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SPH in the News

Prescription for Abuse: Washington tries to get serious *Crosscut*; **Jeff Thompson** (HServ) and **Gary Franklin** (DEOHS, HServ) are quoted.

Investigation: Are your kids hooked on heroin? - *MyNorthwest.com*
Mentioned: **Caleb Banta-Green**, HServ alum now with the UW's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute

Global WACH - *The Daily*; **Grace John-Stewart** (Epi, GH) is the director.

Who Knew??



Librarian Julia Paulsen sings in the Medieval Women's Choir.

The 60-voice choir sings a variety of music in many languages from the 12th to 16th centuries. Julia sings alto.

On the Calendar

February 9, 10:00
The Institute of Medicine's new report: Living Well With Chronic Illness

February 9, 3:30
Health and Celebrity

February 13, 5:00
Public Health Cafe: Building Better Biobanks

February 16, 7:00
Cancer and Infectious Diseases: Making a Global Impact

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.

If you're interested in joining the planning group for the **2012 SPH award ceremony**, contact Pat McCowan at patsemc2@uw.edu.

Feb. 10 is the deadline for nominations to SPH's new diversity committee; see page 15 of the Strategic

Congrats!



Christopher Johnson has been named associate professor and director of the **Master of Health Administration** program in Health Services, beginning this summer. He comes from Texas A&M University, where he heads the Department of Health Policy and Management in the School of Rural Public Health.



SPH has two nominees for UW's **Distinguished Staff Award**: Gwen Moni (research coordinator, Health Services/HPRC) and Kevin Schuda (manager, Institute for Public Health Genetics). The reception and award ceremony are Feb. 16, 2:30-4:00, in the UW Tower cafeteria.



The governor has named **Douglas Conrad** (HServ) to the **Washington State Health Benefits Exchange Board**, which will help implement the state's Health Insurance Exchange under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.



Tim DeRouen (Biostat, interim dean at Dentistry, former associate dean at SPH) has been elected to the board of the **American Association for Dental Research**; he is in line to become president in 2014.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 1/17-1/30/2012

Making a Difference



When an earthquake or pandemic strikes, people assume that health care workers will be there. A new study confirms it. **Northwest Center for Public Health Practice** researchers, along

with Public Health-Seattle & King County and the King County Health Care Coalition, surveyed about 4,500 of the county's health care workers. The results, published in the December 2011 issue of "**Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**," found high willingness to report (95 percent for an influenza pandemic, slightly lower for a severe earthquake). Important factors were anti-viral treatment for themselves and their families and transportation assistance. Authors include **Andy Stergachis** (Epi, GH, HServ) and **Luanne D'Ambrosio** (NWCPHP). Funding is from PHSKC and HHS.

Around the Water Cooler



Lisa Gallagher (DEOHS), a senior fellow working with **Harvey Checkoway** (DEOHS, Epi), had a baby Dec. 1. Lisa and husband Tom bundled up little Nathan Thomas Gallagher for his first snowfall a few weeks ago.



Associate Dean **Fred Connell** (DO) is helping develop a school of public health in Nepal. The **Patan Academy of Health Sciences** in Kathmandu asked him to help draft a strategic plan for the new public university.

Elizabeth Phelan (HServ) and **Hendrika**

Plan. Students, staff and faculty welcome. Contact Deb Hinchey at hinchd@uw.edu.

Feb. 15 is the deadline for the summer **2012 Epi Scholars Program**, which offers paid internships to public health graduate students. Contact Karen Hartfield at epischolars@kingcounty.gov



Meischke's (HServ) fall prevention work with HPRC and Seattle-King county emergency medical services is getting attention from MaineHealth's EMS **Falls Prevention Workgroup**. Phelan hopes the contact will lead to an idea exchange, mutual learning and perhaps future research.



Deborah Hinchey's first day as director of student services (DO) was a quiet one. It was the day after the Martin Luther King holiday and snow was beginning to fall. "Five days and a lot of snow later, I found my way back to my new office for day 2!" she said.



To honor the recent retirement of **Thomas Koepsell**, (Epi, HServ), Chair **Scott Davis** (Epi) wants to raise \$10,000 for the endowment in Professor Koepsell's name. Contact Megan Lynn at mlynn25@uw.edu or visit the [website](#) to join the effort.

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