



**ACS** Local Section  
East Alabama/West Georgia

**2026 East Alabama / West Georgia  
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Research Symposium Summary**

Organizers: Byron Farnum – Auburn University  
Evert Duin – Auburn University

Location: **Auburn University**  
**Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex**

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026

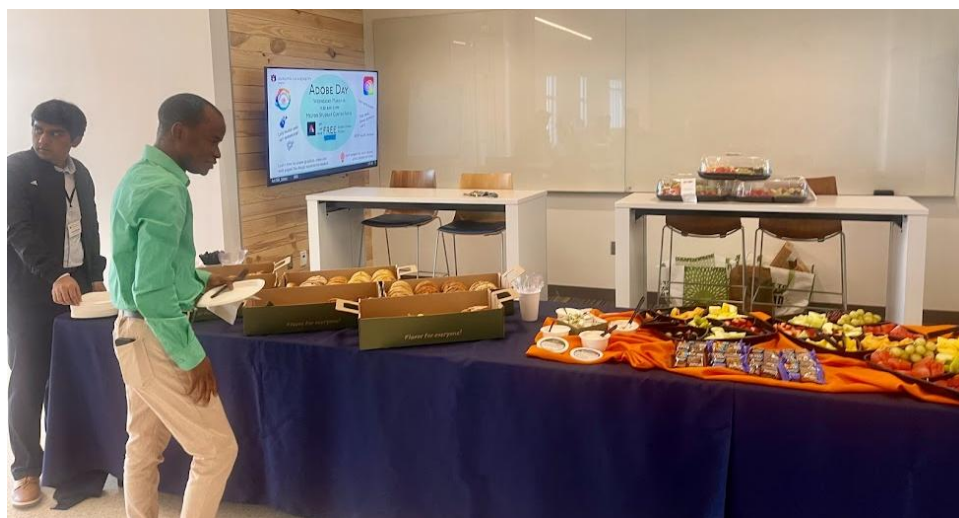
- Total Attendance: 83 attendees across Faculty, Grad Students, and Postdocs
- Representation from Auburn University, Tuskegee University, and Troy University
- 23 oral presentations
- 39 poster presentations



Group photo with all attendees!



Welcome/Registration desk – Students of the Auburn Student ACS Chapter helped register attendees and hand out swag items



Continental breakfast for all attendees



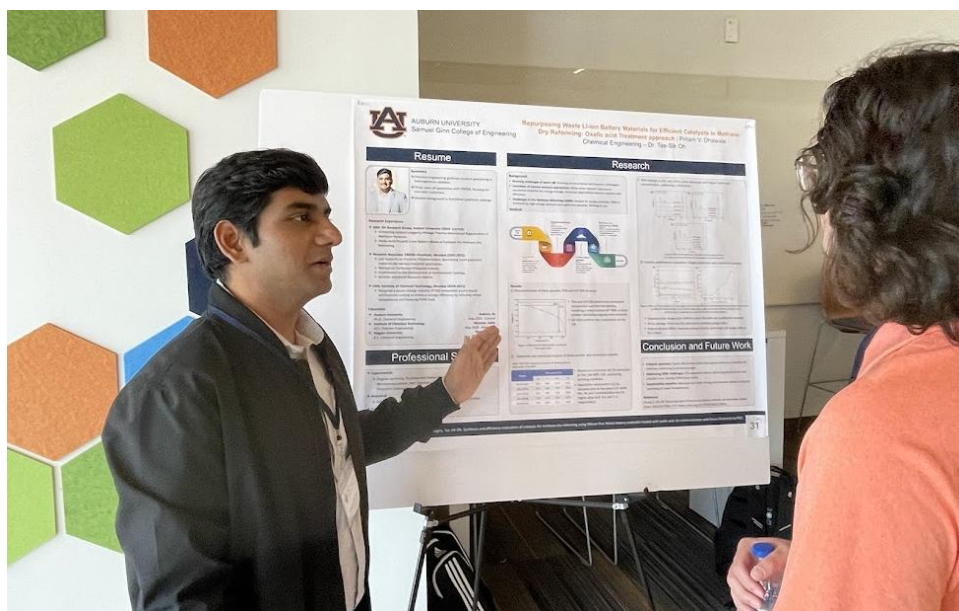
Attendees enjoying breakfast in the atrium space of the Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex (ALCLC)



Dr. Chris Goldsmith (Auburn Faculty) introduces Chase Ledbetter (Auburn Grad Student) for his oral presentation on inorganic synthesis



