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Bloomstein's Silver Prize  
250-word statement

My project aims to increase our understanding of and respect for the meat we eat. In my opinion meat is an undervalued resource that many of us take for-granted. In today's consumer driven society we no longer give consideration to the source of our meat or the processes involved in its production.

As a base material I chose to use silver to produce artefacts as I hoped that the metal's intrinsic value would, by association, lend value to the subject. Secondly the practical appeal of the metal and its malleability made it a perfect medium for me to shape and create my pieces. This coupled with the wearable attraction of silver was important as the pieces are meant to be worn to express the concept of my project.

Some objects are silver plated in my display, notably the rabbit book and tool brooches. Ideally these would have been made in silver but for economic reasons I had to revert to silver plate. I would like the opportunity to re-make in the base metal Silver.

On completion of my course I plan to carry on as a Silversmith and Jewellery Designer. I hope to continue developing my silversmithing and artistic output. Silver is a versatile metal which I enjoy using and would hope to utilize in further projects that I have planned.

The Bloomstein Prize would allow me to pursue my silversmithing ambitions and would provide me with an amazing opportunity to extend this project and explore further artistic projects that I have planned.