

J U S T I N A D A M S O N

**Johnson Student Center
Occidental College**

Completion October 2013
Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, California
55,000 square feet



At the heart of the Occidental College Campus, The Johnson Student Center realizes institutional objectives in architectural form. Form follows function, allowing for open, bright, and collaborative environments that encourage the exchange of ideas.

Founded in 1887, Occidental College boasts a long history of investment in design. The campus master plan and original 1928 student union (later becoming the JSC) were designed by famed Southern California architect Myron Hunt. The architectural challenge in re-imagining the building's interior in 2013 was to honor the past while meeting current needs.

Interior walls were removed to create an open-concept reception and central student lounge/meeting space. Glass walls at the perimeter separate offices without blocking light or visual connection between occupants.

New architectural lighting artfully illuminates the space and accentuates the view axis through the building's center. An undulating pattern is repeated in multiple materials, lighting, wood, and stone. Rhythm in both dramatic and subtle applications maintains design continuity while invigorating the atmosphere.