The Augustana Symposium is a gathering intended to foster undergraduate scholarship. The structure of the Symposium emulates a traditional academic conference in which Augustana students present their original research before peers and the general public.

Schedule of Events

1:00 p.m.  Presentations of Student Research
Madsen Center, 2nd floor

7:00 p.m.  Presentation of the Augustana Library Associates Research Award
Keynote Address: “From Garbage to Stuff: How We Recycle Plastics”
Speaker: Dr. William F. Carroll,
Vice-President, OxyChem
2005 President for the American Chemical Society
Gilbert Science Center, Room 100
(Reception following address in GSC Pendulum Lounge)

Is that recycling bin the springboard to giving material a new life or is it simply a blue wastebasket? What about surplus materials from industrial processes? Do they find their way out the back door to the landfill? This presentation discusses the four critical steps in recycling—collection, separation, reprocessing and remanufacture—and how they relate to plastics. The technology, the cost and the efficacy of the processes all matter. And the operative word, plastics, really is plural. Presentation includes a primer in the basic kinds of plastics, how they differ and how they’re used in common articles, especially packaging. The presenter brings a few common articles for demonstrations, and promises not to recycle an old quote from The Graduate.

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