NIH Strategic Plan for Tribal Health Research

Enhancing collaboration, building research capacity, and expanding community engagement and cultural competency

David R. Wilson, PhD, was appointed and is the first Director of the Tribal Health Research Office (THRO) at the National Institutes of Health since January 2017. In this leadership role, Dr. Wilson brings together representatives from the NIH Institutes and Centers to leverage trans-NIH resources and build collaborations through the research portfolio to address tribal health concerns. He works to build a unified NIH presence with which to engage and ensure input from tribal leaders across the nation, and aims to expand training opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Dr. Wilson graduated with a Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology from Arizona State University. His commitment to encouraging underrepresented minorities to pursue careers in science began when he was a graduate student and Regent's scholar working with high school and community college students in the Four Corners area. Dr. Wilson completed a three-year postdoc, and served as a senior research scientist at the National Institute on Aging. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health at the Center for American Indian Health.

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 21: Tucson

10:30 AM Blessing and Welcome
11:30 AM Lunch & Keynote: NIH Strategic Plan for Tribal Health Research
12:30 PM Native American Health Sciences Student Panel
1:30 PM Native American Cultural Competence in Health Sciences Education & Research Panel
2:45 PM Update on the NIH All of Us Research Program and Tribal Consultation Process Q&A
5:30 PM Reception & Poster Session

Wednesday, January 22: Tucson

8:00 AM Individual sessions with doctoral students and faculty
9:15 AM Native American Issues in Environmental Health Panel
10:00 AM UAHS Workforce Development Initiatives Showcase Panel
11:30 AM Closed Session Lunch with Students
1:00 PM Individual Research Faculty Meetings

Thursday, January 23: Phoenix

8:30-11:30 AM Individual sessions with students and faculty