Brain research grabs stage at Ignite presentations

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Sixteen researchers presented information about the brain during the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Cajun Ignite Presentations on Friday, Oct. 20.

The presentations, sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development, saw an audience of a few hundred and varied from topics such as “The Silicon Brain” to “Examining the Link Between Psychological and Physical Health.”

Jamie Baldridge, an associate professor of visual arts, presented “Beauty from Chaos-Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and the Creative Process.” Baldridge’s presentation included a five-minute slide show of his artwork while he discussed how OCD personally affects him and his research on the subject.

“I wasn’t sure if it was a great idea for me to present, but art really does take as much research as science,” said Baldridge.

This community of interest event has been planned since August, according to Jack Damico, assistant vice president for research, innovation and economic development. He said the department likes to sponsor at least one every semester, but

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