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**Truman Medical Center for the Healing Arts Presents
DNA Portraits: Gene stories from prehistory and current time**

A 30-minute talk by multiple media artist Lynn Fellman about deep ancestry and personal genomics

KANSAS CITY, MO – The [Truman Medical Centers](#) (TMC) [Center for the Healing Arts](#) is pleased to present a 30-minute talk by multiple media artist [Lynn Fellman](#) about deep ancestry and personal genomics.

What: Artist talk by Lynn Fellman, multiple media artist

When: Friday, November 4th at 5:30 pm

Where: Truman Medical Center Hospital Hill (2301 Holmes Street)
Executive Board Room

Title: DNA Portraits: Gene stories from prehistory and current time

Research from population genetics has revealed our interconnected lineages with all people from deep time and across continents. Linking to the prehistoric, human migration story is the developing field of individual, personalized medicine. Very soon, each of us will have our genetic information as an integrated part of our healthcare.

Our gene stories are transforming how we perceive ourselves and how we understand lifelong health and well being. Art can be a gateway to understanding, with both our heart and mind, complex ideas from science.

At the crossroads of the revolution are clinics and hospitals like TMC. A leader in the medical field, TMC is also a cultural innovator with their Healing Arts Program. A new exhibit in the program — bridging art and science — are DNA Portraits by multiple media artist, Lynn Fellman.

To explain the science in her work, Fellman will present a 30-minute slide show about the step by step process to create a DNA Portrait — from using a lab kit to preliminary

sketches, interpreting the DNA data for the finished portrait. One surprising outcome was the participants, as they learned about genetics and their DNA became, they became advocates for science.

The second half of Fellman's talk is from the Fall Personal Genomes meeting at Cold Spring Harbor Lab. Presented to scientists; her talk was titled "The Mystery of the Inscrutable Chromosomes and how whole genome sequencing solved the case". The colorful images and jargon-free narration made a clinical application of genetics understandable and engaging.

Fellman communicates the value and beauty of science through art, design, and narrative. She works with scientists, science organizations, educators and biomedical businesses nationwide. [See "Neandertals", a new video slide show](#) she created for The American Association for the Advancement of Science.

About Lynn Fellman

Lynn Fellman describes herself as a multiple media artist communicating science through art, design, and narrative. She specializes in translating complex ideas to show the value and beauty of science. Her work is in the collection of the BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota; the University of Minnesota Medical School; Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN; and Coloplast, Inc., among other private collections. More of her work can be viewed online at her web site: www.fellmanstudio.com.

About TMC

Truman Medical Centers is a not-for-profit two acute-care hospital health system in Kansas City. The TMC Health System includes TMC Hospital Hill, TMC Lakewood, TMC Behavioral Health, the Jackson County Health Department and a number of primary care practices throughout Eastern Jackson County. Recently named one of the nation's top academic medical centers, TMC is the primary teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy and specializes in asthma, bariatrics, diabetes, family medicine, orthopaedics, sports medicine, women's health, and trauma services. For more information, please call (816) 404-3785 or visit www.trumed.org