2013 Wilbur Awards

Recognizing Excellence in Communicating Religious Issues, Values and Themes in the Public Media

An Interfaith Association of Professional Communicators Founded in 1929

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Welcome to the 2013 Wilbur Awards ceremony. The Religion Communicators Council (RCC) members appreciate the efforts of each Wilbur recipient to tell stories of faith and religious values in the public sphere with professionalism, fairness and honesty.

Since 1949 the Council has annually honored examples of excellence by secular communicators in presenting religious topics through various media. The distinctive stained-glass Wilbur Award marks a unique achievement for many secular communicators.

We trust that winning a Wilbur Award will encourage you to continue delivering well-crafted stories of faith and values to your readers, listeners and viewers. RCC is delighted to recognize your fine work.

Douglas F. Cannon, Ph.D., APR+M
RCC President

The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is a television personality, journalist, preacher and speaker, author, prison chaplain, church executive-minister-pastor, wife and mother. Currently, Walker-Smith serves as the Executive Director/Minister of The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, one of the oldest Council of Churches in the world founded in 1912.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. They provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church, and their goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. They believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.
Television & Cable News
9 minutes or more

Oprah's Next Chapter: America's Hidden Culture Parts 1 & 2, Harpo Studios, Oprah Winfrey Network, Tara Montgomery and Andrea Wishom, executive producers

Television & Cable News
9 minutes or more

60 Minutes: The Archbishop of Dublin CBS News, Jeff Fager, executive producer, Bob Simon, correspondent

Television & Cable News
2 to 8 minutes

Pay It Forward, The CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley, Steve Hartman, correspondent, Miles Doran, producer, Heather Spinelli, editor

Television & Cable Local News

Journey for Peace, WTHO-TV, Terre Haute, IN, Patrick Fazio, reporter and Bob Bruce, videographer

Television & Cable Documentary

"What They Believe: Hindus, Zoroastrians, Baha’is," John Blessington, executive producer, Elizabeth Kineke, writer and producer, Wendy Caplin, editor

Television & Cable Interview

Super Soul Sunday: Oprah and Elie Wiesel: Living with an Open Heart, Harpo Studios, Oprah Winfrey Network, Jill Barancik, executive producer

Radio

Single Program

Tapestry: Through A Different Lens--Autism and the Divine, Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Mary Hynes, host, Carma Jolly, producer

Radio

Series


Feature Films

Blue Like Jazz, Ruckus Films, Steve Taylor, director, Donald Miller, Ben Pearson and Steve Taylor, writers, Marshall Allman, executive producer

Web-based 
Communications, Blogs

Belief Blog, CNN, December 31, 2012, Dan Gilgoff and Eric Marrapodi, co-editors

Online News Stories

Two Preaching Giants and the 'Betrayal' that Tore Them Apart, CNN.com, John Blake

SPECIAL Wilbur Award

John P. "Jack" Blessington, executive producer of CBS Religion and Culture series, has produced interfaith documentaries for over 30 years. His contribution to informing views and open dialogue about religion has stood out among his colleagues.

RCC is proud to present a special Wilbur Award for his efforts.
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RCC national Convention 2014
Nashville, TN
April 3-5, 2014

2012 Wilbur Award Winners

2012 Wilbur Award recipients, pictured left to right include: Anthony Laudato; Janice R. Henderson, Kim Layton (with RCC president Deb Christian); Elizabeth Dabney Hochman.

Newspapers

Magazines

Photography Series
“The Brothers of Clear Creek,” Steffie Corcoran, editor; Shane Brown, photographer, Oklahoma Today.

Books, Fiction
Miles To Go. Richard Paul Evans, Simon & Schuster, publisher.

Books, Nonfiction

Books, Youth
The Best of KidSpirit Online, Volume I. Elizabeth Dabney Hochman, founding editor. by KidSpirit Online, publisher.

Television & Cable News, 2-6 Minutes
“Spreading the Word,” Daniel Siebert, reporter, Anthony Laudato, producer, CBS News Sunday Morning.

Television & Cable News, 7+ Minutes

Television & Cable, Documentary
“Serving Life” Lisa R. Cohen, writer, producer and director. Produced for Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN).

Feature Films, Documentary
“Love Free or Die” Macky Alston, director, Reveal Productions, Inc.

Radio: Single Program
“The Witches of Lublin.” Sue Zizza, director and executive producer; written by Ellen Kushner, Elizabeth Schwartz and Yale Strom; original score by Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi. SueMedia Productions.

Blogs

Multimedia or Online Videos
3-Minute Retreat. Paul Brian Campbell, SJ. Loyola Press.

Television & Cable, Documentary

Feature Films, Documentary
“Love Free or Die” Macky Alston, director, Reveal Productions, Inc.

Feature Films, Drama
“The Help” Tate Taylor, screenplay and director; Kathryn Stockett, novel.