# LAURA BEJDER JENSEN

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Data journalist with experience covering politics, business, and finance in the US and Europe. I specialize in finding stories in large amounts of data and presenting them in an accessible way – using code, statistical analyses, and visualization tools. I am dedicated to exploring innovative data journalistic methods and conducting solid, data-driven stories with journalistic integrity.

## EDUCATION

**Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism**        August 2022 – August 2023
MS in Data Journalism
Courses in reporting, investigative techniques, coding, algorithms, and data analysis and visualization. Honors in Reporting I and Reporting II – investigative data journalism.
Examples of work:
*   Investigation into the oblique partnerships between private for-profit companies and US public universities in online degree programs by filing over 100 FOIA requests.
*   Feature article about the working conditions of Latina day laborers in Brooklyn.
*   Breaking news story on rideshare drivers protesting proposed congestion fees in New York City.

**University of Copenhagen**
BA in Sociology        September 2018 – January 2022
Specialized in political sociology and quantitative methods. Exchange to Sciences Po, where I studied political science and comparative politics.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Data collection**
Web scraping using Python, Beautiful Soup, and Playwright

**Data analysis**
Python/Pandas, R, STATA, SQL, Excel

**Data visualization**
R, Adobe Illustrator, JavaScript/D3, QGIS, Mapbox, Datawrapper, Flourish, Rawgraphs

**Languages**
English, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Bloomberg News**        September 2023 – December 2023
News Intern – Data Desk
As a part of Bloomberg News' Data Desk in New York, I used a combination of reporting and data to produce high-quality and accurate business journalism. I interviewed sources and conducted data analyses and graphic visualizations. I wrote about developments in real wages for auto workers, Black Friday, and changes in retail consumer spendings and their macro-economic consequences. Examples of work:
*   Striking UAW Workers Are Losing the Race Against Inflation
*   Is the US Headed for a Recession? Look at What Richer Americans Do on Black Friday
*   Unions Are Winning Big for the First Time in Decades

**Brown Institute for Media Innovation**        September 2023 – March 2024
Magic Grant Recipient
The Commons project is creating a tool to track the responsiveness of federal agencies to public comments on regulations. We draw on recent developments in AI technologies and large language models to extract information, analyze, and map millions of submitted comments.

**Altinget.dk**        June 2021 – August 2022
Researcher and Editorial Assistant
Wrote over 225 stories at Altinget.dk, one of Denmark's largest online political newspapers. I covered breaking news in Danish and European politics, participated in investigative projects, and worked with data processing and visualization. I was responsible for Altinget's front page data on the results of the 2022 Danish European Union opt-out referendum. See all the articles here.

**The Lede Program, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism**        June – August 2023
Teaching Assistant
I helped guide students through the basics of Python, APIs, scraping, data analysis, data visualization, and web design. I also provided guidance in developing and executing data-driven stories and data methodologies.