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# Spotlight On Scholarship

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*

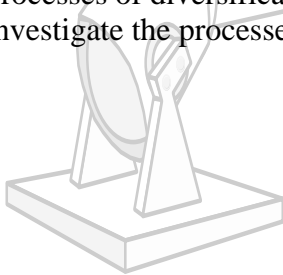
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## **Anindo Choudhury** *Associate Professor of Biology*

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“All creatures great and small, and parasites in the midst of them all.”

One of the enduring questions in biology asks how the awe-inspiring diversity of life around us originated. All of us intuitively recognize ‘natural kinds’ of organisms. Biologists call them species. But what are they really? Can we define them? Can we circumscribe their boundaries? Do they have an essence? No, this is not a lecture on philosophy. For the past decade, Anindo Choudhury and his collaborators have tried to address some of these fundamental questions using parasites and hosts as model systems. Roughly a third of all species are parasites. Their hosts, humans included, serve a dual role as both their habitat and a source of nutrition. This presentation will show how such host-parasite systems allow us to address the patterns and processes of diversification, and how Anindo and his students have used these systems to investigate the processes that produce what Darwin called “endless forms most wonderful.”



**Thursday, February 15, 2007**  
**12:00 – 12:50**  
**Union Shield Room**



The Office of Faculty Development  
will provide complimentary refreshments.