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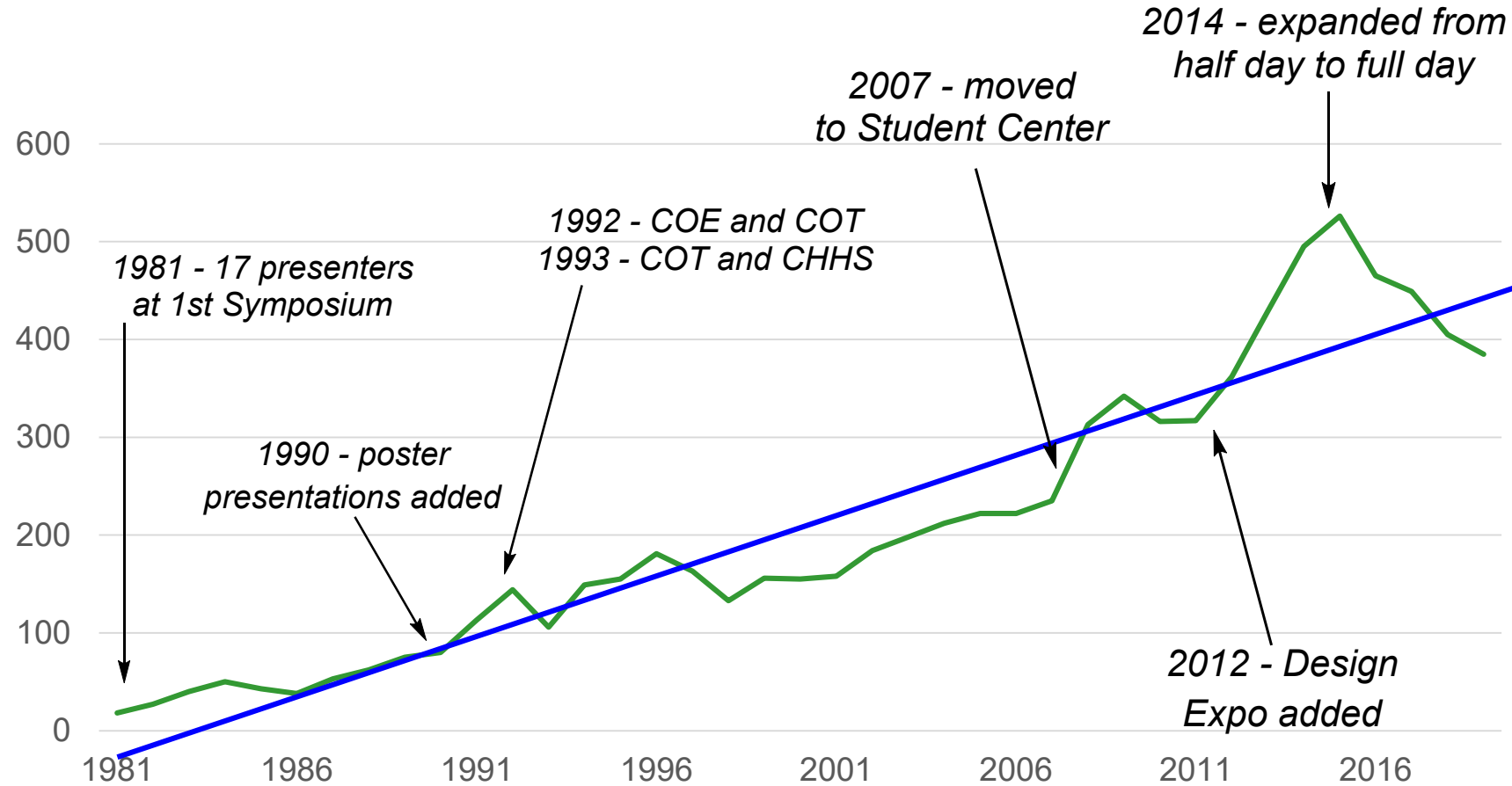
Undergraduate Symposium

Undergraduate Symposium is EMU's signature undergraduate experience

- Oldest event of its kind in the nation!
- 40th anniversary in 2020
- One-day research/creativity conference
- Hallmark is faculty mentorship
- 300-400 student presenters – all undergrads are eligible!



UGS milestones and growth



UGS: How do we do it?

Volunteers!

- Over 40 staff and faculty help in the production of the Symposium!
- Maintain the abstract submission website, read and edit abstracts, arrange posters, arrange oral sessions, build and arrange the Design Expo

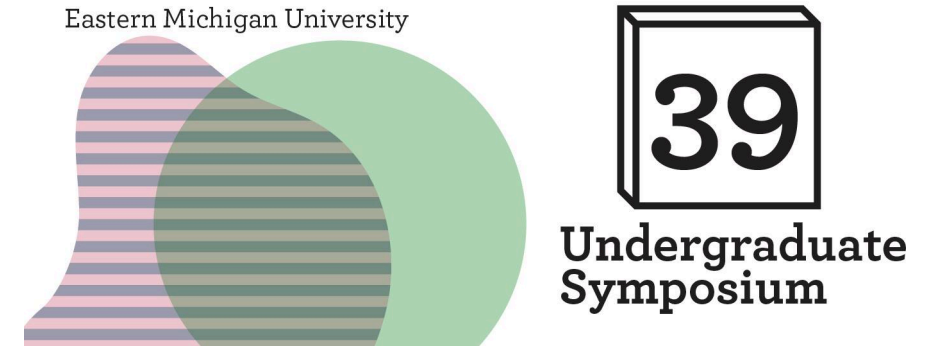


Amy Bearinger

- Supervises student designers
- Arranges oral sessions
- Coordinates volunteers
- Plans and executes fundraising events
- Manages production of the schedule and book of abstracts
- Runs student information and rehearsal sessions

39th Event Highlights

- Took place on March 29th, 2019
- 385 student presenters and 190 faculty
 - 148 oral presentations
 - 104 posters
 - 40 Crossing Lines Design Expo projects
- Robert Murkowski, Principle, at Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC, as Beagen Endowed Keynote Speaker.



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- Christopher Line, Design Expo, “*Metal Sculpture by the Indirect Lost-Wax Casting Method*”
- Christian Fayak and Katie Webb, Poster, “*The Ypsilanti Voice Project*”
- Jocelyn Marsack, Oral, “*Sodium Chloride Reduces Tomato Performance and Palatability to Herbivores*”
- Yssis Patterson, Oral, “*The Impact of the Candidate’s Race on Voter Opinion*”
- Macallan Winning, Design Expo, “*The Showroom VR: an Introduction to Building in Virtual Reality*”



Media coverage

- MLive provided pre & post-event coverage including a photo gallery.
- University Communications published our press release and shared with local media.
- Eastern Echo wrote a detailed post-event piece.
- Council on Undergraduate Research featured UGS on their “Undergraduate Research Week Celebrations” page.
- WEMU did an engaging pre-event interview.
- Webcasting was successful.



Taking stock and looking ahead

- Highly successful development campaigns
- 16 endowed scholarships and a mentorship award
- Beagen luncheon keynote speaker series
- 17 Symposium Research Fellowships this year
 - Over 200 since 2006
- Current campaign: operational costs to continue oldest symposium in the US!

***The 40th annual Undergraduate Symposium:
Friday, March 27th, 2020***

