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# Healing the Native American Way: An Opportunity to Improve our Health Education and Health Care

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We all come from indigenous origins regardless of our heritage. Modern medicine has largely overthrown these indigenous origins, yet they provided the essence of healing. We are lucky that some indigenous healing systems have survived, including traditional Chinese medicine, Ayurvedic medicine, and Native American medicine. These ancient systems of healing, and their current practitioners, have much to offer us when we view modern medicine. They remind us that relationships are important, that time matters, that community forms the crucible in which healing occurs, and that the stories that people tell about their illness makes healing more or less likely. We will consider how to restore the wisdom of our ancient pathways to our modern practices of medicine and psychology. Native American healers can teach us much about healing and transcendence.

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# Thursday, March 18, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Eastern
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