Silk Road Showcase at Emory

- The Silk Road Showcase at Emory is holding its inaugural event April 16, 2015 at the DUC Terraces (or Winship Ballroom if the weather is bad). All students from Emory and Oxford are invited to participate or attend.

About the historical Silk Road
- The historical Silk Road was a loose and changing series of routes that economically, religiously, and culturally connected Asia, Europe, and North Africa for millennia.
- The Silk Road involved many states including Imperial China, Kushan Empire, Eastern Roman Empire, Uyghur Khaganate, Sassanid Empire, Mongol Khanates, and more.
- The Silk Road was traveled upon by monks, merchants, princesses, musicians, and nomads, and spread goods like silk and purple dye, religions like Buddhism and Manicheism, artistic talent like music and architecture, and technology like gun powder and paper.

What is the Silk Road Showcase?
- The Silk Road Showcase is an academic fair themed on the Silk Road.
- Like the Silk Road, the showcase values multiculturalism, connections between communities, and the cross-pollination of ideas.
- Students, either singly or as a team, will make a creative project based on their area of academic or artistic interest that fits within the theme of the Silk Road.
- All the creative projects will combine into a miniature Silk Road which attendees can travel and experience.

More about Creative Projects
- Creative Projects can be experiments, skits, displays, or anything that gets your insight across in a safe and engaging way.
- Every Creative Project will have a Silk Road role, like merchant or pilgrim, and a location, like an oasis town. It is not necessary to know what this is when you first join.
- Creative Projects can be about any major and can even be about several if there is an interrelation. Because the Showcase values the ‘moment between classes’ in which ideas from one class combine with those of another to produce a hybrid insight, a hybrid subject creative project is encouraged (though not mandatory).
- You can make a creative project on your own or with friends

How to Join
Contact clee282@emory.edu and indicate interest in making a creative project. He will send you a set of questions to fill out about the nature of what you have in mind. If it meets approval, it will be featured.