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## SPH in the News

[Young athletes' concussions often unreported](#) - *US News & World Report*; quotes **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[UW study links obesity to socioeconomic status](#) - *KUOW*; interviews **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[Premium poultry still laden with contaminants](#) - *Arizona Daily Sun*; quotes **Marilyn Roberts** (DEOHS, GH)

[Developed nations can do 'better job' on STIs, scientist warns](#) - *The Globe and Mail*; quotes **King Holmes** GH, Epi)

## Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

## Who Knew??



**Vanessa Galaviz (PhD, 2013) and Kelly Edwards**

(DEOHS) made the list of the world's most stylish scientists. Galaviz, now a postdoc, and Edwards, also faculty in Bioethics, made the *Future-ish* [third annual list](#) of people who are changing the world through innovative work and changing stereotypes with their individual expressions.

## On the Calendar

**Nov. 7, 6:30-8pm**  
[An Evening with Acting US Surgeon General Boris D. Lushniak](#)

**Nov. 14, 5:30-7pm**  
[Engaging the Invisible Americans: Science Communication for Spanish-Speaking Audiences](#)

**Nov. 15, 8am-6pm**  
[Journals and Science: The Past, Present & Future Impacts](#)

**Nov. 19, noon-1:20pm**  
[On the Front Lines: The ACA in Diverse Communities](#)

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

## Give Your Feedback

## Congrats!



An SPH [abstract on maternal smoking during pregnancy](#) was named second best at the American Academy of Pediatrics conference in Orlando. Former grad student **Michael Metzger** (Epi) was lead author. Co-authors were **Abigail Halperin** (HServ), **Lisa Manhart** (Epi, GH) and **Stephen Hawes** (Epi, GH).



Caribou, moose and wolf scat samples and their PAH levels were research scientist **Jessica Lundin's** (DEOHS) topic as she won best student oral presentation at the recent International Conference on Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds. Jessica is a PhD student in biology.



**Timothy DeRouen** (Biostat, GH) has been named 2013 [Distinguished Alumnus of the Year](#) by McNeese State University's alumni association.



Public Health Major adviser **Tory Brundage** (OD) was named to the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) advisory board. He's also growing a mustache to [raise funds](#) for prostate and testicular cancer.



I-TECH has won [a \\$42.9 million award](#) from the CDC to fight the spread of HIV in Zimbabwe.

## Making a Difference



Healthcare workers can be exposed to serious infectious agents in the course of their work. Often, N95 respirators can be an effective method to prevent exposure. Because these respirators are the last line of defense, they need to be used properly, which includes being fit-tested for the correct size, worn properly, and worn with no facial hair. **Martin Cohen** (DEOHS) and colleagues from the Field Research and Consultation Group produced a video to show healthcare workers why it's important to get fit-tested and properly wear an N95 respirator. Seattle Children's, the University of Minnesota, and the 3M Company helped develop [the video](#).

## Around the Water Cooler



**Bruce Weir's** 70th birthday and his eight years as chair of Biostatistics will be celebrated when the department hosts an [international conference](#) Nov. 24-26 on new statistical methodologies and their application to large-scale genomic data sets.



**Fred Rivara** (Epi, pictured) and **David Fleming** (Epi) made *Seattle Magazine's* Most Influential People of 2013 list for their efforts to frame gun violence as a public health issue. **Mary-Claire King** (Epi) also was featured for her research on genes that cause breast cancer.



For a chance to win a \$10 Starbucks card and provide valuable feedback about the ShakeOut Drill, please fill out the [Catalyst survey](#) on the right-hand column of the Emergency Management Portal.

### Opportunities

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

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Undergraduate **Tony Vo** (Public Health Major) was [UW Homecoming King](#). Tony also is ASUW Asian Student Commission Director.



**Karen Kirsch** (OD) is the new Advancement Coordinator. She graduated from Western Washington University in 2012 with a degree in human services and a minor in diversity in higher education.



Professor **Michael Rosenfeld** (DEOHS) and MPH student **Flavia Chen** (Public Health Genetics) led a public health café talk about GMOs. Find out more about the topic from [this Fast Facts](#)



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