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RCC President

NEWSPAPERS

National or Top 15 Metro Markets
“China Clamps Down” (series)
The Associated Press
Yanan Wang, AP reporter; Dake Kang, AP video journalist

All Other Markets
“The Tree of Life Synagogue Attack”
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Andrew Goldstein, Alexandra Wimley, Stephanie Strasburg, Stephanie Chambers, David Shribman, Peter Smith

Blog/Column
“Billy Graham, the Last Nonpartisan Evangelical?”
New York Times
Jonathan Merritt, writer

BOOKS

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

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

Non-Fiction
Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks
HarperOne, HarperCollins
Diana Butler Bass, author

MAGAZINES

National or Top 15 Metro Markets
“Pope Versus Pope”
Vanity Fair
John Cornwell, writer

Commentary/Blog/Column
“When Islamophobia Backfires”
Texas Observer
David Brockman, writer

FILMS AND VIDEO

Documentary (up to 30 min.)
The Secret History of Muslims in the U.S.
Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, Smartypants Pictures & Animadocs
Negin Farsad, Zeyba Rahman, Hussein Rashid, Joshua Seftel, Maria Stanisheva

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**FILMS AND VIDEO**

**Documentary (30 min. +)**

*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

**TELEVISION AND 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

**DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Online News Stories**

*“A gunman killed his brother. Now Farris Barakat is on an American journey.”*
CNN
Moni Basu, writer

**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 at Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**RADIO OR PODCASTS**

**Single Program**

*“I’m Feeling it, too’ – Sister Helen Prejean on Meeting Despair with Hope”*
CBC Radio, Toronto, Canada
Melissa Gismondi and Arman Aghbali, associate producers; Rosie Fernandez and Erin Noel, senior producers; Mary Hynes, host

**Series of Programs (two or more)**

*“Can These Bones: A Faith and Leadership Podcast”*
Faith & Leadership, Durham, NC
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

**TELEVISION AND 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

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

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

**News – Network or National Syndication (8 min. +)**

*“60 Minutes: Inside the Secret Archive”*
CBS 60 Minutes
Bill Whitaker, correspondent
Guy Campanile, producer
Lucy Hatcher, associate producer
Craig Crawford, editor
Bill Owens, executive producer

**News Story – Local or Regional**

*“Making His Mark”*
WTWO TV, Terre Haute, IN
Sierra Hignite, reporter; Josh Lum, photographer

**Documentary (up to 30 min.)**

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

**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

**Documentary (30 min. +)**

*Jesus: Countdown to Calvary*
RTÉ/ARTE/American Public Television
Hugh Bonneville, presenter; Gerry Hoban, director; Eric Luskin & Cynthia Fenneman, commissioning executives (American Public Television); Béatrice Aullen, commissioning executive (ARTE); Roger Childs & Ray Bruce, executive producers (RTE)
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NEWSPAPERS: National or Top 15 Metro Markets
"In the Crucibles: Muslims in Trump's America", Buzzfeed News; Hannah Allam, reporter
"The Long Road to a Religious Freedom Victory for Sikhs in the U.S. Army", Desert News; Kelsey Dallas, religion reporter

MAGAZINE: National or Top 15 Metro Markets
The Rise of the Televangelist Who Adverses the White House: The Washington Post Magazine; Julia Dun, 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

NEWS: National or Regional
"Still We All Other", writer Calvert; House White House Post Magazine; S. Michael "Steb" Stavars, reporter; S. Michael "Steb" Stavars, reporter

FILMS AND VIDEO: Drama
A Heart That Forgives; AHT Films LLC; M. L. Berger, director; Kelly Gay, producer; Ken Jenkins, writer, executive producer, screenwriter; TK Henderson, screenwriter

FILMS AND VIDEO: Documentary (50 minutes or longer)
Bending the Arc: Kief Davidson and Pedro Kas, directors; Coni Shepherd Stern, writer; Kief Davidson and Coni Shepherd Stern, producers

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Faith-Based Blog (5 samples)
Motorcycle Diaries: Friday the 13th Bike Rally; Innerand Outer Harmony; Ian Miguel; Story: Interfaith Peace Resources; CryPeace: Carole St. Laurent, blogger

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Social Media
An America Without Muslims; Institute for Social Policy and Understanding; Katie Grimes, video editor; Dalia Mogahed, script writer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Online News Sites
"Forgiveness, Trump's Refugee Ban"; Bright Magazine; Laura Rena Murray, writer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Multimedia or Video
West on the Road: The Quest for Religious Literacy; Butlerfilms LLC; Jeannine Butler, director, writer; Catherine Lynn Butler, producer, writer; Jamie Lee Godfrey, editor; motion graphics: Patrick Sheehan and Reuben Aranson, cinematographer; James Kasper, executive producer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Podcasts
"Two North Texas Evangelicals Ask: Who Would Jesus Vote For?"; Texas Observer; David Brinkman, writer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Video
"Watchman on the Wall: The Politics of Religion in a Divided America"; The Atlantic; Cyrus McGoldrick, producer; Nasim Aghdast, director; Zainab Salbi, narrator

TELEVISION & CABLE: Documentary (up to 30 min.)
"The Faith that Matters: Faith on the Frontlines"; CBS Television; Religion and Culture; Elizabeth Kinkead, producer; Elyse Kafan, editor; Jennie Kamin, associate producer

TELEVISION & CABLE: Documentary (30 min. - 60 min.)
"An American Conscience: The Reinhold Neibuhr Story"; Journey Films; Martin Dobelmeier, writer/director/producer; narrators: Nathan Dawid, video editor/producer; Anthony Bellissimo, graphics; Jen Quintana and Andrew Houstun, producers

RADIO OR PODCASTS: Single Program
"Welcoming the Stranger"; Interfaith Voices; Laura Kweer, producer; Rush Maris, host/producer; Amber Khan, editor; Maureen Pelletier, host of Interfaith Voices

RADIO OR PODCASTS: Series of Programs (two or more)
"See Something Else, Something Else"; Buzzfeed News; Ahmed Ali Akbar, host; Meg Cramer, editor; Megan Detrie, producer; Agerenesh Ashage, producer; Eleanor Kagan, director of audio

RADIO OR PODCASTS: Documentary (up to 50 min.)
"An American Mosque", produced independently in conjunction with WBEZ Broadcasting; Manique Parsons, reporter; Deborah George, editor; Catie Cahan, WBEZ editor; Derek John, sound designer/producer