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SPH in the News

[China bird flu appears to have spread from person to person](#) - *Health magazine*; quotes **Jeff Duchin** (Epi)

[The other Washington could hold the key to Medicare's cost crisis](#) - *Center for Public Integrity*; quotes **Larry Kessler** (HServ)

[Second cancer more likely for colon cancer survivors: study](#) - *US News & World Report*; cites research by **Amanda Phipps** (Epi)

[Anti-smoking cuts pose risk to public health](#) - *KUOW*; interviews **Abigail Halperin** (HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

Who Knew??



Elaine Faustman (DEOHS) met Princess

Chulabhorn Walailak of Thailand at a toxicology conference in Bangkok. The princess is the daughter of the King of Thailand and plays a unique role for many environmental toxicologists. She received her Doctorate in 1985 from Mahidol University and runs a world-renowned research institute that focuses on environmental cancer, natural products and arsenic.

On the Calendar

Aug 17, noon-4pm
[Duwamish River Festival](#)

Aug 19, 12:30-1:30pm
[People, Data and Information: Coordinating the Stuff of Collaborative Research](#)

Sept 19-20
[New Graduate Student Orientation and Service Day](#)

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

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job](#)

Congrats!



Gary Goldbaum (Epi, HServ), Health Officer and Director of the Snohomish Health District, will receive the 2013 Noreen Harris Award for Excellence in Public Health Epidemiology.



Yates Coley (PhD student, Biostat) won first place for Best Oral Presentation and was runner-up for Best Written Paper at the 2013 meeting of the Western North American Region of the International Biometrics Society.



HServ PhD student **Laura Chavez's** abstract on alcohol screening and risk of hospital readmission was chosen as one of four top student abstracts at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting.



Janelle Wierenga (eMPH student) has accepted a veterinary clinical and research track senior lecturer position at Massey University in New Zealand. She begins this fall.



[Global WACH](#) has awarded seed grants to **Daniel Enquobahrie** (Epi) and **Sandra Radin** (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute). Enquobahrie will study epigenetic markers of cardiometabolic risk among young women, and Radin will explore domestic violence and tribal community cultures.



Making a Difference



Health Services will launch a unique master's program this fall designed to produce senior leaders in health informatics and information management. The new [Master of Health Informatics and Health Information Management](#) (MHIHM) is a two-year program believed to be the first of its kind in the country, says Director and Senior Lecturer **Gretchen Murphy** (HServ). It's unique because it partners faculty from the Health Informatics and Health Information Management program with faculty from the Executive Master of Health Administration program, she said. The first group of students will feature 16 men and 13 women ranging from about 23 years of age to more than 50. Students come from a variety of fields, including HIM, business and IT. They will be prepared to lead work on electronic health record systems and for jobs such as chief knowledge officer, vice president of revenue cycle, and health care data resources administrator.

Around the Water Cooler



Bruce Weir plans to step down as chair of Biostatistics, a post he's held since 2006. He will continue to lead the Genetics Coordinating Center and manage grants in statistical and forensic genetics.



James Krieger (HServ) was a member of the IOM committee that produced the report, "[Evaluating Obesity Prevention Efforts: A Plan for Measuring Progress](#)." **Allen Cheadle** (HServ) led a team of commissioned contributors.

[listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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Evan Gallagher (DEOHS) is the new director of the UW [Superfund Basic Research Program](#).



Stephanie Potts, HPRC research assistant and GH/Public Affairs grad student, will head to Ghana in September for her Peace Corps assignment.



Andy Dannenberg (DEOHS), **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS) and Richard Jackson of UCLA [penned an editorial](#) in the American Journal of Public Health marking 10 years of achievement in the healthy built environment movement.



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