

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*

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### **Reid Riggle**

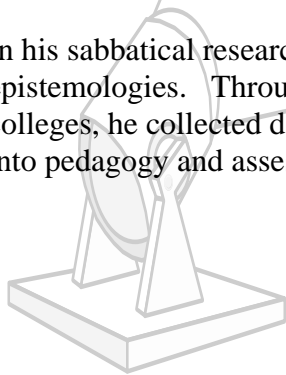
*Associate Professor of Education*

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“What Do You Believe?  
Examining College Professors’ Personal Epistemologies”

Epistemic beliefs and epistemic cognition, sometimes called personal epistemology, focuses on an individual’s thinking and beliefs about knowledge and knowing, and typically includes some or all of the following elements: beliefs about the definition of knowledge, how knowledge is constructed, how knowledge is evaluated, where knowledge resides, and how knowing occurs. It seems reasonable to expect that college professors hold strong epistemic beliefs and that these ideals impact how they approach teaching and assessment in their courses.

In his sabbatical research, Reid explored the nature of college professors’ personal epistemologies. Through in-depth interviews with a sample of faculty at several liberal arts colleges, he collected data on how professors think about learning and how these ideas translate into pedagogy and assessment practices in their classes. Come hear what he discovered.



**Thursday, October 20, 2011**  
**12:00 – 12:50 p.m.**  
**Mulva Library Room 101**



The Office of Faculty Development will provide light refreshments.