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## SPH in the News

[ASUW Senate says smokers can stay](#) - *The Daily*; quotes **Kate Cole** (MPH '12)

[OSHA needs a whole new approach](#) - *New York Times* Room for Debate; by **Michael Silverstein** (DEOHS)

[Is breathing smoggy air hardening your arteries?](#) - *Forbes*; cites research by **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi)

[Grizzly bears may have diet lessons that can be helpful for humans](#) - *Washington Post*; cites new program coming to SPH

## Recent Grants and Contracts »

## Who Knew??



**Tory Brundage (OD) officiates weddings** for family and

friends. He obtained an online ordination through the Church of Universal Life and has conducted five weddings so far, with six more lined up over the next year-and-a-half. "I enjoy public speaking, and weddings are fun," he says.

## On the Calendar

**May 23, 3-4:30pm**  
[An Altruism Adjusted Measure of the Value of a Statistical Life](#)

**May 28, 3:30-5pm**  
[Evolution of Translational Omics & Lessons Learned from the Duke Saga](#)

**June 13, 10-10:50am**  
[Healthy Aging: What You Do in Your Prime Matters](#)

**June 14, 10am-2:45pm**  
[SPH Graduation](#)

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

## Celebrate Public Health

Join us from 3-6 pm May 17 at the [Center for Urban Horticulture](#) for the School's

## Congrats!



**Stephen Gloyd** (GH, HServ, Epi) has been selected the 2013-14 University Faculty Lecturer. President Michael Young cited Gloyd's "stellar accomplishments as an outstanding teacher, researcher and all-round leader in Global Health."



**Siobhan Brown** (Biostat) of the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium Data Coordinating Center and **Scott Emerson** (Biostat) are the first-place winners in the American Statistical Association Biopharmaceutical Section's "Best Contributed Paper" at the 2012 Joint Statistical Meetings.



The Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (DEOHS) gave its [Outstanding Research Partnership Award](#) to **Amelia Ramon**, executive director of Radio KDNA, a Spanish-language channel in the Yakima valley.



The [UW Odegaard Award](#) will be presented this afternoon to **Rogelio Riojas** (MHA, '77), president and CEO for Sea Mar Community Health Centers.



**Abraham Flaxman** (GH) was awarded third place and \$8,000 in the Graph Analytics Challenge held by YarcData, a subsidiary of Seattle-based Cray, for a [new algorithm](#) predicting risk and mortality in the 30 days following a heart attack.

## Making a Difference



Last fall, researchers from the Health Promotion Research Center conducted a pilot study aimed at increasing flu immunization among restaurant workers. The intervention, which

focused on lowering barriers to flu immunization through increased access and targeted messaging, resulted in a 74 percent increase in immunization rate among workers at 11 Seattle-area restaurants. The pilot was part of a series of studies known as the [Workplace Immunization Project](#). "Our team feels terrific about these results," says HPRC research scientist **Kristen Hammerback**. "Our next step will be putting together an easy-to-use toolkit so that restaurants can do their own flu-shot program in the future." Led by **Jeff Harris**, the research team also included **Peggy Hannon**, **Meredith Cook**, **Amanda Parrish** and **Claire Allen**.

## Around the Water Cooler



HPRC welcomes **Caitlin Mason** as a research scientist. She will work on research and evaluation projects with community partners.



"What does a \$100 million public health data revolution look like?" That was the topic of **Christopher Murray's** (GH) recent TEDMED talk. [Listen to it here](#), at 1 hour, 24

annual Appreciation and Awards Ceremony. We'll recognize outstanding students, staff and faculty, and have some fun. Family and friends are welcome.

## Opportunities

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

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**Judith Wasserheit** (GH, Epi) and **Lawrie Robertson** (OD) are on the School Implementation Steering Committee of the Board of Health Sciences Deans' Interprofessional Education Initiative (IPE). Find out more about IPE [in this report](#).



Public Health junior **Haley Millet** and MPH grad **Elisabet Eppes** (Nutrition) are featured in a [brief, fun UW video](#) touting a Food Exploration Community at the new Mercer Court apartments. The Community is a collaboration of Housing, Food Services, and the College of the Environment.



The Public Health Pedalers are cycling to work this May as part of Bike-to-Work month. They include **Deb Hinchey, Amanda Graybill-Pennington, Brit Exworthy, Ben Robinson, Howard Frumkin, Fred Connell, Mark Oberle, Peter House** and **Anne Lund**.



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