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2017 US-Japan Journalism Fellows Announced

NEW YORK, NY, August 2, 2017—The Japan Center for International Exchange is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the JCIE US-Japan Journalism Fellowship:

Natalie Andrews, Wall Street Journal
Susie Armitage, BuzzFeed
Adam Behsudi, POLITICO
Jay Greene, Wall Street Journal

The fellows will travel to Japan in early September to gain a deeper understanding of Japanese policymaking and the dynamics of US-Japan relations. Participants take part in a structured, weeklong program of meetings with Japanese policymakers, social leaders, and innovators, then stay in Japan for one to two more weeks of individualized meetings and site visits that let them develop stories for publication or broadcast.

At a time when Asia seems destined to play an increasingly prominent role in global affairs, the US relationship with Japan is a key to American policy in the region. This program gives outstanding journalists whose reporting will benefit from a deeper understanding of Japanese politics, economics, society, and foreign policy a rare chance to discuss the pressing issues of the day with leaders from different sectors of Japanese society. By exposing participants to leaders and thinkers with a variety of viewpoints, the program aims to develop a cadre of journalists who have a sophisticated understanding of the complex dynamics that shape US-Japan relations and, more broadly, the US role in Asia. It also helps them develop their professional network with experts in the region.

The Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE/USA) is a nonprofit policy institute founded in New York in 1975. JCIE/USA conducts political exchange programs for leading American and Japanese policymakers, carries out policy research and dialogue projects on pressing international issues, and works to promote a greater understanding of civil society and philanthropy in Japan and the Asia Pacific region. The organization works in partnership with JCIE/Japan, one of the few truly independent think tanks in the field of international affairs in Japan. This program is generously supported with funding from the United States–Japan Foundation, a US private foundation committed to promoting stronger ties between Americans and Japanese.

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Natalie Andrews*Wall Street Journal*

Natalie Andrews is a reporter and social media editor for the Wall Street Journal, where she covers Congress and politics in the Donald Trump administration. She studied broadcast and print journalism at Utah State University and later earned an MBA from the University of San Diego in 2012. Natalie worked in local news as a reporter in Utah and California and as the social media director at KSL News before moving to Washington DC in 2014 to join WSJ.



Susie Armitage*Buzzfeed*

Susie Armitage is the Global Managing Editor at BuzzFeed, where she works with colleagues around the world to support and grow localized editions of BuzzFeed in 10 countries. She also reports for BuzzFeed News, covering Russia and the former Soviet Union with a focus on LGBT issues. Before BuzzFeed, she reported from Moscow for NPR. Susie graduated with an English degree from Oberlin College and a master's degree from the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism, where she studied international reporting.



Adam Behsudi *POLITICO*

Adam Behsudi is a reporter covering international trade for POLITICO and POLITICO Pro. He previously worked at Inside US Trade. He has written on all aspects of trade, covering negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, enforcement cases, developments at the WTO, and Congressional trade actions. Previously, Adam worked as a newspaper reporter covering public safety issues and local government in Asheville, North Carolina, and in Frederick, Maryland. Adam earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri and a master's degree in interactive journalism at American University.



Jay Greene *Wall Street Journal*

Jay Greene is a reporter for the Wall Street Journal in Seattle, where he focuses on Microsoft and cloud computing businesses such as Amazon Web Services. He previously spent ten years as BusinessWeek's Seattle bureau chief. He has also worked as a business reporter for the Seattle Times, covering both Microsoft and Amazon. Jay is the author of *Design Is How It Works: How the Smartest Companies Turn Products into Icons*. Jay has been a McGraw Fellow at the City University of New York and an Immigration Journalism Fellow with the French-American Foundation.