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SPH in the News

Wingspan Stent Under Fire - *Bloomsburg Business Week*; **Larry Kessler** (HServ) is interviewed.

Where's There's Smoke, There's Sickness - *Investigate West*; **Mike Yost** (DEOHS) is interviewed.

Aid Dollars Still Growing, But More Slowly - *Washington Post*; **Chris Murray** (IMHE) is interviewed.

Women's Incomes Affect Obesity Rates - *Deseret News*; **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi) is interviewed.

Who Knew??



Catherine Shen (DO) was one of the first editors of "Tales of the

City" by Armistead Maupin. The newspaper columns became a series of best-selling books about bohemian San Francisco.

On the Calendar

January 5, 3:30
The Heritability of Human Weight

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The Prostate Cancer Screening Controversy

January 12, 10:00
CDC Healthy Aging Research Network

January 12, 11:30
Achieving health equity through non-violent social change

January 12, 4:00
SPH All Hands Meeting

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.

Congrats!



Acting Assistant Professor **India Ornelas** (HServ) will join **Krishna Richardson** (GH) in representing SPH on the [UW Diversity Council](#). The Council is working to develop goals and strategic priorities to embed diversity across the University.



On Jan. 12, Associate Professor **James Pfeiffer** (GH and HServ) will be the keynote speaker and Clinical Associate Professor **Dorothy Mann** (HServ) will receive the 2012 Distinguished Service Award at the [Martin Luther King Jr. tribute](#) sponsored by Health Sciences and UW Medical Center.



Health Services faculty members **Hilary Karasz**, **Sharon Bogan**, and **Meredith Li-Vollmer** won a silver award from the [National Public Health Information Coalition](#) (NPHIC) for their 4-part video series about texting as a way for Health Departments to communicate effectively with the public, especially during emergencies.



APHA's Governing Council recently adopted two policies advocated by the [COPHP Class of 2011](#) at the annual meeting last fall. They are Policy #20117 on Improving opportunities for young immigrants and Policy #20118 on Improving U.S. farm worker housing.

See new SPH grants and contracts awarded 12/20/11-1/2/2012

Making a Difference



The journal *Science* has chosen an international HIV prevention trial as its **2011 Science Breakthrough of the Year**. The study, which involved more than 3,000

participants, found that if HIV-infected heterosexual individuals begin taking antiretroviral medicines when their immune systems are relatively healthy, they are 96 percent less likely to transmit the virus to their uninfected partners. The biostatistical work on the study was done jointly by our Department of Biostatistics and the Biostatistics and Bioinformatics program at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Professor **Thomas Fleming** (Biostat) and Affiliate Associate Professor **Ying Chen** (Biostat) authored the paper presenting the results of this trial. Professor **James Hughes** (Biostat) chaired the study Monitoring Committee. The study was sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which is part of NIH.

Around the Water Cooler



SPH welcomes alumna **Deb Hinchey** as Director of Student Services (DO) beginning January 17th. Deb received her MPH in the COPHP program. Deb comes to us from Seattle University with extensive experience in higher education and

non-profit environments.



Go **Team Tiny Frogs!** That's the group of Health Services folks, led by **Patricia Lichiello**, who will be participating in the **Big Climb** on March 25, up 1,311 steps to the top of the Columbia Center tower. The climb is a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. All SPH --and other UW -- people are welcome to join or donate. Meanwhile, the team is practicing by climbing the 20-plus flights up the UW Tower!



Professor **Johanna Lampe** (Epi) is one of two candidates for election as chair-elect of a steering committee of the American Association for Cancer Research. **Voting deadline** is Jan. 16.



Undergrad Program Advisor **Susan Inman** (DEOHS) spent her holidays in Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya, enjoying the sun and wildlife.

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