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## Got News?

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## SPH in the News

Mid-Morning Snacks May Sabotage Your Diet - *MSNBC*; **Anne McTiernan** (Epi) is mentioned.

More Kids Skip Shots - *Seattle Times*; **Mary Selecky** (HServ) is quoted.

Lost in the Desert? - *Seattle Magazine*; **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi) is interviewed.

Smoking Prevention Saves Money - KPLU; **Jeff Harris** (HServ) comments.

## Who Knew??



### Biostat is music to our ears!

Associate professor **Ken Rice** (Biostat) has sung bass with the Seattle Symphony Chorale, the Northwest Mahler Festival, the Northwest Chorale, the Cambridge Philharmonic, the Cambridge University Opera Society, and more.

## On the Calendar

**December 1, 12:30-1:20**  
Diesel Exhaust,  
Cardiovascular Health, and  
Genetics

**December 5, 12:30-4:30**  
Student Center Open Forum

**December 8, 10:30-11:30**  
Study Break with the Dean

**December 12, 3:30-4:30**  
Distinguished Faculty  
Lecture: Sverre Vedal

**December 13, 4:30-7:00**  
SPH All-School Holiday Party

*We'll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.*

## Opportunities

Chalk artists wanted to help SPH spread the word throughout the year! If interested, please contact Catherine Shen at [cshen489@uw.edu](mailto:cshen489@uw.edu).

What do you think about the proposed design for the new SPH Student Center? Join us at an **open forum** on Monday 12/5, noon-4:30, with your questions and input. F-348, light refreshments provided.

## Congrats!



Undergrad **Vicky Carper** (DEOHS) has won a scholarship from the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association.



Professor (and lawn bowler) **Janice Bell** (HServ)-who incidentally won two bronze medals in the Atlantic Games in Cyprus last month!--has won the 2011 Outstanding Manuscript Award from the CDC's Reproductive Health Division for her work on sleep and childhood obesity.



Professor **Beth Mueller** (Epi) and research scientist **Susan Searles Nielsen** (MPH, Epi, '00; PhD, Epi, '04) have won the first annual Innovations in Research Award from our **Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health**.



A new grant from the PhRMA Foundation to faculty members in SPH and Pharmacy will help start an interdisciplinary graduate certificate program in comparative effectiveness research. **Anirban Basu** (HServ) is a co-investigator. The certificate is expected to receive UW approval in spring 2012.

**See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 11/08-11/21/2011.**

## Making a Difference



Immigrant workers at **Casa Latina** can now learn about safety hazards and how to stay safe through a four-hour course in Spanish developed by the **Continuing Education Programs** in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (DEOHS).

Casa Latina is a Seattle-based nonprofit that offers Latino immigrants educational and economic opportunities. In a follow-up project, DEOHS Continuing Education will bring short, on-the-spot safety sessions to workers who gather near home improvement stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Pat McCowan** (DO) was honored with the 2011 PATH Int'l Volunteer Leadership Award for her leadership and commitment to **PATH Int'l** and its mission to enrich lives with equine-assisted activities.



Assistant professor **Susie Cassels** (Epi and GH) has a new baby boy named Silas. Susie reports that daughter Maeve is being a "great big sister."



Welcome to **Christina Benton** (DEOHS), new assistant to chair Dave Kalman. She comes to us from Genome Sciences, where she managed faculty affairs and assisted the chair. Christina lives in Mountlake Terrace with her husband, a dog, and two cats.

Please welcome **John Davis** (pictured left) and **Adrienne Burchiel** to the Dean's Office staff.

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.



John is the new Academic Affairs program coordinator, and you'll see Adrienne at the front desk. Stop by and say hi!



The SPH will miss **Judith Yarrow** (HServ), who is retiring on December 15. Since 2001, Judith has applied her editing, graphic design, and web talents to SPH publications, most recently as communications manager for HPRC. Before that she produced *Northwest Public Health* for the Northwest Center.



PhD candidate **Jenna Armstrong** (DEOHS), co-chair of **SPHA**, ran a personal best in the Seattle Half Marathon over Thanksgiving (top 10 women!) and will be running in the Boston Marathon next April. Way to run, Jenna!

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