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Dear Wilbur Award Recipient,



Congratulations to you for receiving the 2020 Wilbur Award. This award represents the best in religion communication and reflects your efforts to create public content that advances religious literacy and promotes religious values. I applaud you on this great achievement and wish you all continued success in the future.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline F. Fuller
RCC President



Host - Rev. Shayna J. Watson, M.Div, BCC



Shayna is a board certified chaplain, community activist and advocate. She wants you to know that she's a little nerdy, and is especially a geek- unapologetically a geek. As founder of ΘεοCon (pronounced Thee-Oh-Con): Where Theology Meets Pop Culture!, a one day comic book convention-style event, she offers an embracing, open and affirming

space for people to converse about or illustrate realities of the human condition as reflected in myth, fictional characters, and their narratives. Shayna serves as Canon Pastor at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA.



The Wilbur program is coordinated by Shirley Struchen and produced by Dr. Andrew (Andy) B. Rawls. This will be the 30th year Andy has written and produced the awards for RCC and Shirley Struchen, executive director of RCC for 17 years, has been the Wilbur Coordinator for nine years.

We thank them both for their dedicated service in making the Wilbur Awards a success. They will be greatly missed as they enter retirement after this award season.



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2020 WILBUR AWARD WINNERS

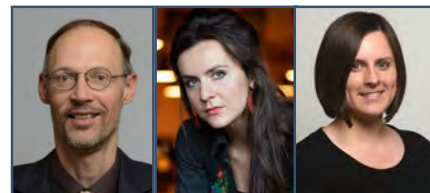
NEWSPAPERS



National or Top 15 Metro Markets
Sikh Drivers are Transforming U.S. Trucking (series)
Los Angeles Times
Jaweed Kaleem, reporter

All Other Markets Coverings

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Peter Smith, religion editor; Stephanie Strasburg, staff photographer; Shelly Bradbury, public-safety reporter



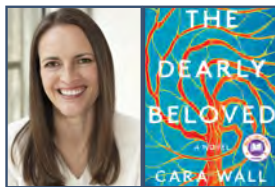
Blog/Column
Holiness in the Midst of Pain
Deseret News
Kelsey Dallas, religion reporter and InDepth content manager

MAGAZINES



All Markets
On the Road With Thomas Merton
Emergence Magazine
Fred Bahnson, essayist; Jeremy Seifert, filmmaker

BOOKS

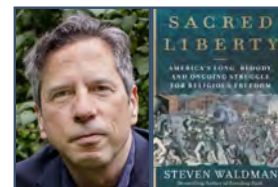


Fiction
The Dearly Beloved
Simon & Schuster
Cara Wall, author

Non-Fiction

Sacred Liberty

HarperOne, HarperCollins
Steven Waldman, author

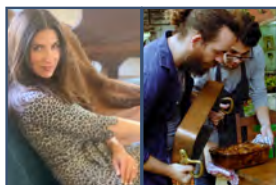


Youth/Children
The Best of KidSpirit, Volume VI
KidSpirit
Elizabeth Dabney Hochman, editor

FILMS AND VIDEO



Documentary (30 min. +)
American Heretics: The Politics of the Gospel
Butlerfilms in association with Contemporary Dialogues
Jeanine Butler & Catherine Butler, directors & producers; Jamie Lee Godfrey, editor; Peter Hutchens, camera



Feature Length Film
Breaking Bread
Gemini Girls Productions
Beth Elise Hawk, writer/producer/director; Jon Fitzgerald & Travis Knox, executive producers; Martin Goldenberg, Michelle Harrison, Issie Rabinovitch, Lois Schottenstein, associate producers; Ofer Ben Yehuda, director of photography; Jonty Fine & Itai Levin, editors; Omar El-Deeb, music

FILMS AND VIDEO



Documentary (30 min. +)

Revolution Of The Heart: The Dorothy Day Story

Journey Films

Martin Doblmeier, filmmaker; Mark Comberiate, producer & director of photography; Carrie Snyder, producer; Deryl Davis, producer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS



