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SPH in the News

What You Don't Know Can Make You Sick - *Seattle Times*; **John Kobayashi** is mentioned.

Who Knew??



The SPH has a new Zumba instructor!

Daren Wade (DGH) just completed **Zumba** instructor training in Portland. Says Daren, "Every class feels like a party!" Catch him at Dance Underground on Dec 3 and 6.

On the Calendar

Nov 17, 5:00-7:00 PM
Public Health Cafe: Ethics & Epigenetics

Nov 29, 6:00-7:30 PM
Executive MHA Open House

Nov 30, 10:00 AM-5:30 PM
2011 STD & AIDS Research Symposium

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

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

Opportunities

Looking for Volunteers:

Calling all students! Help us improve SPH web communications by joining a one-hour focus group on either Wed, Nov 30 at 4:30 or Fri, Dec 2 at 2:30 in F-348 Health Sciences. RSVP to **Jenna Armstrong**. **FREE** Trophy cupcakes for the first 24 attendees!

Call for Nominations:

2012 Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award

2012 UW Teaching Awards

Job Listings:

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

Congrats!



Doctoral student **Mercy Laurino** (Epi) won the **APHA 2011 Nguyen Memorial Award for Leadership**. Mercy, who is also a genetic counselor, worked with a team in the Philippines to develop that country's first training program for genetic counselors.



Doctoral student **Zheyu Wang** (Biostat) won a 2011 **ASA HPSS Student Award** for her paper on comparing the accuracy of different diagnostic tests when the patient's true disease status is unknown.



Ed Marcuse (Epi), who has dedicated his career to improving the understanding of vaccine-preventable diseases and promoting childhood immunization, has won the **Dr. Martin H. Smith Award for Achievement in Childhood Immunization**.



Tom Fleming (Biostat) has been appointed to the Ross Prentice Endowed Professorship for Biostatistical Collaboration for 2011-2012. Tom will teach a course on the conduct of medical trials while he holds the Professorship.



Way to go, **MHA students!** Seven have already landed post-grad fellowships: **Daniel Anderson** (pictured left), St Luke's Health System; **Justin Bronkhorst**, Providence Health & Services; **Christopher Hunerkoch**, St Luke's Episcopal Health System; **Sanu Jain**, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; **Genevieve Logan**, Kaiser Permanente Northwest; **Whitney Offenbecher**, Seattle Children's; **Michael Stuart**, Trinity Health, St Joseph Mercy Oakland.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 10/25-11/7/2011.

Making a Difference



Fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) is a permanent birth defect caused when pregnant women drink alcohol. FAS isn't just a health care issue--its primary impact is on schools, foster and adoption services,

the justice system, and mental health services.

Under the direction of **Susan Astley** (Epi), the **UW FAS Diagnosis & Prevention Network** has developed facial analysis software to help identify kids with FAS (demonstrated above left), diagnosed thousands of patients, developed and distributed diagnostic tools and software worldwide, and trained thousands of diagnostic teams. Thanks to the Network, the number of kids born with FAS has decreased steadily in Washington state.

Around the Water Cooler



Lawrie Robertson, the School's Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration, will be inducted into the USA Track & Field Officials' Hall of Fame in December.



Marilyn Hair (MPH, Epi, '11) is the new program manager at the Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health (CEEH). CEEH is launching a new series, **Public Health Cafe**, to raise awareness about public health.



Alisa Jenny (DSO) and former colleagues at UC Berkeley's SPH have an **article in *The Lancet*** that looks at the effects of an improved stove on indoor air pollution and childhood pneumonia in Guatemala.



In an **op-ed in the *Seattle Times***, **Andrew Bryant** (MPH, HServ, '06) makes the case for a new Children's Party in America.



The former **Cate Clegg** (MPH, HServ, '11) has had a big year, graduating from the School's COPHP program in June, working as a research coordinator for HPRC, and marrying Nick Thorp on September 3rd in the Methow Valley. She will henceforth be known as Cate Clegg-Thorp.

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