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Odile Ayral-Clause To Talk On French Sculptor Camille Claudel

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Odile Ayral Clause, French professor, will be giving a talk on "The Passionate Life and Art of Camille Claudel" Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. in the Chumash Auditorium of the University Union.

Clause wrote a book about the struggling sculptor called Camille Claudel: A Life. Claudel was Auguste Rodin's muse, lover and most trusted assistant, and she had artistic aspirations of her own, according to Clause. However, in 19th Century Paris women's work was not highly valued, and Claudel's sensual sculptures were dismissed by much of the art world.

The Kennedy Library, Women's Studies Program and Writing Skills Center will sponsor the event.

Visitors are reminded that weekday parking at Cal Poly can be difficult, and requires a parking permit.

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