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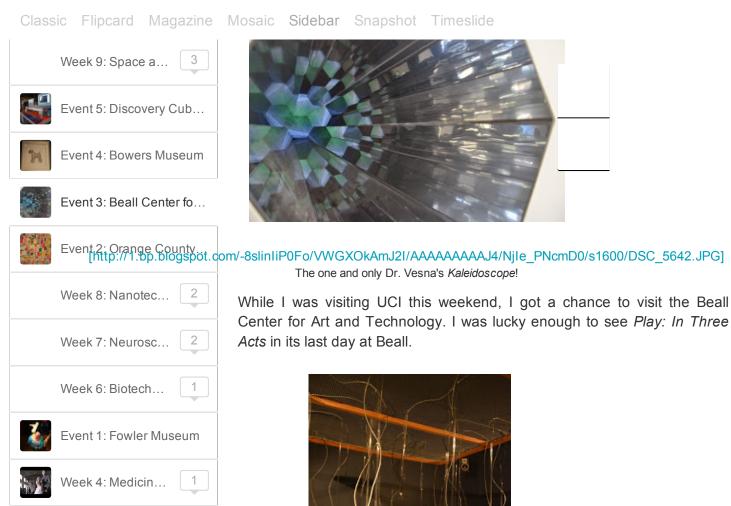
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[http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-SbePEDRPtaA/VWGXHMeu5jI/AAAAAAAAAAJs/Ee72EGiFxyA/s1600/DSC_5631.JPG] Body Envelope, 2012-15

I first got to experience Nina Waisman's *Body Envelope* which consisted of hanging sensors that, when activated by movement, plays sounds that can get louder, softer, faster, or slower depending on the movement. I

appreciated how Waisman's past experience as a dancer influenced this piece and the rest of her work. I am excited to see more of her work and her exploration on "how might technologically-inflected forms and gestures Dynamic Views template. Powered by Blogger. ; we connect to when

we move with technology".



[http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-NVgaGW_ZxiM/VWGXGQEcqUI/AAAAAAAAJg/Mm2wnxDrPIo/s1600/DSC_5636.JPG] Light Wave, 2013 is best experienced with someone on the other end

Following this was Joe McKay's *Light Wave*, which was a fun game consisting of using hammers to send a light back and forth through a line of lamps. I was interested in how when you were playing the game, you had to make a choice to either continue playing with the other person or win, which reminded me of game theory and the prisoner's dilemma, a mathematical model that examines the scenarios in which you could cooperate with someone or defect for your own benefit.

Last was David Rokeby's *Dark Matter* in which you enter through a curtain into a completely dark space. As you move through the space, sensors pick up your movements and play sounds. Though this was similar to *Body Envelope* in that it involved sound based on movement, the extra element of the dark was, in my opinion, more effective in provoking conscientiousness of one's body.

I enjoyed how each piece made me more aware of my own body using sensors derived from medical technology, whether it was through coordinating my movements with *Body Envelope* and *Light Wave* or having to really concentrate on keeping my balance and being aware of where my body was in space with *Dark Matter*. The exhibition helped add a new facet to the material we learned on medtech and it was clear how each piece used technology to convey a message. I had a great time at Beall, so I highly recommend this place to anybody who happens to be on the UCI campus during its hours.



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The girl working at Beall today was very helpful in explaining how each piece worked



[http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-_IDKS_dl6xc/VWGXPNe3z8I/AAAAAAAAAAJ8/X6GTRcnm93E/s1600/DSC_5643.JPG] The conclusion of a nice day of museum-hopping!

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