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Wilbur Awards

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RELIGIOUS ISSUES,
VALUES AND THEMES
IN THE
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Wilbur Greetings to the 2015 Wilbur Awards winners. I would like to personally congratulate each and every one of you. On behalf of the Religion Communicators Council (RCC), I want to thank you for your efforts to tell stories of faith and religious values in the mainstream media.

Since 1949 the council has annually honored examples of excellence by secular communicators in presenting religious topics through various media. That recognition is central to our historic mission of 86 years promoting faith perspectives in public discourse. Your work highlights exemplary work for the promotion of religious literacy in our communities and society.

I trust that this award will encourage you to continue delivering outstanding stories of faith and values to your audiences.

James (Jay) Rollins,
President



MEET OUR HOST

Anuttama Dasa is the Director of Communications for the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), a monotheistic Vaishnava Hindu tradition. He currently serves as Chairman of ISKCON's International Governing Body Commission. A past Board Member and Vice President of the RCC, he and his wife, Rukmini, live in Rockville, Maryland.



Religion is part of everything.
RCC helps you talk about it.

Wilbur Award Winners



Books Fiction

Walking on Water
Richard Paul Evans
Simon & Schuster

Books Non-Fiction

Rebbe
Joseph Telushkin
HaperCollins Publishers



Books Youth

The Best of KidSpirit Online, Volume III
Elizabeth Dabney Hochman, editor
KidSpirit Online

Magazines National or Top 15 Markets

More Magazine
From Rebel to Reverend
Julia Duin

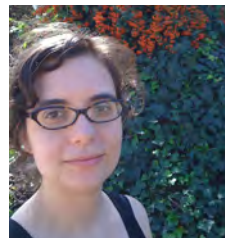


Magazines Other Markets

The Living Church
Responding to Crisis on the Border
G. Jeffrey MacDonald

Newspapers National Markets

The Huffington Post
Life As a Non-Muslim In Pakistan
Jaweed Kaleem



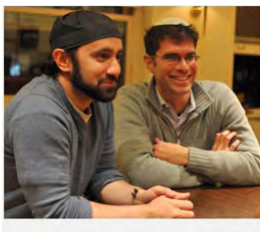
Newspapers Other Markets

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Faith in Ferguson
Lilly Fowler

Feature Films Drama

City on a Hill Studio
The Song
Richard Ramsey, writer/director





Feature Films Documentary

Of Many Institute for Multifaith Leadership

Of Many
Danielle Emery, producer; Linda G. Mills, director; Chelsea Clinton, executive producer

Digital Communications Faith-Based Blogs

Religion News Service

Commentaries on American Jewish Life
Jeffrey Salkin



Digital Communications Online News Stories

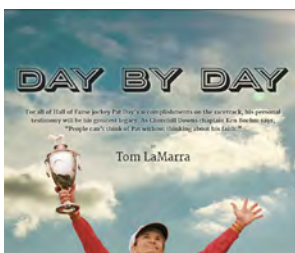
BuzzFeed.com

Feminism In Faith: Sister Elizabeth Johnson's Challenge to the Vatican
Jamie Manson

Digital Communications Online News Stories

FaithAndLeadership.com

Christian Non-profits Overcome Hurdles
G. Jeffrey MacDonald



Digital Communications Multimedia

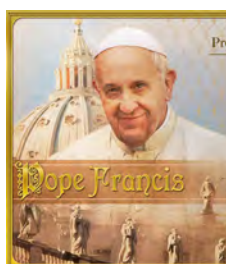
Blood-Horse Publications

Day by Day
Tom LaMarra, writer; Claire Novak, online features editor

Television & Cable Network or National Syndication

CBS Sunday Morning News

Heavenly Voices
Tracy Smith, correspondent; John D'Amelio, producer; Lauren Barnello, producer/editor



