

Andy Tsubasa Field **Accountability Reporter**

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Politics reporter producing accountability journalism across business and government, with a record of following up on officials' actions and centering overlooked communities.

EXPERIENCE

The Post and Courier (Columbia newsroom) / Business Reporter

FEBRUARY 2025 - DECEMBER 2025, COLUMBIA, SC

- ❖ Used state inspection records to document repeated sediment pollution violations at Scout Motors' \$2 billion EV plant.
- ❖ Reported on business and local government issues, including the uncertain redevelopment of Columbia's Dutch Square mall and licensing questions involving a prominent rock club.
- ❖ Coverage of growth issues in Camden led to additional responsibility covering Richland County government alongside business reporting.

Hearst Fellowship / General Assignment Reporter at The Connecticut Post, Business Reporter at the Times Union

AUGUST 2022 - AUGUST 2024, BRIDGEPORT, CT/ALBANY, NY

- ❖ Along with producing crime follow-up and suburban coverage, reported that a city homelessness initiative in Bridgeport, following previous stories on an encampment, brought little change.
- ❖ Business coverage in New York's Capital Region ranged from challenges faced by new marijuana shops to migrants seeking work.
- ❖ Investigated why a 2016 anti-ticket bot law had been enforced only once and highlighted stalled reform efforts.

Associated Press / Report for America Kansas Statehouse Reporter

JUNE 2020 - JUNE 2022, TOPEKA, KS

- ❖ Uncovered how only two out of hundreds of bias complaints against police led to consequences, while also revealing inaction from both Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly's racial justice commission and from city task force groups formed in response to statewide protests against racial injustice.
- ❖ Expanded daily COVID-19 coverage to the underreported communities of western Kansas, culminating in a story on a major spike that killed a county sheriff and nursing home residents.

Bismarck Tribune / Local Government Reporter

JULY 2019 - MAY 2020, BISMARCK, ND

- ❖ Award-winning reporting on backlash to a proposal to continue accepting refugees in Bismarck attracted national attention.
- ❖ Enterprise stories included reporting on owners who left residents without electricity for days in a low-income apartment complex and long-term tenants without water for weeks in a Minot motel

QUALIFICATIONS

University of Oregon

B.A. in Journalism with a minor in Political Science

Audio reporting • Video editing • Photography • Photoshop • Premiere • Japanese (conversational)

Asian American Journalists Association • Investigative Reporters and Editors • Chips Quinn Scholar