

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

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

Deborah Anderson
Associate Professor of Biology

“Evolutionary Changes in Body Size Track Changing Paleoclimate”

When traveling to different parts of the country and/or different countries, did you ever notice that body size varies with climate? Biologists recognized this long ago, and even proposed an explanation called Bergmann's and Allen's rules. Animals from cooler climates tend to be larger and have relatively shorter limbs than those from warmer climates. My studies of rodent paleontology have led me to testing the hypothesis that body size changes track changes in the paleoclimate, the Eocene paleoclimate in particular. I will discuss this current research and the source of my data collected during my fall 2006 sabbatical at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor's Museum of Paleontology.



Tuesday, September 18, 2007
2:00 – 2:50
Union Shield Room



The Office of Faculty Development will provide complimentary refreshments.