

American Indian/Alaska Native Health Lecture Series



Synergy: Indigenous Ways and Contemporary Science Working Together

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DATE:

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TIME:

11:30 AM Refreshments
12:00-1:00 PM Lecture
followed by discussion

LOCATION:

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Jon Waterhouse is the creator of the Healing Journey, a worldwide canoe expedition that launched after concerned tribal leaders on the Yukon River asked Jon to “go out and take the pulse of the river.” Soon after completing his first prolific journey, he and his wife, photojournalist Mary Marshall, founded the Network of Indigenous Knowledge (NIK) and began working with Indigenous groups who were also concerned with the health of their waters. As environmental data was collected and blended with their traditional Native knowledge, a richer, more vibrant picture of our earth emerged. The

modern scientific world has taken notice and is excited to experience a new lens with which to view the world.

Today, NIK is empowering Indigenous People in remote regions worldwide by helping them understand, document, preserve, and use their own data. Sharing this data is greatly benefitting the contemporary science community.

In 2010, Waterhouse was appointed by President Obama to the Joint Public Advisory Committee to advise the leaders of Mexico, Canada and the United States on environmental challenges. Waterhouse is a 2012 Eco-trust Indigenous Leadership Awardee and National Geographic Education Fellow and Explorer. He is also a retired Navy Chief.

As OHSU’s new Indigenous Peoples’ Scholar, Jon is currently developing the Indigenous Peoples’ Program, an effort certain to significantly expand OHSU’s global outreach. Let’s explore how indigenous ways and contemporary science can be mutually beneficial. Join Jon Waterhouse as he takes you around the world to see if the two ways of knowing, Indigenous and contemporary science, can ever get together.