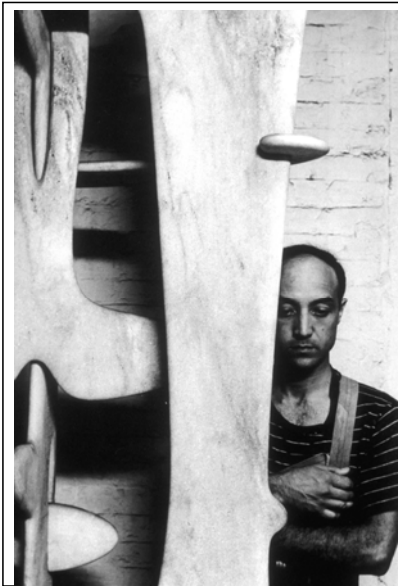


# Undergraduate Research Newsletter



## Dr. Amy Lyford, AHVA

"Art as Social Action: Exploring the career of Isamu Noguchi"

Prof. Lyford will discuss material from her forthcoming book, "Negotiating Labor, Race, and Nation: Isamu Noguchi's Modernism, 1930-1950" (University of California Press, 2012). Although known today primarily for his designs for modern furniture, Noguchi was an eclectic, prolific, and socially-committed American artist who wanted his work to make a difference to society. In her remarks, Prof. Lyford will explore the origins and methodology of her research on Noguchi, and share a few examples of Noguchi's efforts to wield his art as a tool for social change.

Lower Herrick. Dietary Restrictions? Email [urc@oxy.edu](mailto:urc@oxy.edu).

## Danielle Caban Braves Summer Camp for Research

Danielle Caban is a Cognitive Science major going into her senior year at Occidental College. Last semester Caban proposed a project documenting the impact of exposure to nature on children. In order to complete her study Caban must travel to a summer camp and recruit campers to participate in her project. "I am studying children who are attending camp at the Audubon Center at Debs park. My participants range from the ages of 6-10 years old," Caban said via email.

Her project hasn't gone completely according to plan. "With kids you never really know what to expect. One thing that I had not anticipated was children who were given permission to participate by their parents but when asked to, refused themselves," said Caban.

Luckily Caban's mentor, Diana Linden, has helped her project evolve. "She had helped me get around the difficulties I have had in terms of getting children to participate, not making the other children feel left out, and has helped to answer the multitude of questions that arise. Although she is not on site with me, I don't think I could have done this project without her guidance," explained Caban.

# Events

### Tuesday Night Hikes

Griffith Park

Free

Tuesdays 7pm

### Dance Right

La Cita

Free

Thursday

10pm-2am

### Free Fourth Friday

Pacific Asia Museum

Free

Friday, All Day