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SPH in the News

[Restaurant meals a bit healthier after menu law](#) - Reuters; quotes **Barbara Bruemmer** (Epi)

[Polluted Waters: How Clean Is Clean?](#) - KUOW; quotes **Bill Daniell** (DEOHS)

[Clue to why human body can't fight HIV](#) - Fox News; quotes **Michael Gale** (GH)

[More Older People Treated for Depression](#) - New York Times; quotes **Jürgen Unützer** (HServ)

Who Knew??



You've heard of baseball's switch-hitters.

How about switch-pitchers? Those are the rare players who can throw with either arm. **Tim Knight** (DO) coaches youth baseball and keeps a blog, [Switch Pitching 101](#), to chronicle this unusual talent. Tim's son, Henry, 15, started switch-pitching at the age of 9.

On the Calendar

Aug 6, 8:30-10:15 am
[The human health impacts of climate change](#)

Aug 7, 3:30-5
[What does the Supreme Court's ACA decision mean for the public's health?](#)

Aug 9, 6:30 pm
[Who Shall Live? A Seminar on Bioethics](#)

Aug 13, 11:00
[Molecular Approaches to Link Common Exposures and Cancer](#)

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

Announcement

The School of Public Health has announced the Emerging Challenges Research Grant program to support innovative approaches in addressing emerging challenges identified in the [Strategic Plan](#). Regular and research

Congrats!



Chris Johnson (HServ) took over as director of the MHA program in July. An associate professor, he joins us from the School of Rural Public Health at Texas A&M University. **Will Welton**, who served 11 years as MHA program director, continues as senior lecturer.



Renee Heffron (GH postdoc, PhD grad Epi) received a [Young Investigator Award](#) from the International AIDS Society for her research on hormonal contraception and HIV risk in Africa. She was one of five scientists under 35 to win the \$2,000 award funded by the IAS and the French National Agency for Research.



Joseph Zunt (pictured) was promoted to professor in GH and to adjunct professor in Epi, while **Heidi Crane** was promoted to adjunct associate professor in HServ and **David Bonauto** to clinical associate professor in DEOHS.



Other recent promotions: **Marian Neuhouser** (Epi, pictured), **Ying Chen** (Biostat) and **Katharine Bradley** (HServ) were promoted to affiliate professors. **Holly Janes** (Biostat),



Jennifer Nelson (Biostat), **Stephen Bao** (DEOHS), **David Boyle** (DEOHS), **Chang-Fu Wu** (DEOHS) and **Assiamira Ferrara** (Epi, pictured) were promoted to affiliate associate professor.



Andy Tang (undergrad, DEOHS) received a Physician Researcher Initiative fellowship to present his research at a [Student National Medical Association](#) conference in Atlanta. Andy also gave a talk on promoting the medical education pipeline for underrepresented minority groups.

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Making a Difference



Jared Baeten (Epi, GH) and **Connie Celum** (Epi, GH) led research that

played a key role in the approval of a new HIV prevention drug. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration last month approved Truvada, an antiretroviral drug, for use by people at high risk of contracting HIV. Baeten and Celum oversaw three years of clinical trials with Truvada at nine sites in Kenya and Uganda with more than 4,700 heterosexual couples. Results of the study showed that a daily dose of Truvada reduced the risk of infection by 75 percent. "It's a great feeling to see that there is a new strategy that is worth moving forward with," Celum [told The \(UW\) Daily](#). "It's not going to eradicate HIV, by any means, but it's a thrilling experience to be part of an effort to find new tools to prevent HIV."

Around the Water Cooler



The Tacoma Fire Department awarded **Matt Fleming** (pictured), son of **Tom Fleming** (Biostat), the [Medal of Valor](#) after he jumped into Commencement Bay to save a drowning man. Fleming, a second-year firefighter, shed his excess clothes and "ran across the top of the

faculty with primary academic appointments in one of the five SPH Departments are eligible to apply. Deadline is Aug. 31. Contact: [Mark Oberle](#)

Opportunities

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

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water like a gecko," the rescued man's son-in-law [told the News Tribune](#).



Flavia Chen is cycling from Maine to the UW, where she will begin her MPH studies in Public Health Genetics in the fall. "I'm really excited to start - great motivation to keep trekking west," she said. Check out her blog, [Running \(& Biking\) with Noodles](#).



UW students are showing off their global health work in 90-second videos at the [Seattle Center's Global Health Experience Exhibit](#), which runs through Aug. 19. Students are also staffing a "polio-eradication game" highlighting the challenges of global health. Pictured: **Tolu Okitika** (DEOHS) and **Peter Kithene** (MPH, GH).



Thirty high school students from the Yakima Valley [visited SPH](#) to learn more about careers in public health. They toured the lab of PhD student **Vanessa Galaviz** (DEOHS) while MPH students **Sierra Rotakhina**, **Angie Wood** and **Genya Shimkin** (COPHP) led sessions on what makes people healthy.

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