Wendy Reed has been named assistant dean in the College of Science and Mathematics. The main goal of her position is to conduct a teaching program for new faculty.

Reed earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo Mich., her doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology from Iowa State University in Ames and a post-doctorate at Indiana University in Bloomington. She joined NDSU in 2002.

She serves on the executive committee for FORWARD (Focus on Resources for Women's Advancement, Recruitment/Retention and Development), the steering committee for environmental and conservation sciences, the Commission on the Status for Women Faculty and the Strategic Planning Leadership Team for the College of Science and Mathematics.

Dean Kevin McCaul made the appointment this spring. "I'm delighted that Wendy is willing to take on this role. She is a terrific teacher and scholar and she is a perfect choice to mentor newer faculty in the college," McCaul said.

Reed's area of research is physiological ecology. She is interested in understanding how mothers affect the health and growth of their young through nutritional and hormone investments made during development. She studies these maternal effects in birds and bird eggs.