

The St. Norbert College
Office of Faculty Development
invites you to attend

Spotlight On Scholarship

A Sabbatical Report

Throughout the year we will host a series of presentations to recognize professional achievement in scholarship and to celebrate the rich diversity and talents of our colleagues.

This Spotlight on Scholarship features

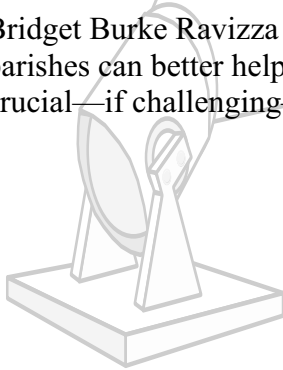
Bridget Burke Ravizza

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

“Christian Ethics, Parenting, and Reproductive and Genetic Technologies”

From “Jon and Kate” to “Octomom”... from pregnant women in their sixties to divorced couples suing over frozen embryos... reproductive and genetic technologies are making headlines. They are also complicating parenthood and putting a whole new set of moral quandaries in the laps of parents-to-be. We often imagine that couples who are dealing with infertility (up to one in six couples) are the ones facing moral dilemmas about these technologies, and indeed they are. Yet fertile couples are also likely to face difficult choices prompted by technologies, due to the fetal genetic testing that is becoming increasingly routine in prenatal care.

Bridget Burke Ravizza will discuss her recent sabbatical project, focusing on how Catholic parishes can better help women and couples negotiate these technologies, and why this is a crucial—if challenging—task.



Thursday, September 16, 2010
3:30 – 4:20 p.m.
Union Shield Room



The Office of Faculty Development will provide light refreshments.