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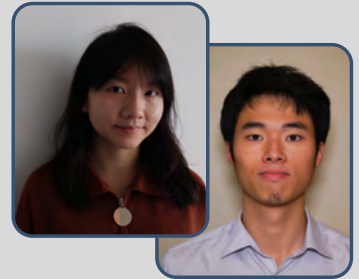
2019 WILBUR AWARD WINNERS

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

"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

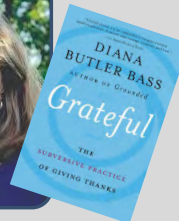


Non-Fiction

Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks

HarperOne, HarperCollins

Diana Butler Bass, author



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



Host: Fr. James (Jim) Gardiner

Fr. James Gardiner, SA, is a Bronx-born Franciscan Friar of the Atonement (Graymoor) and is currently the director of special projects for the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, D.C.

Jim graduated from St. Pius X Seminary and the Catholic University of America; he 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.



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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 (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



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



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

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

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



CBS EVENING NEWS
with JEFF GLOR

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



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 Crosshairs: Muslims in Trump's America"; BuzzFeed News; Hannah Allam, reporter

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: National or Top 15 Metro Markets
The Rise of the Televangelist Who Advises the White House; The Washington Post Magazine; Julia Duin, writer; Mary F. Calvert, photographer

MAGAZINE: All Other Markets
"And Still We Rise"; Modern Farmer; Jeff Chu, writer

MAGAZINE: Commentary/Blog/Column
"Two North Texas Evangelicals Ask: Who Would Jesus Deport?"; Texas Observer; David Brockman, writer

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 minutes or longer)
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: Social media
An America Without Muslims?; Institute for Social Policy and Understanding; Katie Grimes, video editor; Dalia Mogahed, script writer

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Online News Stories
"How Christians Across America Are Fighting Trump's Refugee Ban"; Bright Magazine
Laura Rena Murray, 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, and 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 Neibuhr 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 (two or more)
"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

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