NewsCatcher

The latest news for and about our SPH community

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SPH in the News

Certain television fare can help ease aggression in young children, study finds - *New York Times;* cites UW study led by **Dimitri Christakis** (HServ)

Gun range under fire over lead in blood of workers - *Seattle Times;* quotes **Rick Gleason** (DEOHS)

'Ongoing, severe epidemic' of STDs in US, report finds - *NBC News;* quotes **Matthew Golden** (Epi)

Puget Sound air pollution's surprising effect on unborn babies - *KING 5 TV;* interviews **Sheela Sathyanarayana** (DEOHS)

Who Knew??

Stephanie Shadbolt (OD) plays Indonesian gamelan music. Gamelan features percussion instruments such as xylophones and gongs. Stephanie plays with a group called Gamelan Pacifica, which recently performed in the lobby of Benaroya Hall before concerts by the Seattle Symphony.

On the Calendar

Feb 21, 7 pm
Blood, Sweat and Sugar: How I Confronted the Pacific Tsunami of Diabetes

Feb 26, 8:00 am-12:30pm
Children's Environmental Health Research Matters Conference

Feb 26, 4:30-6:30 pm
Critical Voices: Got Mentors?

March 11, 4 pm
Findings of the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010

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

Congrats!

Garnet Anderson (Biostat) is the new director of the Public Health Sciences Division at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. She replaces **Ross Prentice** (Biostat), who stepped down after 25 years.

Gerard Cangelosi (DEOHS) was awarded a one-year, $250,000 grant to validate a new technology to improve the diagnosis of healthcare-associated infections.

Daniela Witten (Biostat) has received a two-year Sloan Research Fellowship to support her work in statistical machine learning, specifically in the area of high-dimensional graphical modeling.

A new course, HSERV 507, Health Communication and Social Marketing, has been approved, starting Spring 2013. It will initially be co-taught by **Linda Ko** (HServ) and **Hendrika Meischke** (HServ) and thereafter by Ko.

See recent SPH grants and contracts »

Making a Difference

Karen Hinckley Stukovsky (Biostat staff, Epi doctoral candidate) and her six-month-old son, Sam, are helping Seattle children learn about empathy. They were featured in a KING 5 TV segment and an upcoming KIRO radio piece on the Seeds of Empathy Program at the UW Childcare Center – Radford Court. Every few weeks, preschool children (including Karen's eldest daughter, Lillian, 5) interact with Sam, learning to see the world through his eyes. "The children have not only become more open but also genuinely seem to care about Sam's well-being," Karen says. "When he cries, they have millions of suggestions for how to make him stop." Seattle is the first city in the nation to offer the program to preschoolers.

Around the Water Cooler

The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice has two new additions to its communications team: **Meghan Fitzpatrick** (communications specialist) and **Megan Hawthorne** (communications research assistant).

Aaron Katz (HServ, GH) was featured in a "Get Jesse" segment on KING 5 TV on how the Affordable Care Act will affect small businesses.

It's a boy! **Marlana Kohn** (HPRC) and Rodger Kohn are proud to welcome Willem Werner Kohn, born Feb. 7.

Next year's Health Sciences Common Book is "In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction" by Gabor Maté. Incoming

opportunities.

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students will be asked to read and discuss it during orientation.

There's a campaign to honor John Snow, the first epidemiologist, with a Google Doodle for March 15, his 200th birthday. To take part, send an email to proposals@google.com.

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