



Associate professor Mei Zhan studies the evolution of Chinese medicinal practice. Photo by Daniel Anderson, University Communications.

ANTHROPOLOGY

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Does poverty literally make people sick? How do society and culture impact drug addiction? How has traditional Chinese medicine evolved from its roots among China's rural poor into a multibillion-dollar alternative-medicine industry?

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