

Outdoor Sculptures on Campus



Michihiro Kosuge "Three Elements"

Installed in: September 2000

Location: West entrance to Hamersly Library.

Professor of Art at Portland State University, Michihiro Kosuge, used different textures and rock types to express the relationship between man-made and natural textures in his piece. There are three portions to his work "Three Elements", one of which is a boulder made of black Sierra granite nearest the southern retaining wall. The second portion of this collection is a large sculpture made of basalt rock from the Columbia River Gorge, with polished markings resembling a winter tree shape. The final most central piece of the collection is the large pillar-like feature in the center of the entrance made of different kinds of stone and shapes. The top stone that resembles a narrowing cube, flattening a sphere is made of white Sierra granite, where the middle portion is made of black Sierra granite, and the base is constructed of basalt rock.

Kosuge hoped that the viewer would discover the sculpture by enjoying its scale and texture, along with its relationship with the varying weather climates.

Funding provided by Percent for Art.