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## SPH in the News

[How big data can make people healthier in emerging markets](#) - *Techonomy*;

quotes **Christopher Murray** (GH, HServ)

[New long-acting malaria drug looks promising](#) - *NBC News*; quotes **Pradipsinh Rathod** (GH)

[Americans are cutting calories, but far from eating healthy](#) - *CNN*; quotes **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[Bird-flu vaccine needs a boost, Seattle researchers find](#) - *Seattle Times*; cites research by **Lisa Jackson** (Epi)

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## Who Knew??



**Jeff Harris** (HServ) takes **Spanish classes** at [Casa Latina](#).

"I wanted to get my fluency back," he says. The program brings together English speakers with Latino day workers trying to learn English. "They can learn about each other's realities and each other's cultures. It's really fun."

## On the Calendar

**Aug. 25, 11am-noon**  
[Unequal Treatment: Disparities in Access, Quality and Care](#)

**Aug. 26, 12:30-1:30pm**  
[Kenya Research and Training Center Weekly Seminar](#)

**Sept. 10, 10-10:50am**  
[HPRC Core Research Project: Interviews with Physical Therapists](#)

## Congrats!



**Carl Osaki** (DEOHS) received the Lifetime Achievement Award and **Janna Bardi** of the WA State Department of Health won the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Northwest Center for Public Health's 25th anniversary celebration. The Community Innovator Award went to the Missoula-County Health Department.



Incoming MPH student **Keshet Ronen** (Epi) won Best Poster at the recent pediatric workshop held before the International AIDS Society conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment & Prevention. Ronen is a postdoctoral fellow with Global WACH.



Second-year MHA student **Lauren Brown** was awarded \$5,000 from the Foster G. McGaw Graduate Student Scholarship from the American College of Healthcare Executives.

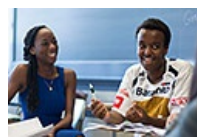


This year's list of [Seattle magazine's Top Docs](#) includes several folks affiliated with SPH: **Gail Jarvik** (Epi) for genetics, **J. Randall Curtis** (HServ) for critical care medicine, **Richard Ellenbogen** (GH) for neurosurgery, and **Jeffrey Jarvik** (HServ) for radiology.



Graduating MS student **Laura Rascon Padilla** (DEOHS) was selected to take part in the 2015 Gordon Research Conference on DBPs, an international scientific conference on disinfection by-products.

## Making a Difference



More than 80 Seattle high school students were immersed in public health topics this summer during a course co-taught by **Sara Mackenzie** (OD, HServ). The School hosted the core curriculum for the six-week UW Upward Bound program – a federally funded project to help aspiring college students from low-income families. "My biggest goal is to get a much broader percentage of our population informed about public health," Mackenzie said. Subjects included epidemiology, biostatistics, behavioral change, health policy, public health genetics, health literacy, and the social determinants of health. Discussion leaders were **Mollie Overby** (COPHP student), **Dorothy Thomas** (MPH student, HServ), **Isabel Reyes-Paz** (senior, Public Health) and **Veronica Bechtold** (BS, Public Health, '15).

## Around the Water Cooler



**Peggy Hannon** (HServ) has been named director of the Health Promotion Research Center, starting Oct. 1. She succeeds **Jeff Harris**, new chair of Health Services.

Welcome to **Uli Haller**, new Sr. Director of Finance & Admin (OD), a position combining the

**Sept. 25, 11am-5pm**  
[SPH Incoming Graduate Student Orientation](#)

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

### The New Jim Crow

The Health Sciences Common Book for 2015-16 is "[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness](#)" by Michelle Alexander. The book was chosen to engage students across the health sciences on topics related to health equity and justice.

### Opportunities

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

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former COO and CFO roles to better support department and program needs



**Dennis Stillman** is director of MHA programs (HServ). Find out what the former chief financial officer for UW Medicine has to say about the Affordable Care Act and more in [this month's Close Up](#).



For her capstone project, **Heather McGuinness** (MPH, CPHP) developed training modules for health practitioners on how to provide better care for transgender patients. They are free and sponsored by the Cardea organization. Here is [part one](#).



Undergraduate **Sara Mar** (Environmental Health) spent her spring break teaching environmental education to first- through sixth-grade students at the Quileute Tribal School in La Push, WA.



Axio Research was founded by SPH folks in 1979. In this [new video](#), **Richard Kronmal** (Biostat) and others talk about the still-strong ties between Axio and UW.

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