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DNA project focus of free lecture

Population geneticist Spencer Wells will visit the Franklin Institute at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 to explain how scientists are tracing the migration of our ancient ancestors using the DNA of people now alive.

The program, "Deep Ancestry: Inside the Genographic Project," complements "Identity: An Exhibition of You," on view at the Franklin Institute through April 20.

Wells' Genographic Project is gathering and analyzing the world's largest collection of anthropological DNA samples from hundreds of thousands of participants worldwide and tracing it all back to Africa more than 60,000 years ago.

Admission to Wells' lecture is free, but participants must register.

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