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CONGRATULATIONS!



Greetings to the 2017 Wilbur Award winners! Since 1949, the Religion Communicators Council (RCC) has honored examples of outstanding work by secular communicators with Wilbur Awards. Tonight we honor you and your excellence in sharing stories of faith and religious values in mainstream media. Your submissions highlight exemplary work that promotes religious literacy in our communities and society.

I trust that this distinctive stained-glass Wilbur Award will encourage you to continue delivering well-crafted stories of faith and values to your audiences. My personal congratulations as RCC recognizes your fine work.

Casey Tom,
RCC National President



Meet Our Host

Fr. James Gardiner, SA, is a Bronx-born Franciscan Friar of the Atonement (Graymoor). He is currently director of special projects at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, and a member of RCC's DC chapter.



Jim Gardiner graduated from St. Pius X Seminary and the Catholic University of America, and 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. He joined RCC formerly Religious Public Relations Council (RPRC) in 1974 and was New York Chapter president at the time of RCC's (RPRC) 50th anniversary convention.

NEWSPAPERS: National or Top 15 metro markets

DIVIDED AMERICA: Evangelicals feel alienated, anxious
The Associated Press
Rachel Zoll, national reporter



NEWSPAPERS: All other markets

Silent Sanctuaries
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Peter Smith, religion editor



NEWSPAPERS: Commentary/Blog/Column

Faith Matters
The Commercial Appeal
David Waters, writer



MAGAZINE: National or Top 15 metro markets

Winning at Life
Woman's Day
By Grace Conenna
as told to Paula Chin



MAGAZINE: All other markets

Jesus Christ and Super Stars: How the Holy Rolled Mainstream in Pop Music
Religion Dispatches
Alana Massey, writer,
Ellie Faustino, managing editor



MAGAZINE: Commentary/Blog/Column

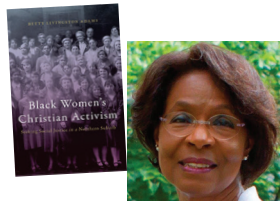
Religious Diversity May Be Making America Less Religious
Public Religion
Research Institute (PRRI)
Daniel Cox, writer



BOOKS: Non-fiction

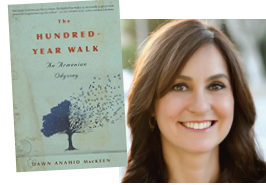
Black Women's Christian Activism: Seeking Social Justice in a Northern Suburb
NYU Press

Betty Livingston Adams, author



BOOKS: Non-fiction

The Hundred-Year Walk: An Armenian Odyssey
Mariner Books
Dawn Anahid MacKeen



BOOKS: Youth/Children

10 Years of KidSpirit
KidSpirit
Elizabeth Dabney Hochman



BOOKS: Youth/Children Audio Book

Painting in the Dark: Esref Armagan, Blind Artist
SueMedia Productions
Rachelle Burk, author; Sue Zizza, director/producer; Claudia Gadotti, illustrator, Bronson Pinchot and Katherine Keligren, narrators



FEATURE FILMS: Drama

Hidden Figures
20th Century Fox
Theodore Melfi, director; Donna Gigliotti, Peter Chernin, Jenno Topping, Pharrell Williams, producers; Allison Schroeder, screenplay writer



FEATURE FILMS: Documentary (30 min.+)

Big Sonia
Inflatable Film
Leah Warshawski and Todd Soliday, directors; Leah Warshawski, producer



DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Faith-based blogs
Sick Pilgrim
Jessica Mesman Griffith and Jonathan Ryan



DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Social Media Campaigns

American Muslims: Facts vs. Fiction
Unity Productions Foundation
Alex Kronemer, Michael Wolfe, executive producers



DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Multimedia

Silent Sanctuaries
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Laura Schneiderman, interactive developer; Peter Smith, religion editor



TELEVISION & CABLE: Drama

Roots
History Channel
Mark Rosenthal, Lawrence Konner, Alison McDonald, Charles Murray, writers



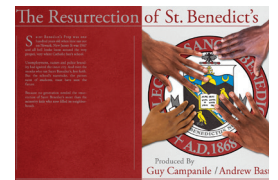
TELEVISION & CABLE: News-network or national syndication (up to 8 min.)

The Harmony Project
CBS Sunday Morning
Jane Pauley correspondent; Rand Morrison, executive producer; Dustin Stephens, producer; Lauren Barnello and Carol A. Ross editors



TELEVISION & CABLE: News-network or national syndication (8 min.+)

The Resurrection of St. Benedict's
CBS 60 Minutes
Scott Pelley, correspondent; Jeff Fager, executive producer; Guy Campanile and Andrew Bast, producers; Peter M. Berman, editor



TELEVISION & CABLE: Public Broadcasting (up to 8 mins)

Cochin Synagogue
Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Fred de Sam Lazaro, correspondent



TELEVISION & CABLE: Public Broadcasting (more than 8 mins.)

Christians Combating Anti-Muslim Sentiment
Kim Lawton, correspondent; Noelle Cwiklinski Serper, producer



**TELEVISION & CABLE:
News-local**

*Century Songs: St. Hildegard
von Bingen Schola*
WAND-TV17

Joe Astrouski reporter and
photographer



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

Religion and Democracy
CBS Television: Culture
and Religion

Elizabeth Kineke, producer;
Natalie Baxter and Elyse Kaftan
John P. Blessington senior
executive producer



**TELEVISION & CABLE:
Documentary (30 min.+)**

*The Story of God
with Morgan Freeman*

National Geographic
Morgan Freeman,
James Younger, Lori McCreary,
Michael J. Miller, Simon Andreae



**TELEVISION & CABLE:
Comedy**

black-ish

ABC Television

Kenya Barris,
creator/executive producer;
Laura Gutin Pearson,
episode writer/producer



RADIO OR PODCASTS: Single program

*The acid attack survivor who became a
comic book superhero*

CBC Tapestry,
Mary Hynes, host;
Erin Noel, and Marc Apolonio,
producers



**RADIO OR PODCASTS:
Series of programs**

The Power of Nonviolence

Human Media,
David Freudberg, writer
and producer



**RADIO OR PODCASTS:
Documentary up to 30**

*An attack backfires:
how a mosque bombing
brought Peterborough
together*

CBC Tapestry
Mary Hynes, host;
Erin Noel and Jeff Goodes
producers



Shirley Struchen, Wilbur Coordinator with Dr. Andrew (Andy)
B. Rawls, Producer of Wilbur program for over 25 years.



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