



Religion Communicators Council

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Wilbur Awards

RCC Names 2007 Wilbur Awards Recipients

LOUISVILLE, KY -- The 2007 Wilbur Awards, recognizing outstanding work in the secular media that address religious issues, themes and values, will be presented here April 28 at the Muhammad Ali Center.

The annual awards are presented by the Religion Communicators Council (RCC) and are named for Marvin C. Wilbur, a pioneer in the field of religion public relations.

The Wilbur Awards banquet and recognition ceremony will conclude the annual RCC national convention being held here April 26 - 28. RCC, based in New York, is a 78-year-old interfaith organization of professional communicators working in the field of religion. It is the oldest and largest organization of its kind.

The awards to be presented, for work done in 2006, are:

- **Newspapers (National/Series):** *Associated Press*, “The New Missionaries,” Brian Murphy (part I) and Rachel Zoll (part II), writers.
- **Newspapers (National/Section):** *The Dallas Morning News*, Bruce Tomaso, religion editor.
- **Newspapers (Other Markets):** *Lancaster New Era*, “Lost Angels: The Amish School Shootings,” Ernest Schreiber, editor; Jack Brubaker, Ad Crable, Janet Kelley, Tom Murse and Cindy Stauffer, writers; Andrew P. Blackburn, Marty Heisey and Richard Hertzler, photographers; Chris Emlet, graphic artist.
- **Magazines (National):** *Newsweek*, “Billy Graham in Twilight,” Jon Meacham, writer.
- **Editorial Cartoon/Comic Strips:** John Sherffius, Editorial Cartoons 2006, *Boulder Daily Camera*.
- **Books (Fiction):** HarperCollins Publishers, “The Best People in the World,” by Justin Tussing.
- **Books (Non-Fiction):** HarperCollins Publishers, “Water From the Well,” by Anne Roiphe.
- **Television (Drama):** Warner Brothers in association with Shoe Money Productions, “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip, Nevada Day Part 1 & 2,” Aaron Sorkin, Studio 60 executive producer/creator; Thomas Schlamme, Studio 60 executive producer/director.
 - *Nevada Part I*, story by Mark McKinney, Aaron Sorkin, teleplay, Leslie Glatter and Timothy Busfield, directors
 - *Nevada Day part II*, story by David Handleman & Cinque Henderson, Aaron Sorkin, teleplay, Timothy Busfield, director

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- **Television News (National):** *CBS News Sunday Morning*, “Muslim in America,” Rand Morrison, executive producer; Sharyn Alfonsi, correspondent; Alan Golds, producer; Robin Skeete, editor.
- **Television News (Local):** KWQC-TV, “Big Church/Little Church,” Randy Biery, photography; Fran Riley, reporter.
- **Television (Documentary):** *Vision TV*, “Evangelical Tourism,” Sadia Zaman; executive producer; John Scully, senior producer; Kevin O’Keefe segment producer; Chad Derrick and Claudio Lira, associate producers; Barry Silverthorn, editor; Terry Zazulak, camera.
- **Television (Film):** Associated Producers, “The Exodus Decoded,” Associated Producers Ltd., production company; Felix Golubev and Simcha Jacobovici, producers; James Cameron, executive producer; Simcha Jacobovici, writer and director.
- **Radio (National):** *The Diane Rehm Show*, “Three Part Series on the Koran,” Diane Rehm, host/executive producer; Tanya Weinberg, producer.
- **Feature Films (Drama):** Every Tribe Entertainment “The End of the Spear,” Bill Ewing, Mart Green, Tom Newman and Bart Gavigan, producers; Bart Gavigan, Jim Hanon and Bill Ewing, writers; Jim Hanon, director.
- **Feature Films (Documentary):** “Hold Your Breath,” Maren Garinger-Monsen, M.D. and Julia Haslett, Stanford University Center for Biomedical Ethics, producers; Fanlight Productions, production company and distributor.

The host for this year’s ceremonies is Dawne Gee. Gee is an Emmy Award-winning broadcast veteran, anchoring the NBC-affiliate afternoon news. She serves on the Jefferson County Minority AIDS Foundation Board and is an alumnus of the University of Louisville. Additionally Gee is active in many other community organizations.

Each Wilbur Award winner will receive a hand-made stained glass trophy.

For more information and detail about the 2007 Wilbur Award winners and the Religion Communicators Council visit the RCC web site at www.religioncommunicators.org .