

# Local and Family History Lecture Series 2008-2009

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## Tracing Ancestry with DNA: Why? How? Facts! Fiction!

An interactive presentation  
with  
Dr. Bruce A. Jackson

Wednesday, May 27, 2009  
6:30 p.m.

Boston Public Library, Copley Square  
Mezzanine Conference Room  
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During the slave trade in colonial America people were kidnapped from their homes, primarily in areas of western Africa and brought to the US. They were forced to forget their homes and where they came from. In essence, to forget who they were. Now, thanks to DNA technology, it may be possible to reconnect some African-Americans to their ancestral roots in Africa.

Dr. Bruce A. Jackson is the founder of the African-American Roots Project which is an ancestry project devised to use Forensic DNA Science as a tool to re-establish the link between African-Americans and their ancestral families in Western Africa. Dr. Jackson, an African-American molecular biologist at U-Mass Lowell, is the creator and director of the Biotechnology Programs at Massachusetts Bay Community College (MBCC) in Wellesley, MA. Dr. Jackson created the world's first Forensic DNA Science degree granting program at MBCC which is part of the Biotechnology Program at that college.

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