

Ancient Medicines in the Modern Era

Using remedies from antiquity for renewed applications in medicine

Tuesday, March 6th at 1:00PM

(Lecture and seminar)

Ross Hall 201

Dr. Alain Touwaide

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Dr. Alain Touwaide of the Institute for the Preservation of Medical Traditions at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution will lecture on medicinal plants - their traditional uses, recovering traditions and repurposing them for renewed applications in medicine. He is a leading pioneer in the discovery and digitization of works on the topic of ancient medicines as potential sources for new modern medicines. His work has included using DNA analysis to reveal what plants were used in some of the earliest medicines in pill form from an Italian shipwreck dating back to 120 BC. This lecture and discussion will delve into the the use of ancient medical traditions as offering inspiration for novel medical therapies.

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