

# AAAS and Center for Biology and Society

## 2012 AAAS Students



**Natalie Antonios**

"It was an honor to attend the 2012 AAAS conference in Vancouver! I attended numerous lectures touching on various aspects of science including discussions about the behavior of primates, the new age of birth control, innovative networks to effectively teach biology, and learning about cutting edge medical research and diagnostics. It was eye-opening to be surrounded by so many outstanding scientists who were passionate about their research, and so effective in communicating their work. That is what AAAS is all about--unifying the many disciplines of science, and sharing new information. It was such an incredible experience to be a part of this process."



**Ross  
Bennett-Kennett**

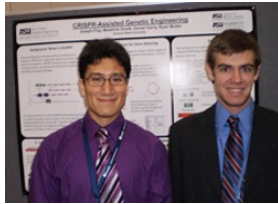
"The AAAS meeting provided a wonderful three-fold learning experience. The symposiums exposed me to the state of international research in my own field and on unrelated but interesting new topics; the poster presentation provided me with stimulating discussion that has forced me to be confident and clear about my own research, and the experience with my peers confirmed my expectations that ASU is filled with high caliber researchers who I would be honored to work with in the future. Thank you Barrett and the Center of Biology and Society for allowing me to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity."



**Sean Cohmer**

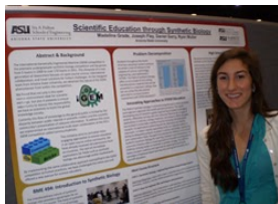
"The 2012 AAAS Conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada was a tremendously influential opportunity for me and the rest of the twelve Arizona State University undergraduates who were able to attend. With generous support from the Center for Biology and Society and The Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, our experience at the conference was one that will resonate with us for some time. For me personally, despite

having many previous opportunities to communicate in a professional setting, this was my first experience with an international science conference."



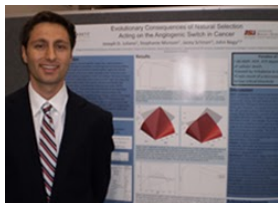
**Joseph Flay**  
**(pictured),**  
**Madeline Grade,**  
**Daniel Garry**  
**(pictured), Ryan**  
**Muller**

"The highly expansive and interdisciplinary nature of modern-day science is no more apparent than at the AAAS annual meeting. At this year's annual meeting I helped present our group's poster, conversed with knowledgeable scientists, experienced thought-provoking paradigm shifts, and enjoyed a vast array of lectures ranging from chemical evolution to molecular motors to quantum computing. I am truly grateful to have been a part of this unique experience made possible by the Center for Biology and Society, The Barrett Honors College, and the Undergraduate Student Government and I hope to participate again in future years." Ryan Muller



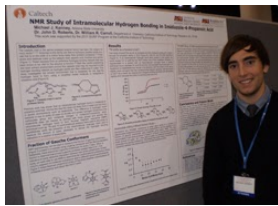
**Madeline Grade**  
**(pictured), Joseph**  
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**Ryan Muller**

"The AAAS Conference was fantastic! Thank you so much to Barrett and The Center for Biology and Society for the opportunity to learn about research across all disciplines of science. Attending lectures and speaking with researchers both within and outside my areas of expertise was incredibly enriching." Madeline Grade



**Joseph D. Juliano**  
**(pictured),**  
**Stephanie Munson,**  
**Jacey Schnorr,**  
**John Nagy**

AAAS was an incredibly exciting and insightful opportunity. I had the chance to have my work critiqued from scientists across all disciplines and have come back with new ideas and avenues to test. Not only was I able to improve my own research, but also I formed contacts and networked with professors from universities all across the United States." Joseph Juliano



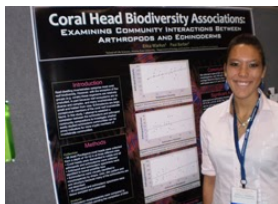
**Michael J. Kenney**

"Attending the AAAS meeting was a terrific experience. I was able to hear lectures on everything from attosecond pulse lasers to the large hadron collider. Also, the opportunity to talk with other scientists about my work was very rewarding."

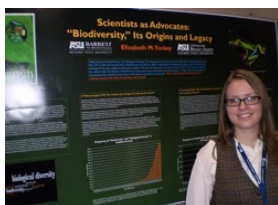


**Michelle K. Schmoker,**  
**(pictured) Elizabeth M. Cook, Stephanie Amaru**

"I was honored to represent ASU at the AAAS conference this year. Not only did my peers and I get to enjoy the gorgeous city of Vancouver, but we were also given a fantastic opportunity to present our research to an international audience. This was truly a once in a lifetime experience and I give my sincerest thanks to the Center for Biology and Society for supporting my attendance." Michelle Schmoker



**Erica Warkus**



**Elizabeth Yockey**

"My participation in the student poster competition at AAAS afforded me the opportunity to receive invaluable feedback from professors at other universities. It also allowed me to travel to a foreign city and have an amazing experience. This trip was one of the key events that majorly enhanced my undergraduate education. This wonderful event has allowed me to refine and reflect on my undergraduate education as well as to develop new ideas for potential graduate projects, an opportunity I would not have been able to have without the generous support from the Center for Biology and Society, the people in the Center, Barrett, and Section L of AAAS. This

wonderfully rich interdisciplinary meeting afforded me knowledge as I have never experienced."