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SPH in the News

[The whole world is getting fatter, new survey says](#) - NBC News; cites research by IHME

[Why is it so hard to find the price of a medical procedure?](#) - KUOW; interviews **Sean Sullivan** (HServ)

[Planes' exhaust could be harming communities up to 10 miles from LAX](#) - Los Angeles Times; cites DEOHS research

[The wages of low pay](#) - Al Jazeera America; quotes **Tao Kwan-Gett** (HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??



Christina Benton (DEOHS) posted [a video](#)

last week of her babbling baby daughter that's gone viral. It landed on [BuzzFeed](#) and the UK's [Daily Mail](#). Before long, Ellen DeGeneres put it on Facebook and tweeted it to her 29 million followers. We dare you not to click on it.

On the Calendar

June 7, noon-5pm
[UW Twin Registry TwinFest](#)

June 11, 9:30am-2:30pm
[SPH All School Graduation](#)

July 7-25
[Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics](#)

Aug. 4-7
[Summer Institute for Public Health Practice](#)

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

Vision for New Building

SPH has begun a Visioning, Facilities and Space Planning study for a new, dedicated building that will be innovative, flexible, people-centered, and that supports

Congrats!



Juliana Borges (Junior, PH) received the UW's [Edward E. Carlson Student Leadership Award](#) for her work in suicide prevention and awareness. The sociology double-major will depart in August for the Chile Exploration Seminar on public and mental health.



Pamela Mitchell (HServ), professor of behavioral nursing and health systems, [won the UW's David B. Thorud Leadership Award](#). She will be honored at the UW Awards of Excellence June 12 at Meany Hall.



Eight MHA students have been awarded nationally competitive administrative fellowships: **Myo Myint Aung, Denise Bowen, Rebecca Fischer, Larry Huang, Morgan Jolley, Emily Law, Spenser Troiano** and **Erika Wilczek**. [Find out where they're going.](#)



Michael Chung (GH) [received a Fogarty grant](#) to work with the University of Nairobi to train and mentor researchers in information and communication technology.



Jeremy Snider (PhD student, HServ) [won a scholarship](#) from AcademyHealth and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for his outstanding potential to contribute to public health systems research. He will attend and present at AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting in San Diego.

Making a Difference



Hana Alicic, a Public Health major graduating this June, leads a project to address the health needs of the homeless. A member of the UW's Health Equity Circle, Hana will spend part of her summer conducting a "listening campaign" to gather research on the residents of the Seattle area's tent cities. The aim is to find out about barriers to health and experiences with health care. By the end of the summer, Hana hopes the Health Equity Circle can begin a campaign to address some of the major problems. She is looking for volunteers to help conduct the surveys - a small, part-time commitment. "For undergraduates, this is a really good way of putting your public health knowledge into practice, and learning to respectfully interact with communities," she says. For more information, [contact Hana](#).

Around the Water Cooler



Arend (Arie) Voorman (graduating PhD student, Biostat) has accepted a position at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he'll work as a statistician on the polio eradication team.



[A letter](#) touting the COPHP program's problem-solving curriculum appears in the June issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*. It was written by COPHP alumna **Tegan Callahan**

collaboration and multi-disciplinary thinking. Learn more at this [new website](#).

Opportunities

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

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(MPH '10), who works with the CDC's Division of Global HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health Branch, in Atlanta.



The Department of Global Health is collaborating with a new center in Peru at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia. It's called KUSKA, the Quechua word for "working together," and will build interdisciplinary teams to improve health and reduce inequalities. [Read more](#).



Leo Morales (HServ) is the new Chief Diversity Officer and Director of the [Center for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#) for the UW School of Medicine. He also is founding co-director of the newly established [UW Latino Center for Health](#).



David Grayston (OD) was recently honored by Dean **Howard Frumkin** for his 25 years of service to SPH. David is a senior computer specialist with deep ties to the School - his father, **J. Thomas Grayston** (Epi), was our founding dean.



Need funding for your research or student group? A new program, [USEED@UW](#), has tools and training for faculty and students on how to harness the power of crowdfunding.



Deb Hinchey (HServ) and Brad Agoos welcomed Luke Andrew John Agoos into the world on May 18.

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