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Got News?

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SPH in the News

1 in 2 Will Have False Alarm From Yearly Mammogram - MSNBC; **Rebecca Hubbard** (Biostat) is quoted.

Yoga, Stretching Classes Outdo Self-Care for Back Pain -MSNBC; **Karen Sherman** (Epi) and **Rick Deyo** (HServ) are quoted.

Children With Head Injuries Can Face Lifetime of Problems -US News & World Report; **Fred Rivara** (Epi) is quoted.

Violence More Common Among Kids of Combat Vets -Washington Post; **Sarah Reed** (MPH, HServ, '10) is quoted.

Who Knew??



We have a serious garlic maven at SPH!

Aaron Katz (HServ) loves all things garlic: he grows it, pickles it, collects books on it, and even has an altar to the Garlic God in his kitchen.

On the Calendar

Nov. 10, 10:10:50 AM
It Could Be A Pearl To You

Nov. 12, 1:30-3:45 PM
Dean Frumkin at TEDxRainier

Nov. 17, 12:30-1:20 PM
Washington Green Schools: Implications for Health

Dec. 13, 4:00-7:00 PM
SPH Holiday Party, Vista Café

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the [SPH Events Calendar](#).

Opportunities

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

Get Your Gear On!

Congrats!



Betty Bekemeier (HServ) has been inducted as a **Fellow** into the American Academy of Nursing for her systems research, particularly with state and local health departments and public health nurses.



The American Statistical Association has awarded the 2011 HPSS (Health Policy Statistics) Long-Term Excellence Award to professor emeritus **Paula Diehr**, (Biostat, HServ).



Professor **Elaine Faustman** (DEOHS) delivered the William B. Kinter Memorial Lecture at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Maine: "Evolution of Toxicology for Public Health: From Rodents to Humans and Back."



The US Department of Education has awarded **Erma Byrd Scholarships** to two DEOHS graduate students: **Cody Cullison** (pictured left) and **Ryan Blood**.



Jeff Duchin (Epi) has won the 2011 Noreen Harris Award for Excellence in Public Health Epidemiology. Jeff is also Chief of the Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology & Immunization Section at Public Health - Seattle & King County.



DGH faculty and PATH chief **Chris Elias** (MPH, HServ, '90) has been tapped to run the Global Development Program at the Gates Foundation. Chris received the School's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010.



Six SPH faculty--**Carey Farquhar**, **David Roesel**, **Noel Weiss**, **Emmanuela Gakidou**, **Robyn McClelland**, and **Barbara McKnight** (pictured left)-- received "exceptionally high" ratings for their courses in summer quarter 2011.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 10/10-10/18/2011

Making a Difference



Snohomish Fire District 1 fields about 13,000 emergency calls annually. When its wellness director wanted to learn about germs in fire stations last year, he called in professor **Marilyn**

Roberts (DEOHS); together, they conducted the first-ever study of drug-resistant MRSA in Pacific Northwest fire stations. What they found was surprising: 4% of the samples collected from trucks, gear, etc. tested positive for MRSA, and more than 20% of the firefighters who volunteered to be tested had MRSA in their noses. New educational materials have been developed and distributed in the district, and now the Washington Fire Chiefs association is partnering with UW SPH to test firefighters and equipment across the state. [Read more.](#)

Around the Water Cooler



Carry the Soul Catcher every day with SPH T-shirts, mugs, hoodies, and totes.

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Cute baby alert! Welcome to Ian Thomas Brown, born 9/11/11 to **Siobhan Brown**, biostatistician in the ROC Clinical Trials Center.



Professor emeritus **Ann Marie Kimball** (Epi) retired at the end of September. She has joined the Gates Foundation as senior program officer for epidemiology and surveillance in global health.



DEOHS research scientist **Erin Stamper Hughes** (MPH, DEOHS, '09) was married in March. She and her new husband jumped on bikes for a **15-week honeymoon**, biking 5,000 miles across the US.



Marlana Kohn (MPH, HServ, '11) is a new data analyst at **HPRC**. Marlana's research interests include public health nutrition and obesity prevention.



We'll miss **Bizu Gelaye** from **MIRT**, who's off to work with Michelle Williams at Harvard. At SPH Bizu won an Outstanding Staff Award, the Anderson Award, and an Outstanding Student Award. He expects to finish his PhD (Epi) sometime this year.



Barbara Rose (MPH, HServ, '11), a self-professed local public health junkie, is the new outreach and training specialist at the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice.

Ellie Schweihs (Biostat) retired at the end of October. Ellie joined UW in 1988 at the CHS Coordinating Center before joining the Biostat central office, where she has managed revenue, travel, training grants, and much, much more.

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