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12:00 – 1:00 pm

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1080 S. University Ave, Ann Arbor

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“Historic Interactions between Chinese and Vietnamese Medicine”



Painting, medicine shop, Nguyen The Khang

Abstract: This talk will present the history of the exchange of medical products and knowledge between China and Vietnam. It will challenge the conventional assumption that Vietnamese medicine is Chinese in origin and will note that much of Chinese medicine is actually Vietnamese.

Speaker Biography: C. Michele Thompson is Professor of Southeast Asian History at Southern Connecticut State University. She is the author of *Vietnamese Traditional Medicine: A Social History* (forthcoming, National University of Singapore Press) and co-editor with Laurence Monnais and Ayo Wahlberg of *Southern Medicine for Southern People: Vietnamese Medicine in the Making* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012). Her current research projects include the history of smallpox, local treatments for it and the introduction of Jennerian vaccination in the South China Sea littoral; and the history and impact of the scientific discovery on May 21, 1992, of what is now one of the rarest mammals on Earth, the saola.

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