2011 WILBUR AWARDS

Recognizing excellence in communicating religious issues, values and themes in the public media
Faith is such an important part of life and culture. Tonight we celebrate the journalists, directors, actors, commentators, producers, writers and others who use many forms of media to make known faith’s perspectives in the public arena. The Religion Communicators Council established these awards to honor the excellence of your work.

We are called to think more deeply, open our hearts to new ideas, and learn about broader horizons through movies, radio broadcasts, books, blogs. It is a privilege to honor you tonight. Please accept this stained glass award and keep it as a reminder of the good work you’ve done in telling stories of the faiths that touch all our lives.

Deb K. Christian, President
Religion Communicators Council

Meet Our Host

Matt Mosler is a syndicated columnist, television and radio personality, speaker, and singer. He is co-host of Arkansas’ fastest growing morning TV show KARK 4 Today in Little Rock. In his 20-year television career Matt has flown with the Navy’s Blue Angels and appeared on the Today Show with Willard Scott.

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Wilbur Award Winners
(for work done in 2010)

NEWSPAPERS: NATIONAL

NEWSPAPERS: OTHER
The Courier-Journal. “Mennonites, Amish Preach and Practice Forgiveness,” Peter Smith

MAGAZINES: TOP 15

PHOTOGRAPHER:
Christian Witkin, source Vanity Fair

MAGAZINES: EDITORIAL

BOOKS: FICTION
The Walk. Richard Paul Evans, Simon & Schuster, publisher

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BOOKS: NONFICTION
*American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us.*
Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell, Simon & Schuster, publisher.

TELEVISION & CABLE: DRAMA
"Amish Grace" Kyle A. Clark, Marta M. Mobley, producers, Gregg Champion, director; Sylvie White and Teena Booth, writers; Larry A. Thompson, executive producer

TELEVISION & CABLE: NATIONAL NEWS
*CBS Evening News with Katie Couric.* “Ruby Bridges,” Michelle Miller, correspondent; Rick Kaplan, executive producer; Kim Godwin, Jack Renaud, and Mike Cesario, producers; Katie Couric, anchor and managing editor

TELEVISION & CABLE: LOCAL NEWS
*KSPR-TV: Springfield, Missouri.* “Pathways of Prayer,” Joe Daues and Paul McReynolds, producers

RADIO: SERIES
*Tapestry,* by CBC Radio (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation). “Sacred Ground,” Nicola Luksic, Erin Pettit, producers, Mary Hynes, host

FEATURE FILM: DOCUMENTARY

TELEVISION & CABLE: DOCUMENTARY
*Kindling Group.* “The Calling,” Danny Alpert, series director and executive producer

TELEVISION & CABLE: DOCUMENTARY

RADIO: SINGLE PROGRAM
*Under the Sun on WLRN, Miami.* “Patients and Healers” and “Faith in the Aftermath.” Dan Grech and Alicia Zuckerman, co-hosts and senior producers; Ruth Morris and Kenny Malone, producers

BLOGS

MULTIMEDIA OR ONLINE VIDEOS
*Kindling Group* www.whatsyourcalling.org. Danny Alpert, series director and executive producer
A Few 2010 Wilbur Award Winners


I am thankful for the Muslims who invited me into their homes, schools and mosques and shared their lives with me, and especially the Muslim elders, who first told me this story needed to be written.
– Peter Smith


Magazines (columns): Lisa Miller, Newsweek.

Television (local news): “Shepherd Me Oh God,” Randy Biery, photography, and Fran Riley, reporter, KWQC-TV, Davenport, Iowa.


Film: “Blood Done Sign My Name,” Paladin and Real Folk Productions, written and directed by Jeb Stuart.


Books: Have A Little Faith, Mitch Albom, Hyperion.

Lifetime Achievement: Bob Abernethy.