



## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology associate professor Mei Zhan studies the evolution of Chinese medicinal practice from tradition among the rural poor to a now lucrative modern industry. Photo by Daniel Anderson, University Communications.

- Annual enrollments of more than 200 undergrad majors and 48 graduate students
- Department includes 16 faculty experts who together rank fourth in the world in publishing their findings in the top three anthropological field journals
- Topics studied include:
  - Ethnomusicology
  - Gender issues
  - Immigration
  - Markets and finance
  - Science, medicine & technology
  - Transnationalism
  - Virtual worlds

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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? UCI anthropologists can be found investigating these and other social issues in every corner of the globe, every culture, every language and every time period, from ancient kingdoms to contemporary small scale societies to the shopping malls of Orange County.

investigate

Innovative research has taken UCI anthropologists everywhere from rural and urban Asia, Africa and Latin America to the virtual world of cyberspace to better understand global cultures and societal norms.

innovate

UCI anthropological research has led to the discovery of a link between poverty and diabetes, answers to how and why Chinese leadership came to adopt the one-child policy, and new ways in which technology can and is helping people in developing worlds save money.

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