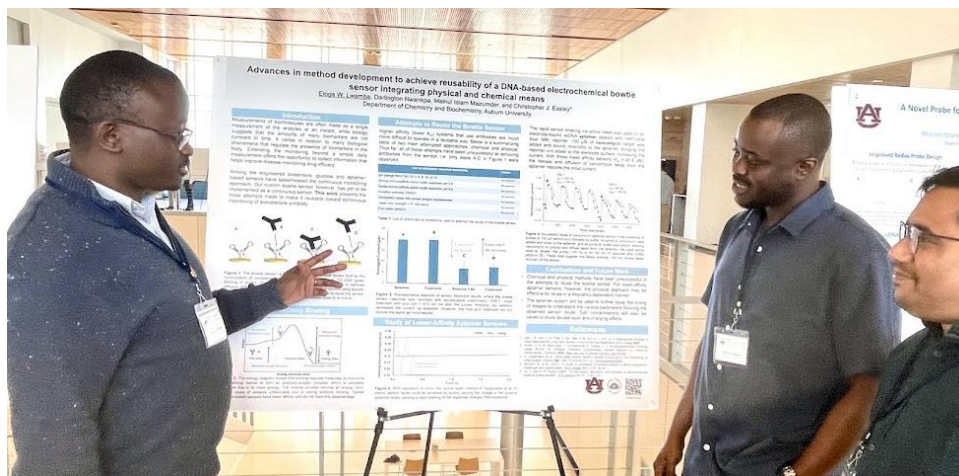
Kimberly Kartowikromo (Auburn Grad Student) delivers her oral presentation on mass spectrometry



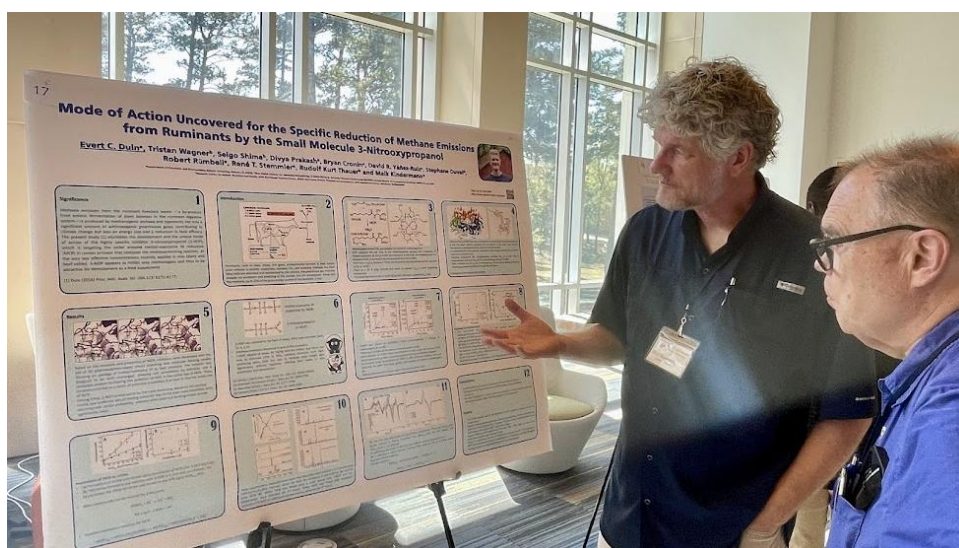
Pritam Vitthalarao (Auburn ChemEngr Grad Student) presents his poster on methane catalysis



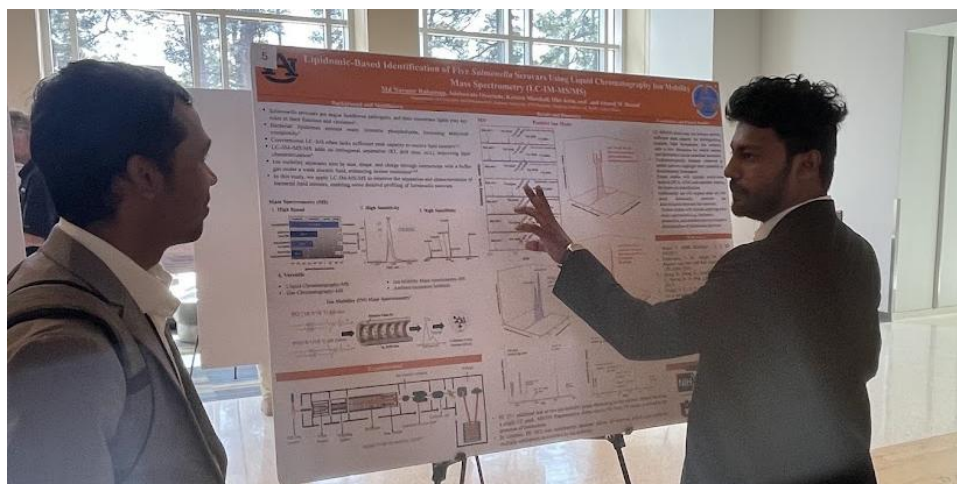
Maksuda Parvin (Auburn Grad Student) presents her poster on oxygen electrocatalysis



