

OMRF Scientist to Speak at SWOSU This Wednesday

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Dr. Stephen Jackson, associate research scientist in the Arthritis and Immunology Research Program at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in Oklahoma City, will speak at Southwestern Oklahoma State University this Wednesday, October 10, on the Weatherford campus.

The talk at 4 p.m. is in Room 216 of the Old Science Building, and the public is invited to attend.

Jackson will discuss aspects of science, focusing on how to transition from scientific/medical interests to scientific/medical practice. Jackson's visit to SWOSU is sponsored by the AI Harris Library.

Jackson came to Oklahoma and OMRF in 2002 after completing his doctorate in molecular and cellular biology at the University of Massachusetts. A native of California, he attended Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. With a passion for science, he entered graduate school to become a research scientist. He now studies the antibodies humans produce to fight disease and how these antibodies can malfunction in diseases, such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

Deeply committed to advancing education throughout the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, Jackson serves as a mentor and tutor to many high school and college students and frequently lectures at scientific assemblies and career seminars at area high schools. He derives particular joy in sharing his love of science with young Oklahomans. Apart from his scientific work, he is also an accomplished theatre and dance instructor for the International Dance Studio, and he teaches dance and fitness at various gyms throughout Oklahoma City.

Jackson has been bestowed with numerous honors and is a member of many professional societies. He was a National Science Foundation grant recipient, and he received the Star Foundation Research Award. He is the founder and president of the BYS organization (an acronym for "Building Young Scientists"), a scientific research internship at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. He is a distinguished mentor in the Fleming Scholar Research Mentoring Program, and he is on the Admissions Board of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.