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## SPH in the News

[If there were a health Olympics, the U.S. wouldn't even medal](#) - *Seattle Times*; opinion by **Stephen Bezruchka** (GH, HServ)

[Can London learn from New York public health policy?](#) - *Guardian*; guest column by **Ali Mokdad** (Epi, GH, HServ)

[Drug duo raises breast-cancer survival rates, study says](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **William Barlow** (Biostat)

[Heat wave health woes: hot temperatures and excess pollution put children at risk](#) - *Huffington Post*; quotes **Howard Frumkin** (DO, DEOHS)

## Who Knew??



**Two eMPH students share a love of working with**

**dogs** and a passion for service. **Janelle Wierenga** and **Jenny Whitten** volunteer with [King County Search Dogs](#), a unit of King County Search and Rescue Association.

## On the Calendar

**Aug 20, 3:00**  
[Challenges in Comparative Effectiveness Research: Treatment of localized prostate cancer as a case study](#)

**Aug 25, 9:00**  
[Duwamish River Bike Tour](#)

**Sept 13, 10:00**  
[Native Women's Wellness](#)

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

## Special Bulletin

The UW policy on financial conflicts in research is being revised, with a target effective date of August 24. Be sure to check this [UW website](#) for the latest updates.

## Opportunities

## Congrats!



**Sarah Lowry** (PhD grad, Epi) was awarded first prize in the 2012 American College of Epidemiology student competition for her paper on non-Hodgkin lymphoma and antidepressant use. She will present her research next month in Chicago.



**Thomas Lumley** (Biostat) was named a Fellow to the American Statistical Association. He earned a PhD at SPH and is a professor at the University of Auckland in New Zealand.



The school has received a three-year Public Health Training Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. Associate Dean **Fred Connell** (Epi, HServ) says \$85,000 per year in financial aid will be shared among the departments to assist graduate students.



**Benjamin Spencer** (GH), **Susan Bolton** (GH) and a team of UW faculty and students won the 2012 [Place Design Award](#) for developing a park at a primary school in a slum of Lima, Peru.



Two grad students have received \$1,500 grants from the Northwest Public Health Training Center, part of NWCPHP. **Amber Lenhart** (MPH, DEOHS) and **Hannah Mandel** (MS, Biomedical and Health Informatics) will use the funds to support their [summer projects](#) working with underserved populations.

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## Making a Difference



Evidence from several DEOHS studies helped craft a new Washington state law, directing the Department of Labor & Industries to create a statewide network for providers who treat injured workers. The legislation also calls for expanding access to the state's Centers of Occupational Health Education. The law is expected to save the state more than \$200 million over the next four years by returning more workers to good health after injuries. The evaluation work of **Gary Franklin** (who is also Medical Director of L&I) and **Thomas Wickizer**, now at Ohio State University, was key to the bill's passage. **June Spector** (program director) and **Joel Kaufman** (previous medical director) at the Harborview COHE also played crucial roles.

## Around the Water Cooler



SPH softball teams swept both Men's and Co-Rec softball when [the Residuals](#) and Matt's Mustache won their respective summer intramural tournaments. The two teams feature students, staff and faculty mostly from Biostat, although players from Epi and other UW departments join in.



The Dean's Office has a new Advancement Coordinator: **Ashley Goldman**, a Pepperdine grad who previously worked with UW Alumni Tours. Ashley also works with [Nations Films](#), a

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

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**Sandra Smith** (HServ) presented a summary of her research on promoting maternal health literacy at the Worldwide Universities Network Global Public Health Challenge in Southampton, England.



**Jenna Armstrong** (PhD student, DEOHS) cycled across Scotland for 11 days after presenting her research on airborne pesticide exposures at the [X2012 conference](#) in Edinburgh. Jenna also shared her research with the EPA Region 10 office in Seattle.



New addition: **Sarah Fish** (DEOHS) and husband Matt recently celebrated the arrival of Miranda Katherine.

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