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Overall, my research presentation went well. The two hours seemed to go especially fast with everyone constantly mulling around and asking questions. Although being a bit repetitive, I loved being constantly busy and always having someone nearby that was curious about my topic.

Although it was often tiresome re-explaining the project again and again I enjoyed being able to continually refine my thoughts. Reflecting back, I feel my explanation of my project at the end of the two hours was much more succinct and better articulated than at the beginning. Having the waves of people to explain ideas to multiple times was especially helpful-personally to properly portray my project.

From the past couple years of attending the Research Symposium I remember several times listening to people discuss their projects, having no idea what they are working on. I realize that each project is incredibly specific in a particular subject, but why cannot these ideas be, in a sense “dumb down” to everyone? I wanted to make sure that when explaining my project anyone-from any discipline-that they would be able to understand. Throughout my explanations I worked to make sure that my ideas started simple, and explained the concepts easily, so even the non-science major could understand. This seemed to be taken well and I felt many of those listening about my poster left with a greater understanding of my topic.

In the future, I hope to have more of a chance to look at the projects of other research students. With the constant influx of faculty, students and staff, it was tough to have the chance to escape my poster and learn about other’s work.