

Bernardin Lecture 2011



Guest Speaker: E.J. Dionne

Senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a syndicated columnist for the Washington Post, and University Professor in the Foundations of Democracy and Culture at Georgetown University

As someone who knew the Cardinal personally, E.J. Dionne will bring a focus this year on the challenges today between public life and faith and the lessons from the life and work of Cardinal Bernardin. In his latest book, "Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith and Politics after the Religious Right," Dionne included a chapter on Cardinal Bernardin's life message.

Dionne researches and writes on a range of issues that include community and civil society; Elections; Politics; Polling; Faith-based initiatives; Ideology; Journalism; Public opinion; and the Role of religion in public life.

His analysis of American politics and trends of public sentiment is recognized as among the best in the business. He believes America is about to enter a new progressive era, a period of reform in government and renewed civic activism in our communities.

Topic: "Reweaving the Seamless Garment: Cardinal Bernardin's Living Legacy to American Public Life." (read working copy of text of talk [here](#))

Tuesday, Nov.1, 6:00 pm, USC Capstone Campus Room

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Dr. Mitchem, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies and of the Bernardin lecture committee, introduced the evening's event



Dr. Ann Bezuidenhout, Senior Associate Dean for Liberal Arts with the College of Arts and Sciences (left) and Provost Michael Amiridis (right) gave opening remarks.



E.J.Dionne entertained, challenged, informed, and inspired the audience of close to 400.





Steve Millies speaks with Bernardin lecture committee members, Fr. Peter Clarke and Patricia Moore-Pastides, after the lecture



E.J. Dionne visits with guests.



from left: Charles Bierbauer, Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Sciences, and co-sponsor of the Bernardin lecture in 2011 sits with lecture committee member Brad Warthen and Chair, Stephanie Mitchem at the lecture.



from left: Provost Amiridis sits with Senior Vice Provost Christine Curtis, lecture committee member Prof. Jerry Hackett, and co-sponsor of the Bernardin lecture in 2011, Samuel Tenenbaum.



Dr. John Palms, former president of USC and Bernardin lecture supporter.



from left: Dr. Mitchem, Dr. Anne Bezuidenhout, Dr. Jerry Hackett.