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SPH in the News

[Smoking stays stubbornly high among the poor](#) - *New York Times*; quotes **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ)

[Seattle to let pedestrians walk more slowly](#) - *KUOW*; cites research by **COPHP students**

[High school athletes often playing with concussions](#) - *Reuters*; cites research by **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Research casts doubt on whether soda taxes curb obesity](#) - *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*; cites research by **Nathan Tefft** (HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??



PhD student [Jonathan Fintzi](#) (Biostat) helped pay for

his MA by driving a horse-drawn carriage in New York City. His family (which runs the business) has been sharing its passion for horses and for New York City with people from all over the world for more than 30 years. "It was a great opportunity to learn from people from all walks of life," he says, "even if it was a bit cold during the winter."

On the Calendar

April 10, 12:30-1:20pm
[Public Health Messaging, the Media, and CDC's Zombie Apocalypse](#)

April 10, 5:30pm
[Film Screening: Addiction Incorporated](#)

April 13, 6-7 pm
[The Truth About Teething Gels](#) (MCH student [Jane Stieber](#))

April 17, 6-8pm
[Distinguished Alumni Lecture: Dr. Robert Newman](#)

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

Nat'l Public Health

Congrats!



Christine Khosropour (PhD student, Epi) has just been named SPH's 2014-15 [Magnuson Scholar](#) and will receive \$30,000 to support her education. Her research field is STD and HIV prevention.



Robert Newman (MPH Epi '98, GH), a global health leader in the fight against malaria, is our [Distinguished Alumnus](#) for 2014. He'll be visiting campus April 17-18.



William (Bill) Daniell (DEOHS) is the School's new Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies and Director of the MPH Curriculum.



Second-year MPH student [Jonae Perez](#) (Nutritional Sciences) will receive this year's Outstanding Student Award for a Coordinated Program from the Washington State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.



A book by **Kate Davies** (HServ), *The Rise of the US Environmental Health Movement*, was named one of the [Top Ten books](#) on sustainability by Booklist, the review arm of the American Library Association.

Making a Difference



Rosa Solorio (HServ, GH) recently launched [an HIV-testing campaign](#) for Latino men who have sex with men. Called *Tu Amigo Pepe*, it focuses on free confidential HIV testing for 18- to 25-

year-olds. Pepe represents a character who encourages testing and safe sex, "and is there to assure privacy and protection," Solorio says. Latino men are disproportionately affected by HIV and have a diagnosis rate nearly three times that of non-Latino white men. They are also at greater risk for delayed diagnosis. The campaign was awarded an Honorable Mention from *PR Daily* in the [Best Cause Advocacy/Awareness Campaign](#) category. The project was launched in the Seattle area through a National Institutes of Health grant to the UW and King County.

Around the Water Cooler



Kristie Ebi, a leading authority on climate change and human health, will join our faculty Aug. 1 to help the school address one of our [six emerging challenges](#).



PhD student **Lisa Brown** (Biostat) is using biostatistics and forensic genetics to help scientists determine where elephant poaching occurs in Africa. She's working with Sam Wasser of the UW's Center for Conservation Biology. [Find out more.](#)



Robert Davis (Epi) was [appointed founding director](#) of the Center in Biomedical Informatics at the University of Tennessee. He was also named Governor's Chair in Biomedical Informatics at the University of Tennessee-Oak

Week

Visit the [Student Events Calendar](#) to find out about activities during **National Public Health Week**, April 7-13. The week kicks off with a coffee social in the SPH Student Lounge and includes movies, a day of service, a service learning summit, and a week-long fundraising drive to support survivors of the Oso mudslide.

Opportunities

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

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Ridge National Laboratory.



Two visiting faculty scholars from China have joined the Department of Global Health for six months as part of a public health collaboration. [Read more](#) about **Jiayan Huang** from Fudan University in Shanghai and **Hui Yin** from Peking University.



Steven G. Gilbert's (DEOHS) book, *A Small Dose of Toxicology, The Health Effects of Common Chemicals*, was [published in Chinese](#).



[A fund](#) has been set up to help **Richard Newman** (MPH, Health Services '09), who was seriously injured when a Seattle news helicopter crashed onto his car.



Take a look at [HSNewsBeat](#), a new website spotlighting news from the UW Schools of Public Health, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Social Work, as well as UW Medicine. HSNewsBeat aims to raise awareness of our impact on health research, care and education.

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