

Bottlenose dolphin to be focus of next environmental seminar

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Dr. Emma Grigg, a visiting professor of environmental studies at Alfred University, will discuss "Sun, Sea and Cetaceans: Studying Bottlenose Dolphin Habitat Use in an Offshore Atoll Ecosystem, Belize," during the Sept. 26 Environmental Studies Seminar. It will be hosted at 12:20 p.m. in Roon Hall, Science Center, on the AU campus. Grigg is a graduate of the University of California and holds a doctoral degree in ecology. She has also earned a master's degree in animal behavior and physiology from San Francisco University, where the subject of her thesis research was bottlenose dolphin ecology off the coast of Belize, Central America. Grigg has conducted several environmental impact studies involving marine mammals in coastal waters in and around the San Francisco Bay, California. Her primary interest lies in the use of GIS and spatial analyses to study factors affecting the marine environment. The Division of Environmental Studies at Alfred University sponsors the seminar series each Friday during the fall semester, except Nov. 28, the Friday after Thanksgiving. Baked goods and other refreshments will be served during the event.