Engagement, University of Mary Washington

2023 - 2024 Vice President, Historic Preservation Club, University of Mary Washington

Service to the Community

2023 - 2024 Volunteer, Bourbon and Boxwood Event Cleanup, Washington Heritage Museums

2023 Volunteer, Mary Washington House Cleanup, Washington Heritage Museums

- 2023 Volunteer, Belmont Spring Cleanup, Falmouth, VA
- 2023 Volunteer, Renwick Courthouse Cleanup, Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc.

CERTIFICATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 Mortar Repointing Workshop, Mary Washington House, Fredericksburg, VA

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Fieldwork: Documentary interviewing methods

Lab Methods: Collections management and digitization, archival document handling, accessioning, artifact analysis and sorting

Technological: Book2Net V-Scan Cobra Scanner, Epson Flatbed Scanner, Canon Rebel T6i Camera, Sony Handycam CCD-TRV85 Hi8 Camcorder, 35mm film cameras, Rode VideoMic Pro

Software: Adobe Premier Pro, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Lightroom Classic, Adobe Photoshop, CapCut, Canva, Microsoft Word, Soundtrap