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N E W S R E L E A S E

Martin E. Marty Lecture on Religion in American Life

E.J. Dionne, Jr.

Columnist, *The Washington Post*

“Are America’s Religious Wars Ending?”

Tuesday, April 20 / 8:00 p.m. / Free
Victoria Hall

33 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara

S U M M A R Y F A C T S

- **E.J. Dionne, Jr., columnist, *The Washington Post***
- **Tuesday, April 20 / 8:00 p.m.**
- **Victoria Hall, 33 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**
- **FREE**
- **Information: Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life at UCSB (805) 893-2317**

Event Description:

After three decades during which conflicts over religion seemed so important to American politics, the country is approaching at least a truce and perhaps even something approaching peace. The severe economic crisis has pushed religious and cultural issues aside, even though Americans continue to argue about matters such as abortion and gay marriage. Evangelical Christians have broadened the scope of their political engagement, speaking more often about Christianity's commitment to the poor and the marginalized. And if some liberals once seemed uncomfortable with religion's role in public life, many are now following President Obama's lead in welcoming religious voices to the public square. Courtesy of Borders, copies of E.J. Dionne's book, *Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith and Politics after the Religious Right*, will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

Speaker Profile:

E.J. Dionne is a twice-weekly columnist for *The Washington Post*, writing on national policy and politics. Before joining *The Post* in 1990 as a political reporter, he spent 14 years at *The New York Times*, covering local, state, and national politics, and also serve as a foreign correspondent in Paris, Rome and Beirut. Dionne began his column for *The Post* in 1993. He is a University Professor at Georgetown University and a senior fellow at The Brookings Institution. Dionne has been a frequent commentator on politics for National Public Radio, ABC's "This Week," and NBC's "Meet the Press." His book, *Why Americans Hate Politics* (1991), won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and was a National Book Award nominee. He is also author of *Stand Up Fight Back: Republican Toughs, Democratic Wimps, and the Politics of Revenge* (2004), and *They Only Look Dead: Why Progressives Will Dominate The Next Political Era* (1996), *Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith and Politics after the Religious Right* (2009), and (with Lew Daly), *God's Economy: Faith-Based Initiatives and the Caring State* (2009). Dionne graduated from Harvard University and received his doctorate from Oxford.

Dionne received the American Political Science Association's annual Carey McWilliams Award in 1996 for a major journalistic contribution to the understanding of politics. In 2002, he received the Empathy Award from the Volunteers of America, and in 2004 he won the National Human Services Assembly's Award for Excellence by a Member of the Media.

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