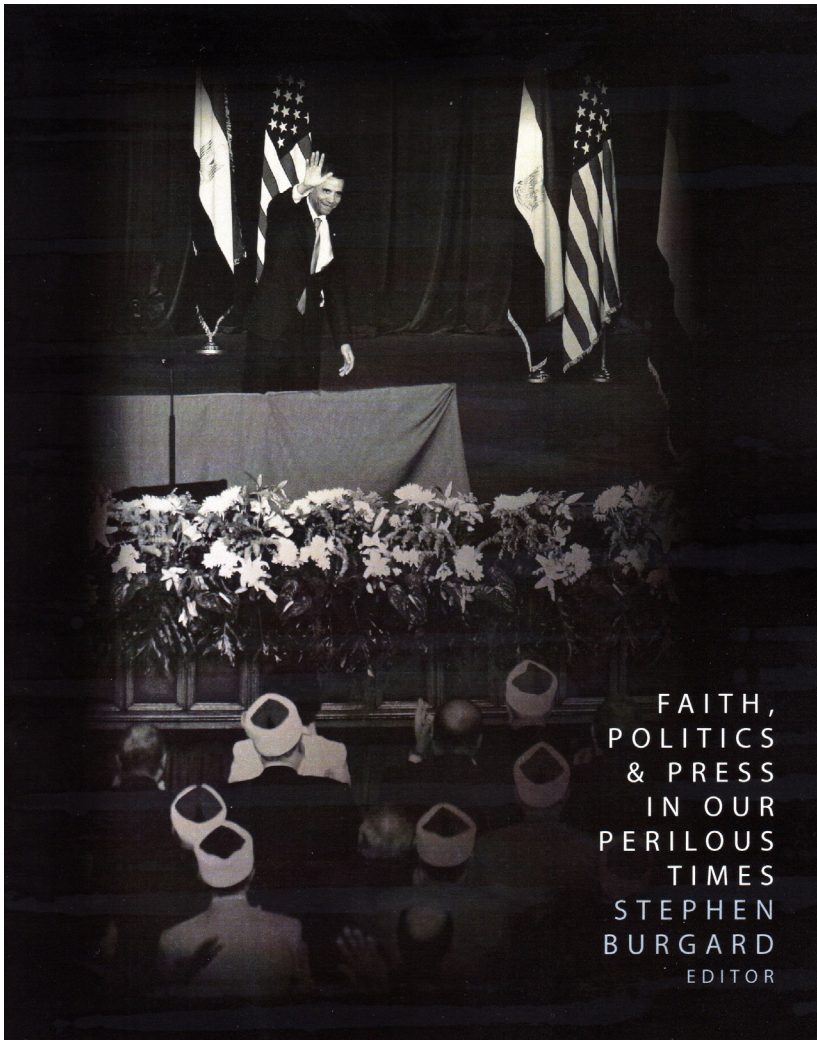

A New Book On 'Faith, Politics & Press'



Prof. Stephen Burgard, director of the School of Journalism, has edited a collection of essays entitled, "Faith, Politics & Press In Our Perilous Times." It provides guidance for journalists or policy-makers wanting to understand how religion influences the day's news. The project arises from a premise that this awareness should be part of any reporter, editor, producer or blogger's learning experience. This is especially so as news organizations have cut back on specialized beats, making it more important that generalists be prepared to field assignments where religion comes into play. It also is intended to be a resource for religion specialists, and for students who may pursue careers in international affairs, political leadership, or religion and philosophy.

Here is some of what's in the book. Phil Bennett, the Washington Post's former managing editor, writes about how one of the world's great newspapers encountered Islam after Sept. 11, 2001. Jack Miles has taken time from editing a Norton series on world religions to contribute a chapter on the religious forces in and around Iraq. Ben Hubbard, editor of the important early primer in the field,

"Reporting Religion," ties the history of the religion beat to current national events. Debra Mason of Religion\Newswriters, explains how the Internet has changed reporting on religion, and offers guidance on new resources.

The book is available from the publisher Kendall Hunt.

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