

LAUREN DALBAN

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EDUCATION

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism | *New York, NY—May 2024*

M.S. with a focus on local reporting, culture reporting, audio journalism and data visualization.

- Reported local breaking news stories out of Midtown, including tenant harassment issues at a residential conversion project, and childcare problems for actors working at New York theaters. Wrote a long-form magazine story about the changing nature of music curation in the live performance industry in the New York's Lower East Side.
- Created a data visualization project on queer hip-hop artists and their lyrics, placing them in the historical context of the genre. Wrote an investigative article that analyzed the extensive issues in a Long Island county's property tax system.
- Worked as a producer for a **documentary** (Vector, 2024) on the effects of Lyme disease on the brain, and the increase of tics in the New York area due to climate change. Helped set up shoots, interview subjects, write up notes, and organize the research.

University of Virginia | *Charlottesville, VA—May 2023*

B.A. English Literature, B.A. History (GPA: 3.8)

- **Thesis:** "Slaveholding Women in Early Colonial American Society: Exposing Women's Active Role in Promoting the Institution of Slavery"

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Inside Climate News, Environmental Justice Fellow | *New York, NY—June to Aug 2024*

- Will be reporting on the issues disadvantaged communities face as they relate to their vulnerability to climate issues in New York City.

Uncloseted Media, Editorial Intern | *New York, NY—May 2024 to Present*

- Led deep investigative online research into LGBTQ issues and the groups that aim to limit this community's civil rights and healthcare access for a **startup publication** due to launch in August.

Through The Monitor, Reporter | *New York, NY—Jan 2024 to Present*

- Pitched and wrote stories about musicians in New York City and the surrounding areas for a local **online music publication**.

C-VILLE Weekly, Intern Local News Reporter | *Charlottesville, VA—Sept to Dec 2022*

- Worked part-time for the **main newspaper in Charlottesville**.
- Reported on law enforcement's relationship with the community, local events, art exhibitions, and general issues facing Charlottesville residents, including UVA's efforts to commemorate the lives lost in the Nov. 13, 2022 shooting, police response to a hate crime on campus, and the rise of local women-owned businesses.

The Cavalier Daily, Senior Reporter and Columnist | *Charlottesville, VA—Sept 2021 to May 2023*

- Pitched, wrote, and reported local stories for this **far-reaching UVA publication**.
- Stories included live music reviews, film festival coverage, and in-depth bi-weekly profiles. Wrote a weekly column called "The Kids Are Alright" which published features on local bands.

V Magazine at UVA, Senior Editor | *Charlottesville, VA—Sept 2021 to May 2023*

- Wrote and edited features and creative writing pieces for this **local arts and culture magazine**.
- Worked with writers to publish thoughtful features concerning pop culture and the arts. Co-designed the magazine photoshoots for the semester issues.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Miller Center of Public Affairs, Researcher | *Charlottesville, VA—Jan 2022 to May 2023*

- Worked with the **Presidential Oral History Program** to research former government officials to create summaries for interviews that would be featured on our website.

SKILLS

General Skills: Proficiency in **Python** and data scraping, Experience with **Adobe Audition**, Hindenburg, TASCAMs, **Data Visualization**, online marketing (**SEO captioning** and social media), Geographical Information Systems Proficiency, Translation (English/French).

Languages: English (native fluency), French (native fluency), Spanish (limited working proficiency)

REFERENCES

Lisa Belkin, Assistant Professor of Journalism, Columbia, lbg2135@columbia.edu, 914-420-3170

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