

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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**John Holder**  
*Associate Professor of Philosophy*

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“A Philosopher among Philologists:  
Buddhist Studies at Oxford University”

Where might a philosopher go to seek scholarly assistance for writing a textbook on early Buddhism? Amazingly, the Oriental Institute at Oxford University is the only place outside of South Asia that has both a small group of scholars and the library resources necessary for this type of research. But all of the scholars of early Buddhism at Oxford are Sanskrit/Pali philologists who are interested in the thorny (and highly esoteric) issues that surround the composition of ancient texts. They are decidedly *not* philosophers. John Holder will discuss a philosopher's path to finding common ground with Oxford philologists. He will also share his reminiscences of living among Oxford's "dreaming spires."



**Thursday, March 31, 2005**  
**11:00 – 11:50**  
**Union Shield Room**

Please feel free to bring your lunch. The Office of Faculty Development will provide complimentary beverages and dessert.

