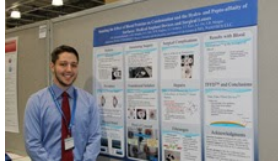


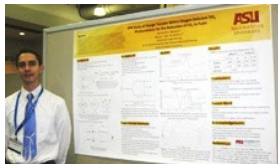
# AAAS and Center for Biology and Society

## 2013 AAAS Students



**Ross  
Bennett-Kennett**

"I really enjoyed travelling with ASU to Boston this year for the 2013 AAAS meeting. Events like this one pose an exciting opportunity to hear community feedback on my work, an opportunity not afforded to most undergraduates. I also went to see a talk on how to make tomatoes taste super sweet. They handed out candy, and it was a really enlightening opportunity to branch out of my own area of focus. Boston was wonderful, and I want to thank Barrett for the travel and Michael Crow for the wonderful dinner. Thank you so much."

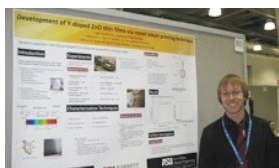


**Zach Berkson**  
Honorable mention  
in Math,  
Technology, and  
Engineering

"The AAAS conference in Boston was a great opportunity for me. Not only was I afforded the opportunity to present my research alongside my peers, but I had the chance to explore cutting-edge research in every area of science, from robotics to sustainability. While so large as to be almost overwhelming, I had no trouble finding multiple seminars, symposia, and workshops that fit directly into my interests. I was honored to represent ASU in the national arena and thank the Center for Biology and Society and Barrett, the Honors College for their support."

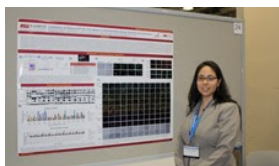
**Elizabeth Brito**  
Winning poster in  
Medicine and  
Public Health

"The AAAS Conference provided both an enjoyable and excellent learning experience. I had the opportunity to interact with students and researchers of varying scientific backgrounds. The conference provided many lectures where I was able to learn about innovative research projects and learn about fields of work outside of my own. In addition, I was able to present my research project to an out-of-field audience, where I was given ideas to expand my work. I am extremely grateful that I was given this great opportunity to participate and attend the AAAS Conference. Thank you Barrett and the Center of Biology and Society!"



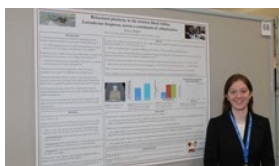
**Joe Carpenter**

"AAAS was my first conference, and I think I picked a great one for it. I was inspired by professors working on "modern alchemy," cancer detection, improving graduate school, helping proposal writing, and laser scientists working with 1 sextillionth of a second. Most meaningful to me were the tips I got for my project both on next steps and on presentation. A man working in thin film suggested how I could use something as simple as plastic wrap to extend my experiments with my ink-jet printed thin films. Thank you Barrett and SOLS for letting me partake of this experience."



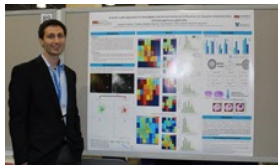
**Mayra Guzman**

"Attending the AAAS conference was a great opportunity for me. I got valuable input from researchers in my area of study from making my data more understandable to helping me think through my ideas. The sessions were on a wide array of topics and even those that I watched on cancer addressed treatments options I have never heard before. I was able to talk to other students who were also presenting posters on different areas of breast cancer."



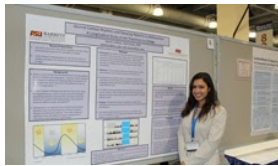
**Rebecca Halpin**

"Attending AAAS was an amazing experience and provided me with an opportunity to grow as scientist, student, and person. The daily seminars allowed me to delve deeper into subjects that I already had some knowledge of and begin accruing knowledge about subjects I had never even heard of, the student poster session provided me with the opportunity to assertively present my own research, and four days spent in Boston allowed me to experience the east coast culture and reminded me that those that work hard should also make time to play hard. Special thanks to my thesis director and research mentor, Dr. Chad Johnson, for encouraging me to participate in this opportunity and to both Barrett the Honors College and the Center of Biology and Society for making this trip possible."



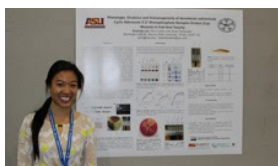
**Joseph Juliano**

"I had a great experience at the 2013 AAAS conference. Thank you so much for the support from Barrett and the Center for Biology and Society for the opportunity to learn about research across so many different disciplines. I was able to come back from the experience filled with new insights I learned from other areas that I could apply to my own. Also, throughout the conference I was able to network with many other scientists, which was a terrific opportunity."



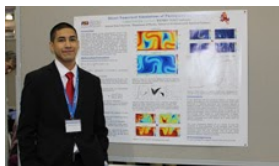
**Devon Lathrop**

"I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the AAAS conference in Boston this year. Speaking with both professional researchers and students who represented all areas of science was both rewarding and exciting because everyone was so passionate about their work. While presenting my poster, I was able to interact with people from various disciplines who provided stimulating discussions and asked thought-provoking questions. It was a gratifying feeling to know that my research project was as interesting to others as it was to me! A huge thank you to the Center for Biology and Society and Barrett, the Honors College at ASU for awarding me this unforgettable experience."



**Amanda Loh**

"Attending AAAS was a fantastically unique experience. I attended a lecture on The Bases of Human Language led by Steven Pinker. I explained my poster on the genetics of fish vaccine development to judges, all three of which had backgrounds in geology. And I listened to my peers present posters on everything from deriving mathematical models to predict ocean flow and algal growth to black widow spiders responding to urbanization in Phoenix. Few conferences can boast such a wide range of scientific topics explained by experts in the field yet tailored to the layperson. Thank you Barrett, for an incredibly enriching opportunity."



**Christopher Luna**  
**Winning poster in**  
**Math, Technology,**  
**and Engineering**

"I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the AAAS 2013 annual meeting. I had never presented at a poster session, or attended a similar scientific conference, so it was almost a perceptual overload considering the fact that I had never been to the New England area either! I really enjoyed being able to attend lectures and network with professionals but, most of all, it was an absolute joy to present my poster at the session! I was admittedly a bit nervous, but once I got into the swing of things, I found it to be especially rewarding when people would ask questions and seem genuinely interested in my work. In closing, I would like to sincerely thank those at the Barrett Honors College, the people at the Center for Biology and Society, and my research mentor Dr. Wenbo Tang for making this conference a possibility for me!"