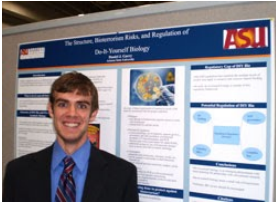
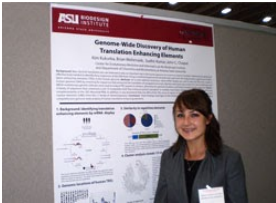


# AAAS and Center for Biology and Society

## 2011 AAAS Students

<p><b>Trent Bowen</b></p> <p><b>Poster Competition Honorable Mention: Social Sciences category</b></p>	<p>"Huge thanks to the Center for Biology and Society and The Barrett Honors College for the enriching opportunity to both attend and present a poster at the AAAS conference! I enjoyed receiving valuable feedback about my research from talking to other students and professors. Plus, I attended a handful of seminars presenting interesting science topics across a realm of disciplines."</p>
<p><b>Jennifer Gamboa</b></p>	<p>"The AAAS conference was a great scientific experience. I attended lectures of many notable scientists and learned a lot about topics related to my research interests. It also gave me the opportunity to discuss my research with other scientists and learn from the suggestions."</p>
 <p><b>Daniel Garry</b></p>	<p>"I had a great time at the AAAS meeting. I was completely free to go to a number of interesting lectures across all the scientific disciplines and I enjoyed presenting my poster while at the same time seeing the work done by other undergraduates from all across the country."</p>
	<p>"The AAAS Annual Meeting was an incredible opportunity to present my research and learn from scientists in the forefront of their field. I gained invaluable experience presenting my undergraduate research project to a broad international audience and received great feedback from other students and professionals. In addition, the "Science Without Borders" theme of the conference ensured that I was exposed to a wide</p>

**Kimberly Kukurba**

**Poster Competition  
Winner: Tied first  
place in the  
Cellular and  
Molecular Biology  
category**

range of topics beyond the scope of my personal interests. I'm grateful that the Barrett Honors College and Center for Biology and Society provided this opportunity!"



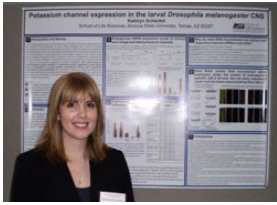
**Catherine May**

"A profound thing happened to me at the AAAS meetings. As I began to explore a variety of interdisciplinary lectures, I began to see a common thread, underlying the sciences. The prospect of a new area of research using "Virtual Synthetic Biology" conjured up excitement and unbridled creativity. As I began thinking about the possibility for a new age of collaboration, using an open-source interdisciplinary repository, which may increase communication between the disciplines and begin to unite the various sciences."

**Aida  
Mohammadreza**

**Poster Competition  
Winner: Tied first  
place in the  
Cellular and  
Molecular Biology  
category**

"Going to the conference was a spectacular experience! As a session aide, I had the opportunity to network with scientists and professors from around the country during the topical lectures. The specialized seminars also demonstrated the benefits of combining science and engineering in order to solve problems. The poster competition was a great way to meet students doing research in various disciplines. It was very exciting to talk and learn from students who were interested in the same field of research as I was! I loved traveling with my peers and discussing our intense judging sessions and presentations. It was an unforgettable trip."



**Kathryn Scheckel**

"Attending the prestigious 2011 AAAS Conference provided me with the ability to hear from some of the most exciting and fascinating researchers from across the country, as well as to gain valuable experience presenting my own research and engaging in productive and insightful discussions about my work with other visiting professors. This opportunity will be invaluable to me in my future graduate endeavors."

**Danielle Shaffer**

"Coming from the background of sustainability where interdisciplinary research is highly encouraged, AAAS was a wonderful experience to not only become informed about how other fields are integrating sustainability into their work but also having the opportunity to talk one-on-one with these experts. I was energized and inspired at the conference by the enthusiasm and hunger for knowledge that everyone displayed. It is an experience I am thankful for and will never forget!"

**Hansa Thompson**

**Poster Competition  
Honorable Mention:  
Medicine & Public  
Health category**

"The world today is increasingly revolving around communication and new ideas. Appropriately, this year's AAAS conference, themed "Science Without Borders", brought together scientists from around the world with expertise in subjects that I've never heard of. I am extremely thankful to the various groups within ASU that allowed for this opportunity to go to Washington D.C."

**Erica Warkus**

"My experience at AAAS 2011 was amazing and completely beyond the scope of what I expected. I was given the opportunity to listen to the forefronts of current research in all fields of science, and later I had the chance to talk with the researchers in person. The experience broadened my understanding of the possibilities available when problems are examined from a variety of ways of thinking."

**Erica O'Neil**

**Graduate student  
poster participant**

“Attending the annual AAAS conference in Washington, D.C., was an enriching opportunity that allowed me to participate and observe the scientific community at a national level. Working as a session aide presented an excellent opportunity to network with academic professionals and other students. It also allowed me to participate in the AAAS student poster competition, which was an edifying experience from both a personal and professional standpoint. I would highly recommend the AAAS to any science-minded student! The interdisciplinarity and breadth of the seminars really helped to refine my own research interests as a graduate student in Biology and Society.”