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SPH in the News

[Air pollution as a heart threat](#) - *New York Times*; quotes **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi)

[CDC grant sets pace for mall walking](#) - *UW Today*; quotes **Basia Belza** (HServ) and **Laura Farren** (HServ)

[How to beat 6 everyday infection spreaders](#) - *ABC News*; quotes **Hunter Handsfield** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

Who Knew??



Web computing specialist Nancy Shawn

(OD) worked as a bookseller on Capitol Hill and Mercer Island for 13 years. The comparative literature major built websites for the two bookstores where she worked in the early days of the Web and, well, the rest is history.

On the Calendar

Nov. 22, 2-3:50pm
[Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America](#)

Dec. 5, 8-9am
[Clinician as Communicator-in-Chief: Crossing the Health Literacy Chasm](#)

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

SPH Holiday Party

Join us for the School's annual holiday party from 3:30-6pm Dec. 3 at the Portage Bay Room, South Campus Center. Friends and family are welcome. Don't miss out on home-made cookies from the Dean's Office staff.

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and

Congrats!



Jared Baeten (GH, Epi) won the [ASPPH/Pfizer Young Investigator's Research Award](#) for his outstanding work in HIV epidemiology.



Bruce Psaty (Epi, HServ) was one of three UW professors [elected to the Institute of Medicine](#) this year.



COPHP 2012 grads may be gone, but their impact goes on. They drafted a policy - adopted at the recent American Public Health Association meeting - urging Congress to sustain Social Security as a means of linking income security with better health.



Scott Fung (MPH student, HServ) [received the Dr. Lois Price-Spratlen Scholarship](#) via the UW Multicultural Alumni Partnership. He teaches chemistry and helped establish the [Vietnam Health Clinic](#).



Grad students **Arianna Miles-Jay** (Epi) and **Jonae Perez** (Nutritional Sciences) won \$5,000 Grayston-Day Endowed Fellowships. The funds were created to honor the School's first two deans, Robert Day and Thomas Grayston. Arianna has a passion for fighting infectious diseases while Jonae plans to do clinical work with children with special health-care needs. [Read more.](#)



Making a Difference



Kathy Neuzil (GH) and Seattle-based PATH partnered with a Chinese vaccine manufacturer to obtain World Health Organization approval of a vaccine for Japanese encephalitis. It was the first time the WHO has approved a vaccine from China for global use. Transmitted by infected mosquitoes, Japanese encephalitis is a deadly brain disease that claims the lives of about 15,000 children a year. Neuzil is director of the Vaccine Access and Delivery Program at PATH, which tested the vaccine and got it to 200 million children in Asia before its formal approval. "It really is a major milestone," Neuzil said in a [KUOW interview](#). "The entry of China on to the global vaccine marketplace could fundamentally shift how vaccines are made, how they're delivered, how they're priced for the developing world." *Photo of children in India with their vaccination cards by PATH's Julie Jacobson.*

Around the Water Cooler



Grad student **John Distelhorst** (Epi), an Army major, published [a poem](#) this month in *JAMA* based on his time as a flight surgeon in Afghanistan. "It's about what it means to be a physician and a soldier," he says, including the duty to treat the enemy.



Fred Rivara (Epi) was vice-chair of an IOM panel on concussions in youth sports. Read [a summary](#) of the committee's recommendations.

local public health jobs and opportunities.

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Daniella Witten (Biostat) uses Big Data and machine learning to help us better understand our genes and our health. She was featured as an “innovator” on a recent UW [Four Peaks program](#).



Howard Frumkin (OD, DEOHS) gave a lecture in St. Louis on “Climate Change and Human Health” to inaugurate Washington University’s new Climate Change Initiative.



Sara Mackenzie’s (OD, HServ) daughter, Lila Rice, won the Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year award for cross-country. Lila runs for Seattle University.

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