Our scholars, like Leonardo DaVinci, span the disciplinary spectrum from artistic excellence to technical ingenuity—from astute cultural interpretations to scientific precision. Much as each specialized unit of the anatomy contributes to the whole, separate students have coalesced into a scholarly body—a community of inquiry enriched by contrasting disciplinary perspectives. Please come witness the fruition of the Haas Scholars’ individual and collective achievements.

Poetry Exhibit
(public airing) poems
Lijia Xie
FRIDAY, MAY 1
During the conference
Members Lounge
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SATURDAY, MAY 2
During the conference
The Drawing Room
The Berkeley City Club

Film Screening and Discussion
The MeKong River (Song Me Kong)
Seryna Thai
FRIDAY, MAY 1
7:15–8:15
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Members Lounge, The Berkeley City Club
10:00–10:30 Welcome and Coffee
10:30–12:00 Conflated Genres: Narratives of Performance, Affect, and Memory
Chair: Professor Geoffrey O'Brien, English
Lijia Xie (Interdisciplinary Studies Field major)
Beyond Holding Up the Sky: Beijing Women in the Era of the Olympic Games
Sponsor: Professor Geoffrey O'Brien, English
Kyle Rentschler (Film Studies major)
8-Bit Teardrops: A History of Melodrama in Video Games
Sponsor: Professor Linda Williams, Film Studies and Rhetoric
Seryna Thai (Film Studies major)
The MeKong River (Song Me Kong)
Sponsor: Professor Kristen Whissel, Film Studies
12:00–1:30 Lunch, The Berkeley City Club Terrace,
in honor of the 2008–2009 Haas Scholars and Mentors
1:30–2:30 Perception of the Social Self: Responsibility and Relationships
Chair: Professor Ozlem Atyuk, Psychology
Pei (Tony) Zhao (Philosophy major)
Moral Responsibility and Determinism
Sponsor: Professor R. Jay Wallace, Philosophy
A. Nicholas Santascoby (Psychology major)
Rejection Sensitivity and Gratitude
Sponsor: Professor Ozlem Atyuk, Psychology
2:45–4:15 Culture and Economy: Post-Conflict Identities, Discrimination, and Consumerism
Chair: Professor Laurie Wilke, Anthropology
Evarosa Holt-Rusmore (Interdisciplinary Studies Field major, Global Poverty and Practice minor)
Youth Reintegration in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone
Sponsor: Professor Mariane Ferme, Anthropology
Mehmet Selek (Economics and Arabic major)
The Scarves of Choice: Headscarf Discrimination in the Turkish Labor Market
Sponsor: Adjunct Professor David Roland-Holst, Agricultural and Resource Economics
Jessica Merizian (Anthropology major)
Families and Frontier Boys: An Archaeology of Consumerism and Identity
Construction in a Mid-20th Century California Community
Sponsor: Professor Laurie Wilke, Anthropology
4:30–6:00 Finding and Characterizing the Missing Link: Promoters and Proteins
Chair: Professor J. Christopher Anderson, Bioengineering
Kyle Dunbar (Chemical Biology major)
Engineering Escherichia coli for Production of Alternative Fuels
Sponsor: Professor Michelle Chang, Chemistry
Samantha Liang (Bioengineering major)
Development of a Memory Selection Device for Engineering Bacteria
Sponsor: Professor J. Christopher Anderson, Bioengineering
Jason (Mingen) Liu (Plant and Microbial Biology major)
*Development of New Genetic Techniques for Studying Photosynthesis in Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*
Sponsor: Professor Krishna Niyogi, Plant and Microbial Biology

6:00–7:15 **New Scholars’ Reception, The Berkeley City Club Terrace**, in honor of the 2009–2010 Haas Scholars and Mentors

7:15–8:15 **Film Screening and Discussion with Director**
Seryna Thai: *The MeKong River (Song Me Kong)*

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**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

**The Drawing Room, The Berkeley City Club**

10:00–10:30 **Welcome and Coffee**

10:30–12:00 **Detect, Recognize, Classify**
Chair: Professor Thomas Griffiths, Psychology

James Jung Lee (Engineering Physics major)
*Development of Time-Resolving Magnetometers with Single-Spin Sensitivity*
Sponsor: Professor Irfan Siddiqi, Physics

Joseph J. Lim (Computer Science and Applied Mathematics major)
*Object Recognition by Contour Extraction*
Sponsor: Professor Jitendra Malik, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Jason B. Martin (Cognitive Science and Statistics major)
*A Walk Through Face Space: Affect Classification Using Markov Chain Monte Carlo*
Sponsor: Professor Thomas Griffiths, Psychology

12:00–12:45 **Light Lunch, The Berkeley City Club Terrace**

12:45–2:15 **Structural Transformations**
Chair: Professor Irina Conboy, Bioengineering

Say Tar Goh (Molecular and Cell Biology major)
*Characterization of DNA Damage Repair in Myogenic Precursors*
Sponsor: Professor Irina Conboy, Bioengineering

Geoffrey Brookshire (Psychology major)
*Things Are Looking Up: How We Use Spatial Concepts to Think About Emotions*
Sponsor: Professor Richard Ivry, Psychology

Allen Kwong (Molecular and Cell Biology major)
*Steric Constraints on Anthrax Toxin Translation*
Sponsor: Professor Bryan Krantz, Molecular and Cell Biology

2:30–4:00 **Exploring the Body, Exploring the Psyche: The Individual and Society in Healing and Visual Arts**
Chair: Professor Darcy Grimaldo Grigsby, History of Art

Sina Akhavan (Integrative Biology major)
*Curses, Invocations? An Investigation into the Medical Ethnobotany of the Kosovo Roma*
Sponsor: Professor Thomas Carlson, Integrative Biology

Jaimee Comstock-Skipp (Near Eastern Studies and History of Art major)
*Redefining Orientalism in British Artistic Representations of the Sultan Hassan Mosque in Cairo*
Sponsor: Professor Margaret Larkin, Near Eastern Studies

Sonia Fleury (History of Art and History major)
*The World that Comes to Me to Be Painted: Individual and Society in Courbet’s Oeuvre*
Sponsor: Professor Darcy Grimaldo Grigsby, History of Art