

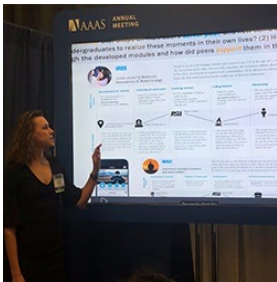
# AAAS and Center for Biology and Society

## 2019 Meeting

Each year, the **Center for Biology and Society** and **Barrett, the Honors College** at Arizona State University send undergraduate researchers as representatives to the American Association for the Advancement of Science conference.



## 2019 AAAS Students

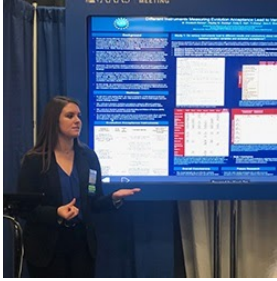


**Delaney Bunker**

"At AAAS, I was able to engage with and learn from researchers across a wide range of disciplines, providing me new and exciting ideas. My undergraduate path has shaped me to be a mix of both a natural and social sciences student, so it was inspiring to see these two worlds collaborate at such a high level!"

**Katelyn Dinkel**

"This experience was not only very fun but very educational. I got to learn a lot about the fields I'm interested in while also getting to show research of my own. It was also great getting to know everyone in the group and their research as well!"



**Hayley Dunlop**

"AAAS was a wonderful opportunity to practice my science communication skills and to network with public health professionals from all around the world. I learned so much about topics ranging from science education to food waste to flu vaccines, and I feel that attending this conference was a perfect way to round out my education in SOLS and Barrett at ASU."



**Rachael King**

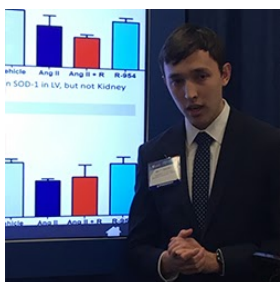
"The AAAS was such an amazing opportunity to be part of the scientific community. I was so honored to present my own research and enjoyed all the conversations I had with other researchers from around the world. I learned so much and I am so excited to participate in more conferences in the future!"



**Emily Santora**

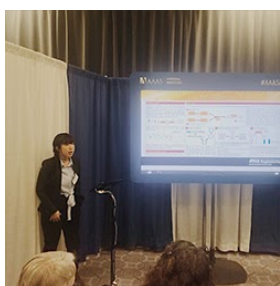
Winner of the 2019  
AAAS Student  
E-Poster  
Competition in the  
Social Sciences  
category

"Attending the AAAS meeting allowed me the opportunity to learn new and innovative ideas from my peers across different fields and disciplines, which was a very enriching experience. Also, I was able to speak about my own research and be challenged to think about my project in different ways that I hadn't previously given thought to."



**Matthew Siegel**

"I am truly grateful that I was able to participate and present at the AAAS annual meeting. The opportunity to prepare and present, network, and become immersed in the powerful and encouraging atmosphere and ideas that were shared has and will positively impact my life and the way that I view myself as a learning scientist."



**Esther Sim**

"The AAAS Meeting was an amazing opportunity to network and meet likeminded, driven students, as well as professionals working in research and policy. The meeting has really allowed me to see the opportunities for growth within science policy, which is an interest of mine, and I was able to get great feedback on my poster and presentation. Overall, this meeting has allowed me to not only meet amazing people, but also envision a potential path for my future that I had not previously considered."




**Andrej Sodoma**

"When I first arrived at the meeting, I was worried that my topic, Glioblastoma, was too niche for a conference as broad as this one and my lack of experience with presenting would leave the judges underwhelmed. However, the size of AAAS provided experts from all areas, even mine, and my Barrett schoolmates supported me through the entire process, making AAAS well worth it. Overall, the combination of great minds, variety, Barrett, and the beautiful city of Washington D.C. made this trip an experience to remember."

**Margaret Zheng**

"AAAS was such an incredible opportunity to share research and communicate with other scientists. I really enjoy that AAAS is a general science conference because it allows me to learn about other fields expand beyond my own research focus. I'm

	<p>extremely thankful for getting a chance to participate, and it was a great learning experience."</p>
<div data-bbox="228 420 508 669">A photograph of Meilin Zhu, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a patterned scarf and a dark jacket, standing at a podium and presenting. She is holding a small object in her hands. In the foreground, the back of a person's head with blonde hair is visible, looking towards the presenter.</div> <div data-bbox="228 709 373 743"><p><b>Meilin Zhu</b></p></div> <div data-bbox="228 781 503 980"><p>Honorable Mention in the Developmental Biology, Physiology and Immunology category.</p></div>	<p>"I really enjoyed having the opportunity to present my research to a general science audience. AAAS is such a large conference, which allowed me to network with fellow researchers along with individuals involved in policy. After my presentation, a Science and Technology AAAS fellow reached out to me to speak more about my work, and I also got to meet with some graduate students at programs I am interviewing at this semester."</p>