Online News Stories

The Reckoning

The Associated Press

The Associated Press Staff

Multimedia or Video Coverings

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Peter Smith, religion editor; Stephanie Strasburg, staff photographer; Shelly Bradbury, public-safety reporter



RADIO OR PODCASTS



Single Program

'Blue Christmas' Services Offer Refuge From Holiday Cheer

Freelance broadcast on NPR

Deena Prichep, reporter;

Jason DeRose, editor

Documentary **Wrapped in Love**

CBC Radio - Tapestry

Sarah Keaveny-Vos, producer;

Erin Noel, editor and sound designer



Series of Programs (two or more)

The Roots and Fruits of U.S. Exploitation of Immigrant Labor

Sandburg Media, LLC with Freedom Road,

Sojourners, and The Work of the People

David Dault, producer/audio

engineer/editor; Lisa Sharon Harper,

executive producer/host



PHOTOGRAPHY

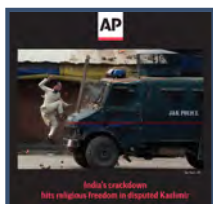


Photo Story/Essay

India's Crackdown Hits Religious Freedom in Disputed Kashmir

The Associated Press

Dar Yasin, Mukhtar Khan, Rajesh

Kumar Singh, photographers

TELEVISION AND CABLE

Drama

Jesus: His Life

Nutopia for History

Ben Goold, Jane Root, Joel Osteen, D. Emerson Iloff, Mary Donahue, Evan Lerner, executive producers; Simon Breen, series producer; Joshua Hyams, Alex Dwiar, Jackelyn Viera Lloff, producers



News - Network or National Syndication (up to 4 min.)

The CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell: WWE Wrestler Fights Stereotypes

CBS News

Jim Axelrod, correspondent; Kimberly Godwin and Jay Shaylor, executive producers; Alturo

Rhymes, senior producer; Sharaf Mowjood,

producer



News - Network or National Syndication (4-8 min.)

CBS News Sunday Morning: Family Man

CBS News Sunday Morning

Nancy Giles, correspondent; Mary Lou Teel,

producer; Joseph Frandino, editor; Rand Morrison,

executive producer

News - Network or National Syndication (8 min. +)

CBS News 60 Minutes: Tree of Life

60 Minutes, CBS News

Lesley Stahl, correspondent; Shachar Bar-On,

producer; Kate Morris, associate producer;

April Wilson, editor; Bill Owens; executive

producer; Tanya Simon, executive editor



Documentary (up to 30 min.)

In Bad Faith

Fault Lines, Al Jazeera English

Paul Abowd, producer; Natasha Del Toro,

correspondent; Laila Al-Arian, executive producer;

Erik Ljung and Stephen Bailey, dp; Paul Abowd,

additional photography; Warwick Meade, editor



Documentary (30 min. +)

Life & Soul

Scratch Films for RTÉ

Liam McGrath, producer/director; Roger Childs,

executive producer; Greg Fromholz, associate

producer; Áine O'Neill & Colm Flynn,

presenters/producers; Lanka Perren, director of

photography; Elisanne Pires, production co-

ordinator(RTE)



Interview

Face the Nation - Bipartisan Prayer

CBS News

Margaret Brennan, moderator; Mary Hager,

executive producer; Catherine Reynolds,

senior producer; Jake Miller, producer;

Alison Hawley director





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NEWSPAPERS: National or Top 15 Metro Markets

"China Clamps Down," (series)
The Associated Press; Yanan Wang, AP reporter; Dake Kang, AP video reporter

NEWSPAPERS: All Other Markets

"Tree of Life synagogue attack"
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Andrew Goldstein, Alexandra Wimley, Stephanie Strasburg, Stephanie Chambers, David Shribman, Peter Smith, staff

NEWSPAPERS: Blog/Column

"Billy Graham, the Last Nonpartisan Evangelical?" The New York Times; Jonathan Merritt, writer

MAGAZINE: National or Top 15 Metro Markets

"Pope Versus Pope" Vanity Fair; John Cornwell, writer

MAGAZINE: Commentary/Blog/Column

"When Islamophobia Backfires," Texas Observer; David Brockman, writer

BOOKS: Fiction

The Next Person You Meet in Heaven; Harper, HarperCollins; Mitch Albom, author

BOOKS: Non-Fiction

Braided: A Journey of a Thousand Challahs; She Writes Press; Beth Ricanati, MD, author

