

Damaged Neurons Focus of March 23 Seminar at SWOSU

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“Brain, heal thyself: Using natural brain amino acid metabolites to protect and repair damaged neurons” will be the focus of a seminar at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Wednesday, March 23.

The free seminar by Dr. Kenneth Hensley of the University of Toledo Department of Pathology is open to the public. Hensley will speak at 4 p.m. in Room 212 of the Old Science Building on the Weatherford campus.

Hensley is an associate professor at Toledo. He is the inventor of patented lanthionine ketimine derivatives and holds an equity interest in a company that is commercially developing this technology.

Drug development for neurodegenerative diseases has proven particularly difficult, according to Dr. Andrea Holgado, chair of the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences. In general, the public still does not know the pathogenic mechanisms for most neurodegenerative conditions. Hensley will share some of his findings.