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Closing the Healthcare Gap in American Indian Communities



Dr. Bradley Henson is an Associate Professor and the Associate Dean for Research and Biomedical Sciences in WesternU's College of Dental Medicine.

As a dentist-scientist, Dr. Henson's approach to teaching and research in dental education has always focused on bridging the biomedical sciences with the clinical sciences. His primary research interests are in the areas of tumor cell signaling and cancer drug discovery, but the major project in his laboratory at this time carries a mark of importance for him beyond just scientific exploration. Dr. Henson is exploring the potential of an old Ojibwe remedy, called Chaga Mushroom, as a novel therapy

for head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.

This presentation weaves together his research interests, his respect and regard for traditional indigenous healing practices, and his own family heritage as a mixed Native American man. Dr. Henson is Kaskaskia through his paternal grandfather and Ojibwe through his maternal grandmother, and members of his family have been using the Chaga Mushroom with much success to treat arthritis and other inflammatory conditions. Dr. Henson is passionate about promoting oral and overall health in indigenous communities, with special interests in reducing the burden of cancer and diabetes, promoting food sovereignty and pre-colonization diets, and reclaiming traditional healing practices.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Light refreshments will be provided to individuals who RSVP by April 15th

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HEC Lecture Hall 1 –2001

3:00pm to 5:00pm

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