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## *Scientist to give West Nile lecture*

Utah State University's Center for Integrated BioSystems will host a scientist from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who will speak on West Nile virus.

Dr. James Sejvar will be speak at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday in Merrill-Cazier Library room 154. All are welcome to attend.

The lecture is titled "Clinical Manifestations of West Nile Virus Infections in Humans."

Sejvar is a neurologist and epidemiologist at the CDC. His research focuses on infections of the central nervous system, particularly through insect-borne viral infections. Other areas of research include prion diseases, which are a family of rare progressive neurodegenerative disorders that affect both humans and animals, such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. He has also explored emerging infectious diseases including Nipah virus, anthrax and monkeypox.

Collaboration between the Center for Integrated BioSystems, Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, and the Institute for Antiviral Research along with the College of Agriculture provide support for guest speakers and this seminar series.