2020
Wilbur Awards

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

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Dear Wilbur Award Recipient,

Congratulations to you for receiving the 2020 Wilbur Award. This award represents the best in religion communication and reflects your efforts to create public content that advances religious literacy and promotes religious values. I applaud you on this great achievement and wish you all continued success in the future.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline F. Fuller
RCC President

Host - Rev. Shayna J. Watson, M.Div, BCC

Shayna is a board certified chaplain, community activist and advocate. She wants you to know that she’s a little nerdy, and is especially a geek- unapologetically a geek. As founder of ΘeoCon (pronounced Thee-Oh-Con): Where Theology Meets Pop Culture!, a one day comic book convention-style event, she offers an embracing, open and affirming space for people to converse about or illustrate realities of the human condition as reflected in myth, fictional characters, and their narratives. Shayna serves as Canon Pastor at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA.

The Wilbur program is coordinated by Shirley Struchen and produced by Dr. Andrew (Andy) B. Rawls. This will be the 30th year Andy has written and produced the awards for RCC and Shirley Struchen, executive director of RCC for 17 years, has been the Wilbur Coordinator for nine years.

We thank them both for their dedicated service in making the Wilbur Awards a success. They will be greatly missed as they enter retirement after this award season.

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2020 WILBUR AWARD WINNERS

NEWSPAPERS

National or Top 15 Metro Markets
Sikh Drivers are Transforming U.S. Trucking (series)
Los Angeles Times
Jaweed Kaleem, reporter

All Other Markets
Coverings
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Peter Smith, religion editor; Stephanie Strasburg, staff photographer; Shelly Bradbury, public-safety reporter

Blog/Column
Holiness in the Midst of Pain
Deseret News
Kelsey Dallas, religion reporter and InDepth content manager

MAGAZINES

All Markets
On the Road With Thomas Merton
Emergence Magazine
Fred Bahnson, essayist; Jeremy Seifert, filmmaker

BOOKS

Fiction
The Dearly Beloved
Simon & Schuster
Cara Wall, author

Non-Fiction
Sacred Liberty
HarperOne, HarperCollins
Steven Waldman, author

Youth/Children
The Best of KidSpirit, Volume VI
KidSpirit
Elizabeth Dabney Hochman, editor

FILMS AND VIDEO

Documentary (30 min. +)
American Heretics: The Politics of the Gospel
Butlerfilms in association with Contemporary Dialogues
Jeanine Butler & Catherine Butler, directors & producers; Jamie Lee Godfrey, editor; Peter Hutchens, camera

Feature Length Film
Breaking Bread
Gemini Girls Productions
Beth Elise Hawk, writer/producer/director; Jon Fitzgerald & Travis Knox, executive producers; Martin Goldenberg, Michelle Harrison, Issie Rabinovitch, Lois Schottenstein, associate producers; Ofer Ben Yehuda, director of photography; Jonty Fine & Itai Levin, editors; Omar El-Deeb, music
## FILMS AND VIDEO

**Documentary (30 min. +)**  
*Revolution Of The Heart: The Dorothy Day Story*  
Journey Films  
Martin Doblmeier, filmmaker; Mark Comberiate, producer & director of photography; Carrie Snyder, producer; Deryl Davis, producer

## TELEVISION AND CABLE

**Drama**  
*Jesus: His Life*  
Nutopia for History  
Ben Goold, Jane Root, Joel Osteen, D. Emerson Iloff, Mary Donahue, Evan Lerner, executive producers; Simon Breen, series producer; Joshua Hyams, Alex Dwiar, Jackelyn Viera Lloff, producers

**News – Network or National Syndication (up to 4 min.)**  
*The CBS Evening News with Norah O’Donnell: WWE Wrestler Fights Stereotypes*  
CBS News  
Jim Axelrod, correspondent; Kimberly Godwin and Jay Shaylor, executive producers; Alturo Rhymes, senior producer; Sharaf Mowjood, producer

## DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

**Online News Stories**  
*The Reckoning*  
The Associated Press  
The Associated Press Staff

**Coverings**  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Peter Smith, religion editor; Stephanie Strasburg, staff photographer; Shelly Bradbury, public-safety reporter

## RADIO OR PODCASTS

**Single Program**  
*‘Blue Christmas’ Services Offer Refuge From Holiday Cheer*  
Freelance broadcast on NPR  
Deena Prichep, reporter; Jason DeRose, editor

**Documentary**  
*Wrapped in Love*  
CBC Radio – Tapestry  
Sarah Keaveny-Vos, producer; Erin Noel, editor and sound designer

**Series of Programs (two or more)**  
*The Roots and Fruits of U.S. Exploitation of Immigrant Labor*  
Sandburg Media, LLC with Freedom Road, Sojourners, and The Work of the People  
David Dault, producer/audio engineer/editor; Lisa Sharon Harper, executive producer/host

## PHOTOGRAPHY

**Photo Story/Essay**  
*India’s Crackdown Hits Religious Freedom in Disputed Kashmir*  
The Associated Press  
Dar Yasin, Mukhtar Khan, Rajesh Kumar Singh, photographers

**Interview**  
*Face the Nation - Bipartisan Prayer*  
CBS News  
Margaret Brennan, moderator; Mary Hager, executive producer; Catherine Reynolds, senior producer; Jake Miller, producer; Alison Hawley director
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Thank you for sharing your outstanding stories of faith and values with your audiences.