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## SPH in the News

[Smoke from Idaho wildfire poses health risk](#) - Reuters; quotes **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS)

[Whooping cough vaccine loses punch too fast](#) - AP; quotes **Maxine Hayes** (HServ)

[UW researchers urge integrating deworming into HIV care](#) - *UW Today*; quotes **Helen Gerns** (PhD student, Epi) and **Judd Walson** (Epi, GH)

[New high-tech devices monitor asthma, raise awareness](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Dimitri Christakis** (HServ)

## Who Knew??



**Patricia Lichiello (HServ) once took part in a**

**televised game show.** It was 1986, and she had just moved to LA for grad school. Patricia survived three auditions for "Scrabble" and went on to win \$1,800 in front of the bright lights and cameras. "I loved my 15 minutes of fame!" she says. Ask her about host Chuck Woolery sometime.

## On the Calendar

**Sept 25, 11:00**  
[Dawg Daze Walking Tour of Global Health on Campus](#)

**Oct 5, 3:30**  
[2012 Stephen Stewart Gloyd Endowed Lecture: The Politics of Global Health Agenda-Setting](#)

**Oct 9, 6:30 pm**  
[Public Health Cafe: Seafood - It's Healthy, But Is It Safe to Eat?](#)

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

## New Website

SPH has launched a new-look website. Check it out at [sph.washington.edu](http://sph.washington.edu). The redesign work was led by **Nancy Shawn** with able help from **Tim Knight**.

## Congrats!



Research by **Thomas Odeny** (post-grad fellow, IHME) on how text messaging can prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV was presented at the [2012 Integration for Impact conference](#) in Nairobi last week. The research was part of his Fogarty International Clinical Research Fellowship.



**Peter Milgrom** (HServ) has received the American Dental Association's highest honor: the Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research. Milgrom has worked to improve access to care for low-income children.



**Cheng Zheng** (PhD student, Biostat) received a Student Paper Competition Travel Award for the Health Policy Section of the American Statistical Association. **Zheyu Wang** (PhD student, Biostat) was a winner last year.



**Jeanne Sears** (HServ) was awarded a two-year, \$275,000 grant to develop a better way of tracking trends in traumatic workplace injuries. Funding is from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.



**Mark Oberle** (DO, Epi, GH, HServ) received a Gates Foundation award to put on a disease surveillance workshop in Jakarta earlier this month. Ministers of Health and other senior officials from the Asia Pacific region attended.

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## Making a Difference



Preschool-age children slept better when they stopped watching violent TV shows, says [a new study](#) led by **Michelle Garrison** (HServ). Garrison (PhD '06 and MPH '99 in Epi) co-authored a study with **Dimitri Christakis** (HServ) of 565 children ages 3 to 5 in the Seattle area for 18 months. Half of the parents received advice on how to replace violent screen content with shows deemed more appropriate by researchers (think Sesame Street or Dora the Explorer). Results showed a 29 percent improvement in the percent of children not having sleep problems. "The first rule was that there really is no appropriate violence at this age," Garrison said.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Chris Wronsky** (DO) has been named the school's Associate Director for Philanthropy. He brings wide experience in major gifts, planned giving and alumni affairs and is known for his large selection of bow ties.



**Julie (Steckler) Nevins** (Epi) and **Justin Nevins** were married Aug. 19 at Hanalei Bay on Kauai. Julie is Epi's Student Services Coordinator.

## 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).



From air pollution to HIV, several faculty members and two grad students gave presentations last month about SPH research and programs to UW Provost **Ana Marie Cauce**. The nine brief talks were filmed and can be [seen on YouTube](#).



**Flavia Chen** made it! She cycled more than 4,100 miles from the East Coast to Seattle, where she will begin her MPH studies this fall in Public Health Genetics. It's all chronicled in [her blog](#).



**Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (PhD alum, Epi) was recently hired as an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology while **Joseph (Chris) Delaney** was hired as a research assistant professor.

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