

# Undergraduate Research Newsletter

Summer Edition (Issue 1), May 26, 2009

**May 27, 2009, 12:00 pm**  
**Samuelson Pavilion**

## Wednesday's Featured Speaker

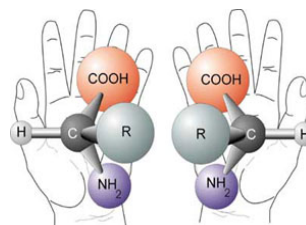
Donald Deardorff, Carl F. Braun Professor of Chemistry

*Why Medicines Are Afraid to Look in the Mirror... An Organic Chemist's Drug Problem*

Samuelson Pavilion, includes lunch! (make sure to email [urc@oxy.edu](mailto:urc@oxy.edu) if you have a special diet)



*This talk will focus on one of the greatest challenges facing the pharmaceutical industry today — the notion that drug molecules can and do exist in mirror-image forms, similar to your right and left hands. Although under casual inspection these left- and right-handed drug molecules appear identical, they may have entirely different medicinal activities. A movie clip and taste test are part of the program. No background in science is needed to enjoy the lecture. You may, however, have to lower your standards for humor.*



**May 29, 2009, 4:30-5:30 pm**

## Get Acquainted Social



Don't miss our opening social, this Friday, in Sycamore Glen! Meet your area coordinator, find out who else is on campus this summer, share ideas for weekend activities, and enjoy the provided snacks.

# Announcements

**Check Disbursement:** First stipend check will be available on Friday, 6/5. You will be notified by email about where to pick it up.

**Communication:** Make sure to check your Oxy email address and mailbox regularly for important mailings. Be sure you have made arrangements through "Student Services" (use Address Change Form) at <http://my.oxy.edu> to receive mail on campus this summer.

**Summer Fun:** Check out the newly updated calendar at <http://departments.oxy.edu/urc/about/calendar.htm> for ideas of fun things to do around LA. Coming up this weekend check out the cemetery screening of *Sleeper* or take a trip to the Norton Simon Museum (it's free!).