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BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S DR. THOMAS TULLIUS TO SPEAK AT HAUPTMAN-WOODWARD

Thomas Tullius, Ph.D., of Boston University, is scheduled to lecture at the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute on Thursday, February 21, 2008. He will present his lecture, "Structure-based identification of functional regions in the human genome." The lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in the Hauptman-Woodward Flickinger Seminar Suite immediately followed by a networking reception.

Tullius is a professor of chemistry at Boston University. His laboratory currently develops and applies new methods for determining the structure of DNA and DNA-protein complexes. Using the hydroxyl radical ($\bullet\text{OH}$), their work has shown that it is an ideal chemical probe for revealing the shape of DNA molecules and as a high-resolution footprinting reagent for investigating the structure of DNA-protein complexes. The goal of his lab's research is to create a map of the structure of the human genome and gain a better understanding of how the genome functions.

Tullius received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from UCLA in 1973 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Stanford University in 1979. He worked as a postdoctoral fellow in the department of chemistry at Columbia University from 1979-1982. He also worked as a professor of chemistry, biology and biophysics at John Hopkins University from 1982-1997. Tullius has been at Boston University since 1997.

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