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### **BOOK CO-EDITED BY CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SENIOR FELLOW PAUL MARSHALL WINS AWARD FOR “EXCELLENCE IN THE COMMUNICATION OF RELIGIOUS ISSUES... IN THE SECULAR MEDIA.”**

Washington—Center for Religious Freedom Senior Fellow Paul Marshall was informed today that his new book, *Blind Spot: When Journalists Don’t Get Religion*, co-edited with Lela Gilbert and Roberta Green-Ahmanson, has won the Wilbur Award from the Religion Communicators Council. The award recognizes “excellence in the communication of religious issues, values and themes in the secular media.”

*Blind Spot*, recently published by Oxford University Press, analyzes news stories reported by major media sources in which key religious dimensions were ignored, overlooked, or misrepresented. These stories range from terrorism, U.S. presidential elections, to Iran, Iraq, and the papal succession. The book was sponsored by The Media Project of the Oxford Center for Religion and Public Life.

The authors argue that in today’s complex and pervasively religious world, understanding religion is vital in accurately reporting and interpreting current events and that all too frequently journalists and commentators do not take religion seriously and therefore fail to grasp the religious context of the news.

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