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CONGRATULATIONS!



Greetings to the 2016 Wilbur Awards winners! I would like to personally congratulate each of you on your excellence in sharing stories of faith and religious values in mainstream media.

Since 1949, the Religion Communicators Council (RCC) has annually honored examples of outstanding work by secular communicators with Wilbur Awards. Your submission highlights exemplary work that promotes religious literacy in our communities and society.

I trust that this distinctive stained-glass Wilbur Award will encourage you to continue delivering well-crafted stories of faith and values to your audiences. RCC is delighted to recognize your fine work.

Casey Tom
RCC National President



Meet Our Host

Fr. James Gardiner, SA, is a Bronx-born Franciscan Friars of the Atonement (Graymoor). He is currently director of special projects at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, and a member of RCC's DC chapter.



Jim Gardiner graduated from St. Pius X Seminary and the Catholic University of America, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1969. He has ministered in New York City, College Park (MD), Akron (OH) and twice in Garrison (NY) — first as communications director for the Friars and later as director of the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center. He joined RCC formerly Religious Public Relations Council (RPRC) in 1974 and was New York Chapter president at the time of RCC's (RPRC) 50th anniversary convention.

2016 Wilbur Award Winners



Newspapers: National or Top 15 Markets

The Associated Press
China's Crackdown on Crosses
Didi Tang

Newspapers: Other Markets

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Middle East Religious Articles
Betsy Hiel



Newspapers: Commentary, Blog, or Column

The Commercial Appeal
Faith Matters
David Waters

Magazines: National or Top 15 Markets

Vanity Fair Magazine
Our Man in the Vatican
Paul Elie, writer;
David Friend, editor

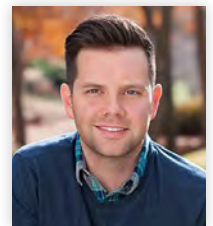


Magazines: Other Markets

Religion Dispatches
Falling in Love with the Earth:
Francis' Faithful Ecology
Jacob J. Erickson

Magazines: Commentary, Blog or Column

The Atlantic Magazine
Saint Fred
Jonathan Merritt



Books: Non-Fiction

HarperOne
Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution
Diana Butler Bass



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**Feature Films: Documentary
(30 minutes or longer)**

**Purple Mickey
Productions in association
with Fork Films**

The Armor of Light
Abigail E. Disney, director;
Kathleen Hughes, co-director/
producer; Eva Anisko, producer



**Digital Communications:
Faith-Based Blogs
Religion News Service**

Christians, Conflict and Change
David Gushee



**Digital Communications:
Online News Stories**

Slate
*How an Evangelical Creationist
Accepted Evolution*
Rachel Gross

**Digital Communications:
Multimedia**

CNN
*How the Ultimate Scandal Saved
One Pastor*
John Blake

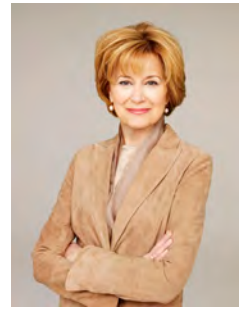


**Television & Cable: Network
News or National Syndication
(up to 8 minutes)**

**CBS Evening News
with Scott Pelley**
Football Nun
Dean Reynolds, correspondent;
Steve Capus, executive producer;
Kim Godwin, senior broadcast
producer; Wendy Krantz,
producer; Larry Goldfine, editor

**Television & Cable:
Network News
or National Syndication
(8 minutes or longer)**

CBS News Sunday Morning
The Girl in the Picture
Jane Pauley, correspondent;
Mary Lou Teel, producer;
Lauren Barnello, producer/editor;
Rand Morrison, executive producer



**Television & Cable:
Public Broadcasting
(up to 8 minutes)**

**Religion & Ethics
Newsweekly**
Rancher Nuns
Lucky Severson, correspon-
dent; Trent Harris, producer;
Arnie Labaton, executive
producer; Bob Abernethy, host

