



FIRST NATIONS
Heritage Month
Celebration

November 5, 2025

Noon to 1 p.m.

South Campus, D1.600



Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity

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Welcome and opening remarks

Shawna Nesbitt, M.D., M.S.

Vice President and Chief Institutional Opportunity Officer

**Remarks by the First Nations Intertribal Alliance (FNIA)
Business Resource Group (BRG)**

Chamisa Piechowski-Begay, M.B.A.

BRG Events Lead, 2025 FNIA Keystone Award recipient

Cultural segment

Panel discussion

**Dr. Timothy Brown, Heath Clayton,
Christopher Logan, and Blake Weaver**

Closing remarks

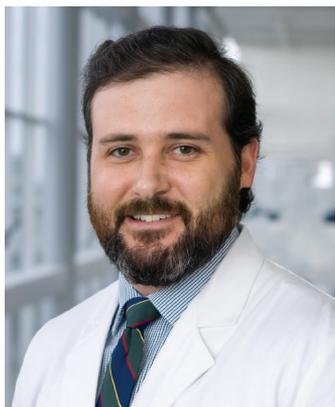
Dr. Nesbitt



**Join the First Nations Intertribal Alliance Business
Resource Group (BRG)**

The First Nations Intertribal Alliance BRG aims to promote and teach the cultures of tribal affiliations while advancing the needs and professional development of the tribal community at UT Southwestern.

Through peer education and community engagement, we hope to create an inclusive environment committed to healing, educating, and discovering. BRG participation is open to all, and you do not need to identify with a group's affinity to join.



Timothy Brown, M.D., M.S.C.E.

Dr. Brown is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and a member of the Division of Hematology and Oncology at UT Southwestern. He specializes in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers and also serves as Associate Program Director for the Hematology and Oncology Fellowship.

Originally from Florida, Dr. Brown holds a bachelor's degree in human nutrition, foods, and exercise from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). He earned his medical degree at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and completed internal medicine residency training at UT Southwestern, where he served as Chief Resident. He gained advanced training in hematology and oncology through a fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Chief Fellow and earned a master's degree in clinical epidemiology.

Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Brown joined UT Southwestern's faculty in 2023. A prolific author and researcher, Dr. Brown has an interest in early phase clinical trial design and outcomes research for gastrointestinal malignancies. He has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and serves as an ad hoc reviewer for several top oncology journals.





Heath Clayton, M.S.

Mr. Clayton is an Adjunct Professor at Southern Methodist University's (SMU) Cox School of Business and the Executive Director of the congressionally chartered National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, which is part of the foundation supporting the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). There, he leads efforts to strengthen BIE schools through community-centered innovation and a

focus on helping students thrive.

A citizen of the Chickasaw Nation with more than 20 years of cross-sector leadership, Mr. Clayton has held senior roles at Deloitte and JPMorgan Chase, where he launched the firm's Native American Affairs strategy.

He serves as Board Chair for two organizations: Texas Native Health, the Indian Health Service-funded system for Texas, and Out for Undergrad, the nation's largest nonprofit supporting LGBTQ2+ undergraduate students. His career began in public service at the White House and continued in Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy. In 2022, he was selected as a Presidential Leadership Scholar, where he worked alongside former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton to expand early-career opportunities for Native youth. Mr. Clayton also serves as an Expert in Residence at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College.





Christopher Logan, LPC, LCDC, EMDR

Mr. Logan serves as the Behavioral Health Manager for Texas Native Health. As a clinician, Mr. Logan brings a broad range of experience that allows him to adapt his approach to meet the unique needs of each client. Before joining Texas Native Health, he worked in diverse settings including psychiatric hospitals, university counseling

services, and intensive outpatient programs. He also gained valuable experience in the corporate sector through his time with New York Life Insurance, integrating that perspective into his clinical and leadership work.

In his current role, Mr. Logan oversees the development and delivery of programs within the Behavioral Health Department. Under his leadership, initiatives have included a Narcan distribution program, cultural sensitivity training for partner organizations, and the creation of community support groups. His mission is to expand access to mental health care for Native American and Alaska Native communities across Texas through education, collaboration, and culturally informed practices.

A proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, he is dedicated to blending cultural understanding with clinical expertise to support the wellness and resilience of Indigenous communities throughout the state.

Mr. Logan earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Dallas, followed by his master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from the University of North Texas at Dallas.





Blake Weaver, M.B.A.

Mr. Weaver is an Associate Director at UnitedHealth Group's Advisory Board, where he leads strategic client engagement and executive retreats for major health systems across the country. In this role, he helps health care leaders navigate emerging policy and market shifts. Mr. Weaver is also a member of the Texas Native Health Board of Trustees.

Previously, he managed enterprise-wide innovation and performance improvement initiatives at Premier Inc., Tenet Healthcare, and Vizient, with a focus on delivering measurable outcomes across health system operations, supply chains, and strategies.

Outside of his corporate role, Blake serves as Secretary and Board Member of Texas Native Health, a Dallas-based nonprofit serving Native American communities across Texas for more than 50 years. In this capacity, he supports governance, program strategy, and partnerships to advance equitable access to care for Native populations.

A member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Blake earned his master's degree from SMU's Cox School of Business and his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame.



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