

WBIIH SPEAKER SERIES 2021

Dr. Bernice Downey

May 11, 2021

2 pm to 3 pm EST via Zoom (link provided upon Eventbrite registration)

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Odayamin Debwaywin – Heart Truths: Understanding Indigenous Perceptions of Heart Health

Dr. Bernice Downey is an Anishinaabe-kwe (Indigenous woman) of Ojibwe - Saulteaux and Celtic heritage, a mother and a grandmother. She is a former nurse, a medical anthropologist and is currently cross-appointed with the Department of Psychiatry and Neuro-Behavioural Sciences & the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health Science at McMaster University. She is also recently appointed as the inaugural Associate Dean, Indigenous Health for the Faculty of Health Sciences. Her research interests include health literacy and Indigenous Traditional knowledge and health/research system reform for Indigenous populations. She currently holds a Heart & Stroke Foundation - Canadian Institute of Health Research - Chair in Indigenous Women's Heart and Brain Health. She is committed to addressing anti-Indigenous racism and the promotion of Indigenous self-determining approaches in health equity and system reform.

