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## SPH in the News

**Increased Coal Train Traffic Could Mean Bad News for Public Health** - KUOW; **Frank James** (HServ) and **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi) are quoted.

**Pneumococcal Vaccine in Kids Driving Strains Out of Adults** - CTV News; **Jeffrey Duchin** (Epi) is quoted.

**Seattle Global Health Expert Issues Call To Arms in the War On Fake Drugs** - Humanosphere; **Andy Stergachis** (Epi, GH, HServ) is featured in a Q and A.

**The Red Envelope: Capitalistic Health Care in China** - *The Seattle Times*; **Dean Jamison** (GH, HServ) is quoted.

**Do Food Deserts Matter? Do They Even Exist?** - *Washington Post*; **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi) is quoted.

## Who Knew??



**There are a number of SPH-ers with a shared horse passion.** Sara

Mackenzie (HServ), Pat McCowan (DO), and Betsy McGrath (HServ) all do eventing (a combination three-day series of dressage, cross country jumping and stadium jumping).

## On the Calendar

**May 7, 4:00**  
**Developing and Influencing Policy for the Public's Health**

**May 7, 7:00**  
**The Future of Genome Sciences**

**May 7-11**  
**Global Health Week.** The GH department is holding various events, including a career panel on Wed., May 9, from 4-5:30 in South Campus Center, Room 316.

**May 11, 3:30**  
Celebrating Public Health: SPH Appreciation and Awards Celebration.

The School's annual awards ceremony will be part of the spring celebration Friday, May 11, 3:30-7 pm at the UW Center for Urban

## Congrats!



**Bill Foege** (Epi), who led efforts to wipe out smallpox and later served as director of the CDC, has been selected by President Obama as **one of 13 recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom**. The awardees also include the late UW grad Gordon Hirabayashi, a Japanese-American who fought his World War II internment to the Supreme Court.



**Rosa Solorio** (HServ) received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study a dating violence prevention program that is culturally adapted for Hispanic adolescent girls. Hispanic girls are more likely than their white counterparts to report being the victims of dating violence.



**Dan** and **Nancy Evans** will be honored with the UW's 2012 Gates Volunteer Service Award. Former governor Dan Evans is a member of the SPH Dean's Council and Nancy is a former member. They will be honored at the award gala in September.



Research Scientist **Ranjini Krishnan** (DEOHS) received a \$500 clinical research presentation award from the **Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators' Forum** in Chicago this past September.



**Donna Porter** has been promoted to associate director of academic program operations for the Department of Health Services. Zhenya Lavy takes over as interim program manager of the MHA programs.



**Donald Patrick** (HServ, Epi) will receive this year's **lifetime achievement award** from the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. He will be honored at ISPOR's May meeting in Washington DC.



**Adam Akullian** (grad student, Epi) received a 2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, a three-year, fully funded award. He will be entering the PhD program this fall. His master's thesis, under Professor **Grace John-Stewart** (Epi, GH), focuses on mapping spatial patterns of HIV-related stigma in Kenya.



**Elizabeth Vodicka** (MHA student, HServ) won a Fogarty Leadership Fellowship. She will be working with mentors at the University of Washington as well as the *Universidad Peruano Cayetano Heredia* in Lima, Peru.

## See recent SPH grants and contracts

## Making a Difference



Public health professionals and the attorneys working with them can strengthen their skills in public health law and policy, under a **two-year grant** to The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) from the Robert Wood Johnson

Horticulture. Join our SPH community for delicious food and drinks, awards, games, friends, and fun. Families are welcome.

*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.

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Foundation. The funds will be used to develop consultation and coaching for trainers; tools and guidelines for developing and delivering trainings; and three online training modules on priority topics. "We can dramatically increase the use of law as a tool to improve the public's health," said **Susan Allan**, director of NWCPHP. The center will work closely with the foundation and the Network for Public Health Law.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Theresa Hastert** (PhD student, Epi), **Scott Adams** (MPH 2010, Epi), and **Jennifer Balkus** (PhD candidate, Epi) will be participating in the **AIDSLife Cycle** - a 545-mile charity bike ride in early June from San Francisco to Los Angeles to raise money for HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment services.



**Richard Fenske** (DEOHS), despite being on sabbatical, spoke to UW alumni in Arizona. His topic was "Public Health on a Changing Planet."



Research by doctoral student **Colin Rehm** (Epi) and acting assistant professor **Pablo Monsivais** (Epi, now in Cambridge, UK) was cited in a recent **UN report** on the right to food. The report said that healthy diets in high-income countries are more expensive than less healthy diets rich in oils, sugars and fats - one factor in the rise in obesity.



**Jeff Hodson** has been hired as a Senior Writer/Editor in Communications in the Dean's Office, filling the position vacated when Chele Shepard retired. Jeff recently was in Myanmar/Burma to help reporters there cover the recent election of democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi. He is a former newspaper journalist and media trainer.



**Mary Saucier** (program coordinator, DEOHS) is on the board of **Ignition Northwest**, the primary sponsor of **Seattle Mini Maker Fair** at the Seattle Center in June. Ignition Northwest is an arts and education nonprofit that grew out of Burning Man. It has more than 900 members and gives out \$15,000 in grants per year.



**Glen Norine Felias-Christensen** (eMPH student) has published her first journal article, stemming from her practicum assignment with HPRC. **Kristen Hammerback** and **Elizabeth Phelan** (HServ) were co-authors of "Evaluation of a Telephone-based Physical Activity Promotion Program for Disadvantaged Older Adults," which appeared in *Preventing Chronic Disease*.

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