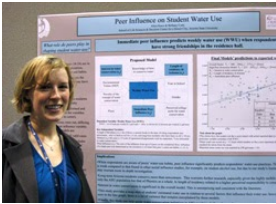
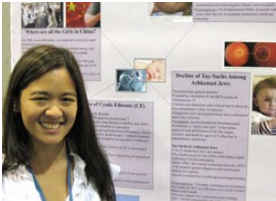


# AAAS and Center for Biology and Society

## 2010 AAAS Students

<p><b>Ellen Dupont</b></p>	<p>"The AAAS conference was like Christmas in February! With sessions on everything from astronomy to zoology, there was something for everyone. Presenting my own research was an edifying experience (and not a bad résumé-builder either), but every aspect of the trip was a success. San Diego was beautiful, the AAAS meeting and sessions were fascinating, the hotel was perfect, and the group of ASU students, staff, and faculty made the trip both informative and, more importantly, fun! Needless to say, I had an amazing time."</p>
<p><b>Lauren Imbornoni</b></p> <p><b>Awarded the AAAS Poster Competition Honorable Mention in the Developmental Biology, Physiology, and Immunology category</b></p>	<p>"The AAAS Conference was an amazing opportunity to meet other students, learn about their research, and share my own research. I enjoyed attending the seminars, especially working as a session aid, which gave me a chance to meet and speak with the presenters beforehand. The Center for Biology and Society did a great job planning and organizing this trip and I'm grateful that I had the chance to go!"</p>
 <p><b>Allyn Knox</b></p> <p><b>Awarded the AAAS</b></p>	<p>"Going to AAAS was an amazing experience. The talks were interesting; presenting my poster and getting feedback was constructive and gave me direction for my thesis. Finally, I got to know some amazing peers whom I would not otherwise know, even though we have class together."</p>

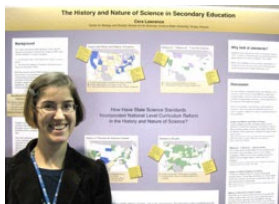
<p><b>Poster Competition Honorable Mention in the Social Services category</b></p>	
<p><b>Josh Niska</b></p>	<p>"Without the support of the Center for Biology and Society, I would not have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in an international meeting of the magnitude and scope of the 2010 AAAS Annual Meeting. Everyone with whom I spoke at the Student Poster Competition provided great feedback on my research; I even met two journalists from Italy who would like to publish my work in their magazine!"</p>
<p><b>Samuel Philbrick</b></p>	<p>"Seeing the research of prominent scientists and having my own work held up to the scrutiny of professionals and students challenged me to think about how to further develop my thesis. It was great getting to know so many other students from ASU and across the country who enjoy science and research!"</p>
<p><b>Jose Rios</b></p> <p><b>Winner AAAS Poster Competition in Math, Technology and Engineering</b></p>	<p>"Being able to talk to people during the poster presentation helped me understand my research even better. The questions from people made me think about things that I had not thought of before. Also, networking with people that are part of other ASU programs was very enjoyable."</p>
	<p>"This was the first international conference I have attended, and it was one of the most eye-opening and humbling experiences I ever had. At this conference, I attended a number of symposiums given by those at the forefront of their fields, and kept me captivated in subjects I previously did not give a second thought to when they were taught in my</p>

**Tian (Annie) Zhu**

undergraduate classes. I also had the opportunity to speak with various other students from universities across the country, and several scientists well experienced in their fields who came to the conference to speak about their research. The highlight of this conference was when I was able to talk about my thesis project with Francis Collins, the Director of the NIH!"

**Eric Anderson**

"Attending the AAAS annual meeting allowed me to experience science at its highest level. It was great to have the opportunity to hear presentations from and network with scientists who are among the best in their field on a national or often global scale. Being exposed to a wide range of scientific fields beyond the scope of my personal research interests has given me the opportunity to draw connections between a number of scientific fields that I had never seen before."



**Cara Lawrence**

**Graduate student**

"I feel extraordinarily lucky to be able to attend the biggest science conference in the United States with not only the support of my department, but with a cohort of faculty, colleagues, and students. Being a session aide allowed me to attend presentations on current developments in science education and speak with scientists and professionals in the field, which has informed the direction of my thesis research. Learning how to take advantage of collegiality this early in my career is an enormous benefit. Plus, it was wicked fun."



**Katherine Liu**

"Attending the AAAS Annual Meeting was a great opportunity to not only hear about new and exciting topics of research but also for networking with experts in any given field of study. I feel extremely fortunate to have been able to engage in conversations about my thesis and other academic interests with researchers from a diversity of intellectual backgrounds. The interdisciplinarity and internationality of this meeting truly

**Graduate student**

results in a unique and academically stimulating environment. I appreciate the support of the Center for Biology and Society, ASU School of Life Sciences, and AAAS Section L.”