

undergraduate research newsletter

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wednesday luncheon

june 30th at noon in samuelson pavilion

dietary restrictions?
email urc@oxy.edu



featured speaker:

Dr. Elizabeth Boyd of the University of Arizona
Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

For this Wednesday's luncheon seminar, we will welcome Dr. Elizabeth Boyd, Assistant Vice President of Research Compliance and Policy at the University of Arizona.

She will conduct an interactive research ethics workshop for the benefit of the summer researchers, as well as speak on the subject of ethics in research.

spotlight on research student projects in progress

want to be featured?
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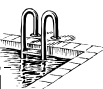
Michael Fox, Kinesiology '11 dares to question a free lunch

Though Michael Fox is working on a large-scale research project, you probably won't find him in a lab or a library any time soon. As a kinesiology major focusing on issues of public health, his chosen topic keeps him outdoors in L.A. most of the time. Fox's project, "An Examination of the Los Angeles Summer Food Service Program and its Impact on Children's Dietary Health," has him visiting public parks, where he can study the free lunch program the city provides for children under 18. Fox's project is a product of his primary interest, nutrition, combined with his faculty advisor's current interest in the public park system. Says Fox, "We [need to] look at programs like this that target children specifically, because it's important to modify dietary habits when they're young." He is "trying to determine whether this lunch program is improving the dietary health of the children or not." He started out by distributing surveys to these parks and conducting interviews with lunch program facilitators, in order to get a sense of the demographics and dietary habits of the children the program reaches, as well as the way the program functions as a whole. "One problem that I've noticed comes up pretty frequently is a huge lack of funding for the program... they've had to eliminate a lot of the free lunches because of the economy." Fox knows that his research has significance in a context larger than Oxy, and doesn't feel limited to just the summer research program as a platform for his findings. "I would like to publish [my results] at some point...Information like this can show us where problems with this program lie, and what we need to do to improve it."

fun weekend ideas upcoming events in the LA area

need help getting around?
plan your trip on public transit at Metro.net

**pool party
at taylor pool**
there will be snacks!
wednesday june 30th, 5-6 pm



hip-hop class
debbie reynolds dance studio
saturday, july 3
leaving at 11:45, returning by 2:15
required deposit of \$5
email adeneui@oxy.edu to sign up



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beauty pageant**
july 4th - free to watch!
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