Sunbelt Rising: The California Origins of the Modern Evangelical Right
Friday February 17th, 2012

In a talk at USC from noon to 1pm on Thursday, March 1, Darren Dochuk—author of *From Bible Belt to Sunbelt: Plain-folk Religion, Grassroots Politics, and the Rise of Evangelical Conservatism*—will highlight some of the key (and until now, relatively hidden) political dimensions of evangelical conservatism as they emerged in Southern California in the decades following World War II. Connecting current events to deep-rooted historical trends, Dochuk will discuss Southern California evangelicalism’s ongoing influence on our politics as well as some of the innovative (and fascinating) ways that scholars, journalists and students can uncover this component of American culture in its fullest dimensions.

Darren Dochuk is Associate Professor of History at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. His first book, *From Bible Belt to Sunbelt: Plain-folk Religion, Grassroots Politics, and the Rise of Evangelical Conservatism* (Norton, 2011), tracks the emergence of evangelical politics from out of the margins of the Depression-era “Bible Belt” South into the mainstream of California’s “Sunbelt” society. It has garnered a number of awards, including the Society of American Historians’ Allan Nevins Prize and, most recently, the American Historical Association’s John H. Dunning prize.

250 Social Sciences Building (History Department), March 1, noon to 1pm. Lunch will be served. RSVP to G. Nick Street at gstreet@usc.edu.