Television & Cable Network or National Syndication 8+ minutes

CBS News 60 minutes

Pope Francis
Scott Pelley, correspondent, Jeff Fager, executive producer; Nicole Young, producer



Television & Cable Network or National Syndication 8+ minutes

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly

Camden Priest
Lucky Severson, correspondent, John Greco, executive producer

Television & Cable Local

WATE-TV, *Jake and Evelyn Get a Home*, Don Dare, reporter/producer; Dave Wignall, photographer; Brian Engelstad, photographer



Television & Cable Documentary up to 30 minutes

CBS, Religion and Culture

Crime, Punishment and Redemption
John P. Blessington, executive producer, Elizabeth Kineke, producer

Television & Cable 30 minutes+

HBO

Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall
Edgar Barens, director and producer



Television & Cable Interview

Super Soul Sunday

Timothy Shriver Interview with Oprah Winfrey
Tara Montgomery and Andrea Wishom, executive producers

Radio Single Program

WLRN-Miami Herald News

How a Liberty City Pastor Rallies His Community After Murders
Nadege Green, reporter; Alicia Zuckerman, editor



Photography Series

Journey to the Clouds
Nile Sprague, photographer

2014 WILBUR AWARD WINNERS

Books

The First Phone Call from Heaven, Mitch Albom, HarperCollins Publishers

Books--Non-Fiction

Happier Endings, A Meditation on Life and Death, Dr. Erica Brown, Simon & Schuster

Books--Youth

Out in Front: Malala Yousafzai and the Girls of Pakistan, David Aretha, Morgan Reynolds Publishing

Books--Audio

The Fall of the Kings, Ellen Kushner, Delia Sherman, Sue Zizza; SueMedia Productions

Magazine

Princeton Alumni Weekly, Journey of Humility: Discourses on Faith, Jeff Chu

Magazine Articles

KidSpirit Online, Interfaith Connections Column, Elizabeth Dabney Hochman, founding editor

Newspapers

The Oregonian, Columns by Steve Duin, Steve Duin

Newspapers

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Coptic Christians Under Attack, Betsy Hiel

Newspapers

The Huffington Post, Boston Muslims Respond to Marathon Attacks, Jaweed Kaleem

Feature Films

Impact Productions, The Christmas Candle

Digital Communications

Religion News Service, Jonathan Merritt on Faith & Culture, Jonathan Merritt

Digital Communications

Religion News Service, One Woman's Journey Out of Faith, Family and Fear, Kimberly Winston

Digital Communications

Religion News Service, The March, Adelle M. Banks and Team

Television & Cable

The History Channel & LightWorkers Media, The Bible, Roma Downey & Mark Burnett, executive producers

Television & Cable

CBS Sunday Morning, Keeping The Faith, Michelle Miller, correspondent; Sara Aviv, Lauren Barnello, producers

Television & Cable

CBS News 60 minutes, The American Nuns, Bob Simon, correspondent, Andrew Metz, Tanya Simon, producers

Television & Cable

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, The Life of Dorothy Day, Deborah Potter, correspondent

Television & Cable

KSPR, KSPR's Journey To Jerusalem, Jonah Kaplan, reporter/photographer

Television & Cable

CBS, Religion and Culture, What's So Funny About Religion?, John P. Blessington, executive producer, Elizabeth Kineke, producer

Television & Cable

Lifetime Television, Twist of Faith, Daniel Blatt, Craig Baumgarten & Andrew Howard, executive producers

Television & Cable

CBS This Morning, The Francis Effect, Charlie Rose and Norah O'Donnell, hosts; Barbara Simon, Katy Conrad, producers

Radio

CBC Radio, Canada, Tapestry, The Irascible Pastor, Mary Hynes, host; Elizabeth Bowie, Diane Eros, Steve McNally, producers

Radio

Interfaith Voices God and Government: Egypt in Crisis, Maureen Fiedler, host, Laura Kwerel Sr., producer; Kimberly Adams, reporter

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