**Television & Cable:
Public Broadcasting
(8 minutes or longer)**

**Journey Films,
American Public
Television**
CHAPLAINS
Martin Doblmeier,
producer/director;
Ellen Tripler and Nathan DeWild, producers



**Television & Cable:
News-Local**

WFAA-TV/ABC
Reverse Food Truck
David Schechter, reporter;
Taylor Lumsden, camera
operator; Brian Hardcastle,
chief editor



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**Television & Cable:
Documentary
(up to 30 minutes)**

CBS Religion & Culture

Marriage, Religion and Modern Life
John P. Blessington, senior executive producer; Elizabeth Kineke,

executive producer Natalie Baxter, associate producer; Elyse Kaftan, editor

**Television & Cable:
Documentary
(30 minutes or longer)**

OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

Belief

Oprah Winfrey, Sheri Salata, David Shadrack Smith, and Jonathan Sinclair, executive producers



**Television & Cable:
Made-for-TV Movie
National Geographic Channel**

Saints and Strangers
Gina Matthews, Grant Scharbo, Teri Weinberg, Eric Overmyer, and

Seth Fisher, executive producers; Peter McAleese, producer; Paul A. Edwards, director; Chip Johannessen, Walon Green, Eric Overmyer, Seth Fisher, writers

**Television & Cable:
Interview**

OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

SuperSoul Sunday: Jimmy Carter interviewed by Oprah Winfrey

Tara Montgomery, executive producer; Jenna Kostelnik, Amy Ward, and Eric Peltier, co-executive producers



**Radio or Podcasts:
Single Program
Interfaith Voices**

Israel's Newest TV Stars: Nice Jewish Boys From a Synagogue Near You
Laura Kwerel, senior producer



**Radio or Podcasts:
Series of Programs
(2 or more)**

National Public Radio

Pope Francis, Catholicism

and His Visit to Cuba and the U.S., Andrea Bruce, supervising editor

2016 Special Wilbur Award



Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell is the former Director of Religion at the historical Chautauqua Institution and former head of the National Council of Churches. She is being honored with a special Wilbur Award for her over 30 years of promoting the intersection of faith, culture and values in all forms of media.

2015 WILBUR AWARD WINNERS

- Books, Fiction**
Walking on Water, Richard Paul Evans, Simon & Schuster
- Books, Non-Fiction**
Rebbe, Joseph Telushkin, HarperCollins Publishers
- Books, Youth**
The Best of KidSpirit Online, Volume III, Elizabeth Dabney Hochman, KidSpirit Online
- Magazines, National or Top 15 Markets**
More Magazine, From Rebel to Reverend, Julie Dun
- 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, Javed Kaleem
- Newspapers, Other Markets**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Faith in Ferguson, Lily Fowler
- Feature Films, Drama**
City on a Hill Studios, *The Song*, Richard Ramsey, writer/director
- Feature Films, Documentary**
Of Many Institute for Multi-Faith 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 Sakin
- 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, National Syndication**
CBS Morning News, *Heavenly Voices*, Tracy Smith, correspondent; John D'Amelio, producer; Lauren Barnello, producer/editor
- Television & Cable, National Syndication, 8+ minutes**
CBS News, 60 Minutes, *Pope Francis*, Scott Pelley, executive producer; Jeff Fager, executive producer; Nicole Young, producer
- Television & Cable, National Syndication, 8+ minutes**
Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, Camden Priest, Lucky Severson, correspondent; John Graco, executive producer
- Television & Cable, Local WATE-TV**
Take and Evelyn, Get A Home, Don Dero, reporter/producer; Dave Wegrall, photographer; Bren Engstad, photographer
- Television & Cable, Documentary, up to 30 min.**
CBS, Religion and Culture, *Crime, Punishment and Redemption*, John P. Blessington, executive producer, Elizabeth Kineke, producer
- Television & Cable, Documentary, 30 min.+**
HBO, Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall, Edgar Bares, 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, Nadrae Green, reporter; Alicia Zuckerman, editor
- Photography, Series**
Journey to the Clouds, Neil Sprague, photographer

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