

# PROFILE | Nancy Yamada

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Nancy Yamada has been with MPT since 2010 when she began reporting for *State Circle*, MPT's long-running weekly public affairs program hosted by Jeff Salkin and dedicated to covering Maryland government and politics. Among her more notable contributions to the series is her regular "Salute to Veterans" segment, during which Ms. Yamada highlights resources for and contributions of veterans and veterans organizations making a difference in communities throughout Maryland.

Ms. Yamada also appears on other programs produced by MPT's News & Public Affairs unit. She has been a consistent contributor to the weekly program *Direct Connection*, which explores current topics through in-depth interviews based largely on viewer-provided questions, including during several special episodes focused on public health and public safety amid nationwide conversations about the COVID-19 pandemic and race relations in recent years.

Ms. Yamada also provided regular reporting for MPT's consumer-focused business program *Your Money & Business* during the weekly series' 13-year run. Her popular "Behind the Biz" segment highlighted out-of-the-way, quirky businesses operating throughout Maryland.

In 2014, Ms. Yamada received a regional Emmy® Award from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for her contributions to *Unlocking Invisible Fences*, an MPT documentary that investigated the growing problem of human trafficking in Maryland and across the country.

Ms. Yamada has previously worked as a reporter in local news at WUSA9 in Washington, D.C.; Fox29 in Philadelphia, Pa.; WLFL in Raleigh, N.C.; and KAAL in Austin, Minn. She was also an assignment editor at WNCT in Greenville, N.C.

Ms. Yamada received her bachelor of science degree in broadcast journalism from Boston University.

A Maryland native, Ms. Yamada currently resides in Frederick County. She loves art journaling and perusing thrift stores for treasures, and she spends much of her free time cheering on her two sons on the baseball fields.



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