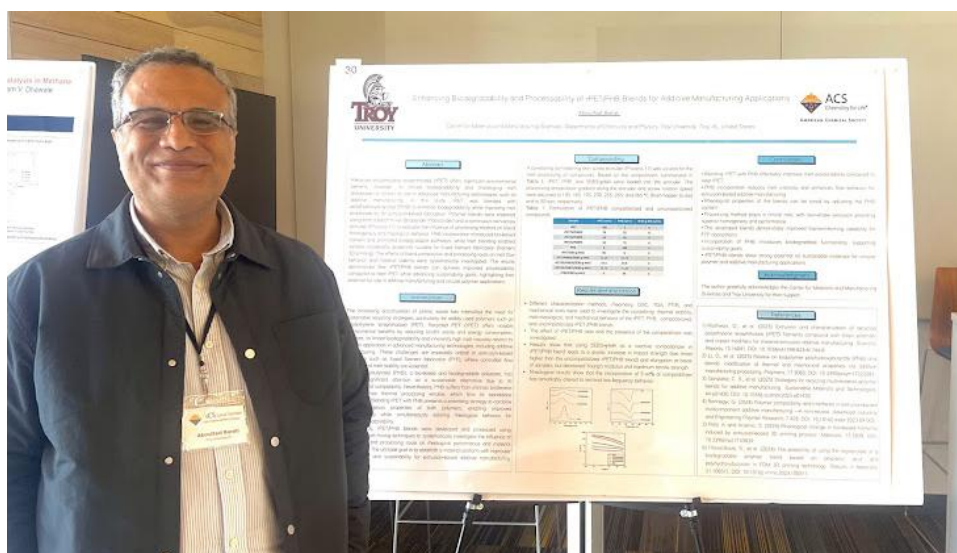
Eloge Lwamba (Auburn Grad Student) presents his poster on DNA electroanalytical assays



Evert Duin (Auburn Faculty) discussing his poster with Tom Webb (Auburn Faculty)



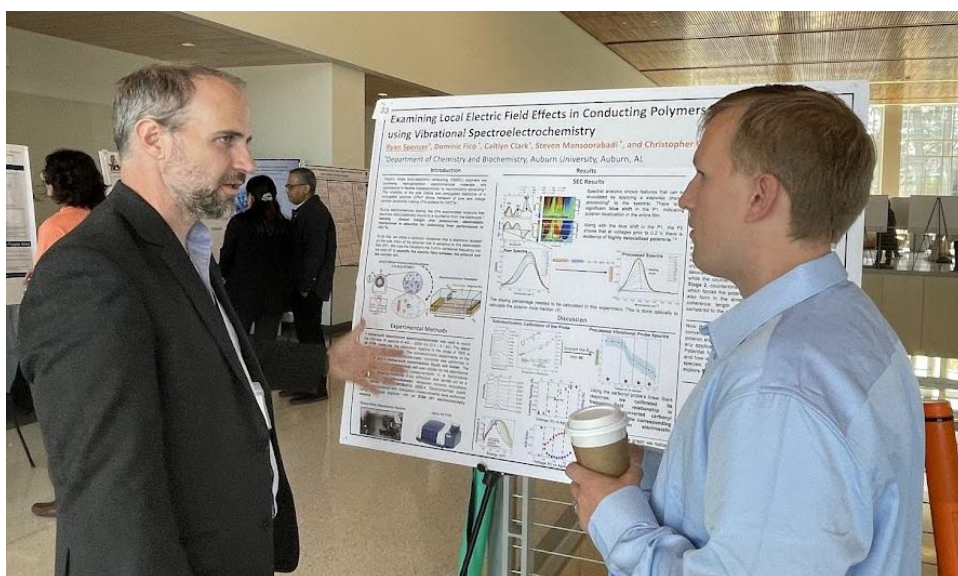
Md. Naymor Rahaman (Auburn Grad Student) discusses his poster on ion mobility mass spectrometry



Aboulfazl Barati (Troy Faculty) presents his poster on biodegradation and processing of polymer materials



Auburn Undergraduate Students mingle during the poster session



Dr. Byron Farnum (Auburn Faculty) asks questions to Ryan Spencer (Auburn Grad Student) about his poster on polymer conductivity

All photos were taken by Byron Farnum and LaToya Stuart (Auburn Staff). Many thanks for LaToya for serving as photographer and helping with organization of the symposium!