

2013

Wilbur Awards



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VALUES AND THEMES
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CONGRATULATIONS!



Welcome to the 2013 Wilbur Awards ceremony. The Religion Communicators Council (RCC) members appreciate the efforts of each Wilbur recipient to tell stories of faith and religious values in the public sphere with professionalism, fairness and honesty.

Since 1949 the Council has annually honored examples of excellence by secular communicators in presenting religious topics through various media.

The distinctive stained-glass Wilbur Award marks a unique achievement for many secular communicators.

We trust that winning a Wilbur Award will encourage you to continue delivering well-crafted stories of faith and values to your readers, listeners and viewers. RCC is delighted to recognize your fine work.

Douglas F. Cannon, Ph.D., APR+M
RCC President

MEET OUR HOST



The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is a television personality, journalist, preacher and speaker, author, prison chaplain, church executive-minister-pastor, wife and mother. Currently, Walker-Smith serves as the Executive Director/Minister of The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, one of the oldest Council of Churches in the world founded in 1912.

2013 WILBUR AWARDS UNDERWRITTEN BY...

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. They provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church, and their goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. They believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.



Wilbur Awards Winners

FOR WORK DONE IN 2012



Newspapers National Market

The Christian Science Monitor,
"No Child Left Alone," G. Jeffrey
MacDonald



Newspapers Other Markets

The Commercial Appeal,
Memphis, TN, "Faith and Fear,"
David Waters



Magazines Online Content

The Huffington Post, "Shalom
Y'all: Why the South is looking
for a few good Jews," Jaweed
Kaleem



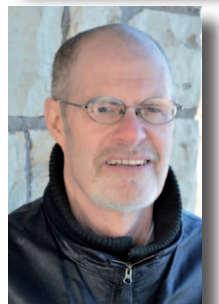
Books Fiction

A Winter Dream, Richard Paul
Evans, Simon & Schuster, Inc.



Books Non-Fiction

**Healing the Sacred Divide:
Making Peace with Ourselves,
Each Other, and the World**, Jean
Benedict Raffa, Larson Publications



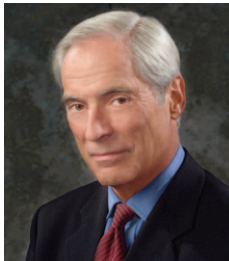
Books Youth

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Michael
J. Martin, Morgan Reynolds
Publishing



Television & Cable News 9 minutes or more

Oprah's Next Chapter: America's Hidden Culture Parts 1 & 2, Harpo Studios, Oprah Winfrey Network, Tara Montgomery and Andrea Wishom, executive producers



Television & Cable News 9 minutes or more

60 Minutes: The Archbishop of Dublin CBS News, Jeff Fager, executive producer, Bob Simon, correspondent



Television & Cable News 2 to 8 minutes

Pay It Forward, The CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley, Steve Hartman, correspondent, Miles Doran, producer, Heather Spinelli, editor



Television & Cable Local News

Journey for Peace, WTWO-TV, Terre Haute, IN, Patrick Fazio, reporter and Bob Bruce, videographer



Television & Cable Documentary

"What They Believe: Hindus, Zoroastrians, Baha'is," John Blessington, executive producer, Elizabeth Kineke, writer and producer, Wendy Caplin, editor



Television & Cable Interview

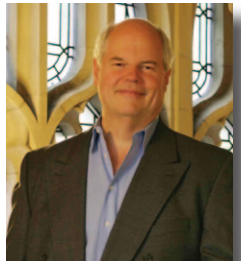
Super Soul Sunday: Oprah and Elie Wiesel: Living with an Open Heart, Harpo Studios, Oprah Winfrey Network, Jill Barancik, executive producer



Radio

Single Program

Tapestry: Through A Different Lens--Autism and the Divine, Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Mary Hynes, host, Carma Jolly, producer



Radio

Series

Rethinking Religion: The Harlem Renaissance--Music, Religion and the Politics of Race, Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, Norris J. Chumley, host & executive producer



Feature Films

Blue Like Jazz, Ruckus Films, Steve Taylor, director, Donald Miller, Ben Pearson and Steve Taylor, writers, Marshall Allman, executive producer



Web-based Communications, Blogs

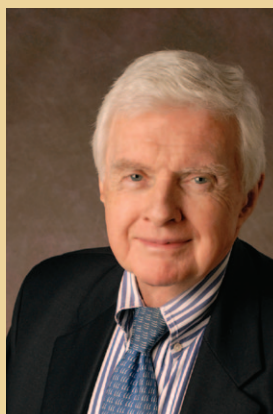
Belief Blog, CNN, December 31, 2012, Dan Gilgoff and Eric Marrapodi, co-editors



Online News Stories

Two Preaching Giants and the 'Betrayal' that Tore Them Apart, CNN.com, John Blake

SPECIAL WILBUR AWARD



John P. "Jack" Blessington, executive producer of CBS Religion and Culture series, has produced interfaith documentaries for over 30 years. His contribution to informing views and open dialogue about religion has stood out among his colleagues.

RCC is proud to present a special Wilbur Award for his efforts.





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APRIL 3-5, 2014

2012 WILBUR AWARD WINNERS



Newspapers

"Faith and Portland: On Easter Sunday, adrift in an unchurched city." Susan Nielsen, associate editor, *The Oregonian*.

Magazines

"The Nun Who Kissed Elvis" Thom Geier, Entertainment Weekly.

Photography Series

"The Brothers of Clear Creek," Steffie Corcoran, editor; Shane Brown, photographer, *Oklahoma Today*.

Books, Fiction

Miles To Go. Richard Paul Evans, Simon & Schuster, publisher.



Books, Nonfiction

Presidential Campaign Rhetoric in an Age of Confessional Politics. Brian T. Kaylor, The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group.

Books, Youth

The Best of KidSpirit Online, Volume I. Elizabeth Dabney Hochman, founding editor. by KidSpirit Online, publisher.

Television & Cable News, 2-6 Minutes

"Spreading the Word," Daniel Sieberg, reporter, Anthony Laudato, producer, CBS News Sunday Morning.

Television & Cable News, 7+ Minutes

"Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Robert Graetz," Kim Lawton, correspondent, Janice R. Henderson, producer, *Religion & Ethics News Weekly*.



Television & Cable News, 7+ Minutes

"Mount Athos," Bob Simon, correspondent, Harry Radcliffe II and Michael Karzis, producers. CBS News 60 Minutes.

Television & Cable, Documentary

"Serving Life" Lisa R. Cohen, writer, producer and director. Produced for Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN).

Feature Films, Documentary

"Love Free or Die" Macky Alston, director, Reveal Productions, Inc.

Feature Films, Drama

"The Help" Tate Taylor, screenplay and director; Kathryn Stockett, novel.

2012 Wilbur Award recipients, pictured left to right include: Anthony Laudato; Janice R. Henderson, Kim Layton (with RCC president Deb Christian); Elizabeth Dabney Hochman.



Radio: Single Program

"The Witches of Lublin." Sue Zizza, director and executive producer; written by Ellen Kushner, Elizabeth Schwartz and Yale Strom; original score by Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi. SueMedia Productions.

Blogs

"Faith and Works: Kentucky's and Indiana's Diverse Religious Scene Blog," Peter Smith. Courier-Journal.com.

Multimedia or Online Videos

3-Minute Retreat. Paul Brian Campbell, SJ. Loyola Press.