BOOKS: Non-Fiction

Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks; HarperOne, HarperCollins; Diana Butler Bass, author

FILMS AND VIDEO: Documentary (up to 30 minutes)

The Secret History of Muslims in the US; Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, Smartypants Pictures & Animadocs; Negin Farsad, Zeyba Rahman, Hussein Rashid, Joshua Seftel, Maria Stanisheva

FILMS AND VIDEO: Documentary (30 minutes or longer)

The Gate: Dawn of the Baha'i Faith
Spring Green Films; Steve Sarowitz, executive producer/writer; Bob Hercules, director/producer/writer; Edward A. Price, producer/writer; Adam Mondschein, producer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Online News Stories

"A gunman killed his brother. Now Farris Barakat is on an American journey" CNN; Moni Basu, writer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Multimedia or Video

"Unbroken," Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Shelly Bradbury, story; Andrew Rush and Steve Mellon, video; Ben Howard and Sam Underwood, design development; Lillian Thomas, editor; staff

TELEVISION & CABLE: Drama

Faith Under Fire: The Antoinette Tuff Story; A&E Lifetime; T.D. Jakes, Derrick Williams, Craig Baumgarten, Toni Braxton, and Judith Verno, executive producers; Larry Rapaport, producer; Vondie Curtis Hall, director; Laura Harrington and Stephen Kay, teleplay; Based on the Book "Prepared For a Purpose" by Antoinette Tuff

TELEVISION & CABLE:

News Segment

"The CBS Evening News: Sikhs in Semis," CBS News; Jim Axelrod, correspondent; Mosheh Oinounou, executive producer; Javier Guzman, senior producer; Sharaf Mowjood, producer

TELEVISION & CABLE: News - Network or National Syndication (4-8 minutes)

"A Gift of Dance," CBS Sunday Morning; Lesley Stahl, correspondent; Mary Lou Teel, producer; April Wilson, editor; Rand Morrison, executive producer

TELEVISION & CABLE: News - Network or National Syndication (8 minutes +)

"60 Minutes: Inside the Secret Archive," 60 Minutes, CBS News; Bill Whitaker, correspondent; Guy Campanile producer; Lucy Hatcher, associate producer; Craig Crawford, editor; Bill Owens, executive producer

TELEVISION & CABLE: News Story - Local or Regional

"Making His Mark," WTWO TV; Sierra Hignite, reporter; Josh Lum, photographer

TELEVISION & CABLE:

Documentary (up to 30 minutes)

"Deconstructing My Religion," CBS Television: Religion and Culture; Elizabeth Kineke, writer/producer; Elyse Kaftan, editor; Yuti Joshi, associate producer

TELEVISION & CABLE:

Documentary (30 minutes +)

Jesus: Countdown to Calvary; American Public Television, ARTE, and RTÉ; Hugh Bonneville, presenter; Gerry Hoban, director; Eric Luskin & Cynthia Fenneman, commissioning executives; Béatrice Aullen, commissioning executive; Roger Childs & Ray Bruce, executive producers

TELEVISION & CABLE: Interview

Religion in Life; Appalachian State University; Conrad (Ozzie) Ostwalt, host; Jesse Jackson, guest; Kelly Hunter, producer; Religion in Life; Rob Gelber, general manager, AppTV

RADIO OR PODCASTS:

Single Program

"I'm Feeling it, too' - Sister Helen Prejean on Meeting Despair with Hope" CBC Radio; Mary Hynes, host; Melissa Gismondi and Arman Aghbali, associate producers; Rosie Fernandez and Erin Noel, senior producers

RADIO OR PODCASTS: Series of Programs (two or more)

"Can These Bones: A Faith and Leadership Podcast," An offering of Faith & Leadership; Rev. Laura Everett and Rev. William H. "Bill" Lamar IV, co-hosts; Dave Odom and Kelly Ryan, executive directors; Sally Hicks, executive producer; Jessamyn Rubio, technical manager