

# 2018

## *Wilbur Awards*

RECOGNIZING  
EXCELLENCE  
IN COMMUNICATING  
RELIGIOUS ISSUES,  
VALUES AND THEMES  
IN THE  
PUBLIC MEDIA



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## HOST:

**M. Alexis Scott** has a long career as a newspaper journalist, executive and visionary community leader. After nearly 17 years as publisher of the Atlanta Daily World, a newspaper founded by her grandfather in 1928, she was part of the executive team that opened the Center for Civil and Human Rights in downtown Atlanta in 2014. Before joining the team at The Center, her responsibilities at the Atlanta Daily World included management of its overall business operations, news content, and writing a regular column.

Formerly, Ms. Scott had a 22-year career with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Cox Enterprises, Inc., where she worked her way up from reporter to vice president/community affairs at the AJC, and director of diversity at Cox.

She is a political commentator on the Georgia Gang, a week-in-review program broadcast Sundays on FOX 5 Atlanta where she has appeared regularly since 2002.

Welcome to the 2018 Wilbur Awards at the Religion Communicators Council's Annual Convention in Atlanta. Thank you for joining us. RCC helps religious communicators tell the stories at the intersection of faith and the public arena. The Wilbur Awards celebrate excellence in journalism and religious storytelling. First given in 1949, Wilburs recognize the work of individuals and agencies as they communicate about religious issues and positive values. This year's winners join a distinguished array from the long history of the awards. Each will receive a beautiful, hand-crafted award. Congratulations Wilbur Award winners!

Rev. Bud Heckman

President, Board of Governors Religion Communicators Council



## 2018 Wilbur Award Winners



### **NEWSPAPERS: National or Top 15-Metro Markets**

***"In The Crosshairs: Muslims in Trump's America" (series)***

BuzzFeed News

Hannah Allam, reporter



### **MAGAZINES:**

**All Other Markets**

***"And Still We Rise"***

Modern Farmer

Jeff Chu, writer

### **NEWSPAPERS: All Other Markets**

***"The Long Road to a Religious Freedom Victory for Sikhs in the U.S. Army"***

Deseret News

Kelsey Dallas, religion reporter



### **MAGAZINE: Commentary/Blog/Column**

***"Two North Texas Evangelicals Ask: Who Would Jesus Deport?"***

Texas Observer

David Brockman, writer



### **MAGAZINES:**

**National or Top 15 Markets**

***"God Has Placed Paula in a Unique Place for Such a Time as This' How Pastor Paula White Became a Spiritual Force at the White House"***

The Washington Post Magazine

Julia Duin, writer

Mary F. Calvert, photographer

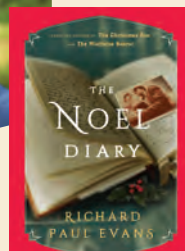


### **BOOKS: Fiction**

***The Noel Diary***

Simon & Schuster

Richard Paul Evans, author





### BOOKS: Non-Fiction

#### ***Being Hindu: Understanding a Peaceful Path in a Violent World***

Rowman & Littlefield

Hindol Sengupta, author



### BOOKS: Non-Fiction

#### ***Stakes is High: Race, Faith, and Hope for America***

Chalice Press

Michael W. Waters, author



### FILMS AND VIDEO: Drama

#### ***A Heart That Forgives***

AHTF Films LLC

M. Legend Brown, director;

Kelly Gay, producer;

Ken Jenkins, writer, executive

producer, screenwriter;

TK Henderson, screenwriter



### FILMS AND VIDEO:

#### **Documentary (30 min. +)**

##### ***Bending the Arc***

Kief Davidson and

Pedro Kos, directors;

Cori Shepherd Stern, writer;

Kief Davidson and

Cori Shepherd Stern,

producers

### DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS:

#### **Faith-Based Blog (3 samples)**

***Motorcycle Diaries: Friday the 13th Bike Rally; Inner and Outer***

***Harmony - Ian Miguel's Story;***

***Interfaith Peace Resources***

CryPeace

Carole St. Laurent, blogger



### DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS:

#### **Online News Stories**

##### ***"How Christians Across America Are Fighting Trump's Refugee Ban"***

Bright Magazine

Laura Rena Murray, writer



### DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS:

#### **Social Media**

##### ***An America Without Muslims?***

Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

Katie Grimes, video editor;

Dalia Mogahed, script writer



### DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS:

#### **Multimedia or Video**

##### ***Westar on the Road: The Quest for Religious Literacy***

Butlerfilms LLC

Jeanine Butler, director/

writer; Catherine Lynn

Butler, produce/writer;

Jamie Lee Godfrey,

editor/motion graphics;

Patrick Sheehan and Reuben Aaronson, cinematographers; James Kasper, executive producer



### TELEVISION & CABLE: News -

#### **Network or National Syndication (up to 8 min.)**

##### ***"A Place at the Table"***

CBS Sunday Morning

Richard Buddenhagen, producer/

editor; Nancy Giles, correspondent;

Rand Morrison, executive producer

### TELEVISION & CABLE: News - Network or National Syndication (8 min.+)

##### ***"Sanctuary"***

CBS 60 Minutes

Scott Pelley, correspondent;

Jeff Fager, executive producer;

Oriana Zill de Granados, Michael Rey,

Dina Zingaro, Jorge Garcia, producers;

Bill Owens, executive editor



**TELEVISION & CABLE:**  
**News Story - Local or Regional**  
**"Wrongly Imprisoned Pastor**  
**Preaches Forgiveness"**  
**KSHB-TV41**

Patrick Fazio, reporter  
 and writer; Chase Lucas,  
 photographer and editor



**TELEVISION & CABLE: Documentary**  
**(up to 30 min.)**

**Faith on the Frontlines**  
**CBS Television: Religion**  
**and Culture**

Elizabeth Kineke, producer;  
 Elyse Kaftan, editor;  
 Jennie Kamin, associate producer



**TELEVISION & CABLE:**  
**Documentary (30 min. +)**  
**An American Conscience:**  
**The Reinhold Niebuhr Story**  
**Journey Films**

Martin Doblmeier, writer/  
 director/producer/narrator;  
 Nathan Dewild, videographer/editor/  
 producer; Anthony Bellissimo,  
 graphics; Jen Quintana and  
 Andrew Finstuen, producers



**RADIO OR PODCASTS:**  
**Single Program**  
**"Welcoming the Stranger"**  
**Interfaith Voices**

Laura Kwerel, producer; Ruth Morris,  
 guest host/producer; Amber Khan,  
 editor; Maureen Fiedler, host of  
 Interfaith Voices



**RADIO OR PODCASTS:**  
**Series of Programs**  
**"See Something Say**  
**Something:**  
**Ramadan Series"**  
**BuzzFeed News**

Ahmed Ali Akbar, host;  
 Meg Cramer, editor;  
 Megan Detrie, producer;  
 Agerenesh Ashagre, producer;  
 Eleanor Kagan, director of audio



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**RADIO OR PODCASTS: Documentary**  
**(up to 30 min.)**

**"An American Mosque"**  
**Produced independently in**  
**conjunction with WBEZ**  
**Broadcasting**

Monique Parsons, reporter;  
 Deborah George, editor;  
 Cate Cahan, WBEZ editor;  
 Derek John, sound designer/producer



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