

Wayne State University  
Planetarium presents  
**Science Under The Dome**



## **Edible Insects and Human Evolution**

**Dr. Julie Lesnik**  
**Thursday 7:00 pm**  
**September 13th, 2018**

Researchers who study ancient human diets tend to focus on meat eating because the practice of butchery is very apparent in the archaeological record. Julie Lesnik highlights a different food source, tracing evidence that humans and their hominin ancestors also consumed insects throughout the entire course of human evolution. Lesnik combines primatology, sociocultural anthropology, reproductive physiology, and paleoanthropology to examine the role of insects in the diets of hunter-gatherers and our nonhuman primate cousins. Because of the abundance of insects & the low risk of acquiring them, insects were a reliable food source that mothers used to feed their families over the past five million years.

Open to all - This event is FREE but attendance is limited - be sure to RSVP:  
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