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SPH in the News

[How crunching big data could save our lives](#) - *KUOW*; interviews **Daniela Witten** (Biostat)

[World shifts focus to hidden hunger as global obesity expands](#) - *Al Jazeera America*; quotes **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[People behind the WA state health exchange](#) - *Puget Sound Business Journal*; features **Doug Conrad** (HServ)

[W.VA. officials dispute formaldehyde claim](#) - *USA Today/AP*; quotes **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

Who Knew??



David Eaton (DEOHS) drives a Tesla S, the fully electric car

that gets up to 97 mpg. The graduate school dean [told The Seattle Times](#) the car was likely to disrupt the way we drive for good. "I'm very concerned for my kids and grandkids," he said. "The world has to change. There have to be better ways to move people about."

On the Calendar

Feb. 6, 7-8:30pm
[Stephen Gloyd UW Lecture: Achieving Health for All in the 21st Century](#)

Feb. 11, 7-9pm
[Wired to Wild: Connecting Digital Kids to Nature](#)

Feb. 18, 4-6:30pm
[Film: The House I Live In](#)

Feb. 19, 7-9pm
[Dr. Gabor Mate: Addiction, Compassion and Social Change](#)

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

Tobacco Survey

The Tobacco Studies Program within Health

Congrats!



Beti Thompson (HServ) received the [Distinguished Lecture on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities Award](#) from the American Association for Cancer Research. She was honored for her work on why cancer disparities exist.



Senior **Stephen Nganga** (PH) won a \$4,000 [Mary Gates Leadership Scholarship](#) to produce a documentary on healthcare expenditure in America. Fellow PH Majors **Eric Ofori** and **Isaiah Wales** are working on the film, along with adviser **Clarence Spigner** (HServ, GH). It will be shown this spring.



Gary Franklin (DEOHS, HServ) received the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care, chosen annually by the governor.



MHA student **Wei-Chen (Wesley) Wang** won the SPH Walter A. Remak Scholarship, for students from South Africa who intend to return after graduation to help others.



Two of *Neurology Today's* [top advances in 2013](#) relied on work from the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center, housed in Epi. Congrats to **Charles Mock**, **Sarah Monsell** and Center Director **Walter Kukull**.



Three SPH grad students were named [UW Tobacco Scholars](#). **Joseph Cerimele** (HServ), **Ragan Hart** (Public Health Genetics) and **Biraj Karmacharya** (Epi) will receive up to \$1,000 each to pursue a tobacco-related topic in depth.



Making a Difference



Farm workers have an easy training tool to track pesticide exposure, thanks to the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety & Health Center (PNASH). It has included farm safety videos in a [new YouTube channel](#) for the 10 US Agricultural Safety and Health Centers around the country. The first PNASH series of videos is about using fluorescent tracers to track pesticide exposure. Under black light, exposed areas show up clearly. Videos on heat-related illness and orchard ladder safety are coming.

Around the Water Cooler



Sarah Cave (MHA '99) has been named the School's new COO, and will join us March 3. She is currently Network Vice President of Strategy, Innovation and Development for PeaceHealth Columbia Network.

Sarah replaces Assistant Dean **Lawrie Robertson** (OD), who is retiring after a long

Services invites students to take a [brief survey](#) about designated smoking areas on campus. All responses will be anonymous – unless you enter your email into a drawing for a \$20 gift card to University Bookstore.

Opportunities

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

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career with the UW and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Lawrie and wife Gwen plan to spend more time traveling. They recently spent two weeks in Cambodia and Vietnam.



Jennifer Otten (HServ) was selected to serve on the Governor's Washington State Food System Roundtable, which seeks to create a healthy, sustainable food system.



Gerald van Belle (Biostat, DEOHS) recently returned from a trip to Guinea-Bissau, as president of an NGO, [West African Vocational Schools](#). While driving around the town of Canchungo after a graduation ceremony, he saw a young worker wearing a UW shirt! [See picture](#) of the two on our Facebook page.



Andrew Dannenberg (DEOHS) recently returned from a month teaching in Australia at the University of Canberra and the University of New South Wales, sponsored by the [Fulbright Specialist Program](#).



Health Alliance International, affiliated with GH, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. **James Pfeiffer** (GH, HServ) took over as executive director in July from its founder, **Stephen Gloyd** (GH, HServ, Epi). *The Daily* ran a [page-one feature](#) on the organization.



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