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## Got News?

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## SPH in the News

[Should I eat pizza?](#) - *Time*; quotes **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[How anti-vaxxers could weaken the Seattle-area economy](#) - *Puget Sound Business Journal*; quotes **Jeff Duchin** (Epi)

[Lesbians may be at heightened risk of cervical cancer, study says](#) - *Fox News*; cites research by **Joachim Voss** (GH)

[More consumers using menu-calorie counts, but most still don't](#) - *Seattle Times*; cites research by **Roxana Chen** (HServ; PhD, Epi '14)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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## Who Knew??



[Jessica Levasseur](#) (DEOHS) plays **banjo**, Ultimate

Frisbee and helps serves meals to the less fortunate. A busy grad student, she finds time to take part in Community Dinners, a faith-based organization that serves meals to mostly homeless people. "They get ignored all day," says Jess, who enjoys talking with them. "They are not people who purposely ruined their lives."

## On the Calendar

**Feb. 23, 5-7pm**  
[Scaling Up Mental Health Services in Challenging Environments: Liberia, A Case Study](#)

**Feb. 26, 8-9am**  
[Naming, Measuring, and Addressing Racism](#)

**March 3, 3:30-4:50pm**  
[Effect of Bike Sharing Program on Head Injuries in U.S. Cities](#)

**March 5, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[A One Health Initiative for Washington State: Integrating Human, Animal, and Environmental Health](#)

## Congrats!



**Mary Travis Bassett** (MPH; HServ, '85) is the School's [2015 Distinguished Alumnus](#), SPH's highest honor. Bassett, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, was also chosen to give the [2015 Gloyd Lecture](#) on April 3.



**Elaine M. Faustman** (DEOHS) received the 2014 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Society for Risk Analysis Council.



MPH student **Ross Howell** (COPHP) was named the Winter 2015 UW Commute Champion by Transportation Services. Find out [how Ross gets to campus](#) and how he advocates for active transportation.



**Phillip Buff** (DEOHS) was nominated for the 2014 King County Combined Fund Drive Spirit of Service Award, which recognizes an individual for efforts to support the campaign.

## Making a Difference



Join avid bicyclists **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS), Dean's Council member **Ron Sher** (owner of Third Place Books in Seattle and founder of the Great Places Forum), **Andy Dannenberg** (DEOHS), **David Eaton** (DEOHS) and others on [Climate Ride's California North Coast Ride](#) May 17-21. The team is UWSPH Healthy Planet - Healthy People. Funds raised by the team riders will benefit the planned UW Center for Health and the Global Environment (CHANGE). Under the leadership of **Kristie Ebi** (DEOHS, GH), this new center will focus on understanding the risks of global environmental change. The registration fee is \$100, and each rider is expected to raise a minimum of \$2,800. If you do not wish to ride, you can donate to a rider on team UWSPH Healthy Planet - Healthy People. [Click here to donate](#) for the [benefit of SPH](#).

## Around the Water Cooler



MPH student **Suzanne Ceresko's** (GH) [talk about her work with Doctors without Borders](#) was a highlight of the UW's Combined Fund Drive, according to *UW Today*. The Drive raised a record \$2.2 million.



**India Ornelas** (HServ) is working to reduce binge drinking among Latino men, while helping Native American communities improve their access to fresh vegetables. [Read more](#) about her research in this month's Close Up.



**David Shoultz** (Epi, GH, Dean's Council) [recently joined PATH](#) as program leader for drug development. He previously served as director of grantee and partner engagement at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



A memorial service will be held at 6 pm Sunday, March 15, at the Seattle Asian Art Museum for **Elaine Monsen**, founding director of the

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

## Opportunities

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

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Nutritional Studies program. She passed away in October.



**Michelle Chambers** (OD) and husband Robert are parents of new baby Jack (James) Alexander Chambers.



Measles is making headlines. **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi) sets the record straight in [this brief SPH video](#) on the truths and myths about the measles vaccine.

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