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SPH in the News

[Native health researcher bikes for Hopi cancer assistance fund](#) - *UW Today*; cites research by **Rachel Winer** (Epi)

[King County wants more control toward teen smoking prevention](#) - *KING 5 TV*; **Joy Gilroy** (MPH grad, COPHP '10) is interviewed

[It's not all coffee and computers as health care innovation thrives in Washington state](#) - *Workforce.com*; quotes **William Dowling** (HServ)

[Feds probe whooping cough epidemic; are vaccines pooping out?](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Edgar Marcuse** (Epi)

Who Knew??



Former Dean Pat Wahl (Biostat) once lived in a houseboat on Portage Bay and kayaked to work. She came home one day to find a goose in her living room. At night, raccoons were at her windows; creatures gnawed her floor-boards. "I felt like I was living really close to nature," she said.

On the Calendar

October 8, 4-7 pm
[Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes in Low and Middle Resource Countries](#)

October 11-14
[SACNAS National Conference](#)

October 11, 12:30
[Environmental Economics](#)

October 27-31
[American Public Health Association Annual Meeting](#)

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

Special Bulletin

HServ has announced the creation of PHEnOM: [The Program in Health](#)

Congrats!



They're being honored as "climate heroes." **Andy Dannenberg** (DEOHS) and **Howard Frumkin** (DO, DEOHS) are among winners of the [new Atlas Award](#) from the Transition Express Campaign for their book, "Making Healthy Places." They co-edited and wrote parts of it with UCLA professor **Richard Jackson**.



Sarah Roberts (PhD student, Epi) was named a 2012-14 First-Year ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Fellow. She earned her MPH in global health from Emory University.



Timothy DeRouen (Biostat) received an honorary doctorate from Thammasat University in Bangkok for his research in oral health and for mentoring and training dental faculty in clinical research. He recently served as UW interim dean of Dentistry.



The [Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network](#) was honored for "outstanding leadership and innovation" at a recent CDC conference. **Vicky Taylor** (HServ) heads the UW group. Also highlighted were efforts led by **Peggy Hannon** (HServ) to evaluate state and tribal colorectal cancer programs.



As part of this year's orientation, SPH students and staff volunteered at Northwest Harvest, a statewide food bank distributor. In just half a day, they packaged 15,200 pounds of plums and 6,000 pounds of squash.

[See recent SPH grants and contracts »](#)

Making a Difference



How does Twitter affect obesity? How can we engage diverse groups on the issue of climate change and health? These are some of the studies funded by five pilot grants (up to \$40,000 each)

awarded by SPH to help meet the six emerging challenges of [the school's strategic plan](#). The grants are to: understand the impact of social networks on obesity among different demographic groups (**Ali Shojaie**, Biostat); examine the relationship between perceived discrimination and chronic stress among Latina and white women (**India Ornelas**, HServ, and **Shirley Beresford**, Epi, HServ); evaluate strategies to promote meaningful discussion of climate change among diverse groups (**Rich Fenske**, DEOHS); improve malaria diagnosis and treatment in Mozambique (**Kenneth Sherr**, Epi, GH); and increase the rate of circumcision in Uganda to reduce HIV risk (**Joseph Babigumira**, GH).

Around the Water Cooler



Andy Stergachis (Epi, GH, HServ) spent a week in London working on a panel to study public health lessons learned from the Olympics and Paralympics. The panel trained people from other countries who will be hosting or bidding for international mass gatherings.

[Economics and Outcomes Methodology](#). It aims to engage researchers in allied fields around the city of Seattle. The long-term goal is to establish PHEOM as a nationally and internationally recognized hub of health economics and related activities.

Opportunities

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

Missed an issue of *NewsCatcher*? [Find it in the Archive](#) (UW netID required).



Susan Tao (DEOHS) has joined the Environmental Health Laboratory as a senior-level research scientist. She recently worked in scientific laboratories in eastern Washington.



Andrew Hieb has joined DEOHS as a Web developer. He founded his own Web development firm and has worked with a wide range of non-profits.



When Seattle Public Libraries shut down for a week due to budget cuts, **Yates Coley** (PhD student, Biostat) and friends came to the rescue. They set up the "People's Library." [Listen to Yates](#) on KIRO radio and check out photos from the effort on Alex Garland's [Facebook gallery](#), [the PI](#) and [The Seattle Times](#).



Sandra Smith (HServ) and **Gail Kouame** of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine-Pacific Northwest Region conducted an assessment with five social services agencies serving the Bozeman, MT, area. The project looked at the potential effectiveness of Maternal Child Health promotion programs to bring resources from the National Library of Medicine to disadvantaged and isolated families.



Ala Soofian (Undergrad, PH) spent a month in Tanzania as part of SUPPORT Africa, a humanitarian group that assessed hospitals, schools and orphanages. The group also built libraries at the Bilal Muslim School and an orphanage in Kibowa.

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