

## ABOUT CHPAMS: FEATURE MEMBER

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Zhanlian Feng, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice (Research), currently with the Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research at Brown University. Dr. Feng has more than 10 years of research experience in long-term care and health services research concerning the older population in the United States. More recently, his research has focused on emerging long-term care issues in China. He has been at the forefront in tracking and studying the phenomenal development of a new sector of long-term care facilities across Chinese cities. Recent publications have appeared in *Health Affairs* (2011), *Archives of Internal Medicine* (2011), *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* (2011), and *Health Services Research* (2010). A social demographer by training, Dr. Feng received his master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from Brown University and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Peking University.

1. *What has been the greatest achievement of your career?*

It has brought to me the greatest sense of achievement to realize that some of my published work has reached a broader audience than a tiny circle of fellow academics, thereby making a difference in the real world—however small it may be.

2. *What is your idea of a perfect day?*

Starting afresh with a favorite cup of coffee, finishing all that needs to be done by the end of the day, and going home with work completely out of mind.

3. *What is your worst habit?*

At times, I procrastinate—especially with things that are least favorite but still need to be done in the end.

4. *If you had not entered your current profession, what would you have liked to do?*

To run a bookstore or coffee shop—perhaps.

5. *How do you relax?*

Playing with and learning from my kids.