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The latest news about our SPH community



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## SPH in the News

[Neighbors hope to derail Vancouver oil terminal](#) - Oregon Public Radio; quotes **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi)

[UW-led panel drives new NIH back-pain research standards](#) - HSNewsBeat; cites committee co-led by **Richard Deyo** (HServ)

[Should transgender inmate have been denied vaginal stent, vibrator?](#) - Indianapolis Star; quotes **Marc Stern** (HServ)

[Adopting clean-fuels standard is a public-health imperative](#) - Seattle Times; op-ed co-written by **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Tristan Victoroff** (MPH '10, Public Health

**Genetics**) volunteered to be bitten by malaria-infected mosquitoes when he was a grad student. He got headaches and overwhelming fatigue. "I thought I could put up with a little discomfort to be involved in something pretty dynamic," Victoroff, now a CDC epidemiologist, [told The Seattle Times](#). "I never felt so bad that I regretted it."

## On the Calendar

**Jan. 28, 9am-5pm**  
[Public Health Genomics Symposium](#)

**Jan. 29, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[The Role of the University Food Bank in Promoting Food Justice](#)

**Jan. 29, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Understanding Vaccine Effects in Populations](#)

**Feb. 3, 7-8:30pm**  
[Cleaning Up the Duwamish River: What's Next?](#)

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

## Congrats!



**Noah Simon** (Biostat) was named to [Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in science](#) for his work on algorithms to understand Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis and various cancers.



The American Medical Informatics Association honored **Anne Turner** (HServ) for her leadership role as the Vice Chair of the Scientific Program Committee.



**David Grossman** (HServ) [was appointed vice chair](#) of the US Preventive Services Task Force, the agency that makes evidence-based recommendations on services such as health screenings.



**Luann D'Ambrosio** and the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice [received a three-year grant](#) to evaluate a Snohomish County program that encourages and measures fifth-graders' fitness.



**John Kissel** (DEOHS) was a member of an Institute of Medicine committee that [issued a report](#) on whether US Air Force Reserve personnel could have been exposed to harmful levels of dioxin. The Reserve members worked inside C-123 aircraft used to spray herbicides during the Vietnam War.

## Making a Difference



**Pam Roque** (pictured), **Liz Guzy**, **Marilyn Hair** and **Heather Fowler** (all DEOHS) spent the morning of Jan. 14 in north Seattle at Hazel Wolf K-8 School taking part in the annual STEM Career

Day. Pam introduced environmental health and led a hands-on activity about dose-response. The students learned to use pipettes and were quick to recognize that a large dose of toxins in a small body (represented by 6 drops of blue food coloring in a 10ml beaker) would be really bad, Marilyn says. Pam and Heather told the 6th-8th graders how they became interested in science and encouraged them to follow their passions as they decide on a career.

## Around the Water Cooler



SPH is now listing updated opportunities for grants from private foundations. We are [including the link](#) in the left-hand column of this and future NewsCatchers.



UW law professor **Mary Fan** is seeking a PhD in epidemiology. Using epi methods, she hopes to better understand what legal interventions work – or don't. [Read more](#) about the new field of "epicrim."



**Donna Denno** (GH, HServ) wrote a *Seattle Times* op-ed, "[We're failing teenagers when it comes to sexual health](#)." She was also lead author of a paper in a special supplement of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*. **Annie Hoopes**

## Awards Deadline

Jan. 31 is the deadline for nominations for [two new SPH honors](#): The Making a Difference Award and The Communicating Public Health to the Public Award.

## Opportunities

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

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(MPH student and Global WACH certificate student) was a co-author. Global WACH [held a launch](#) for the supplement.



**Gary Goldbaum** (Epi) has dealt with mudslides, disease outbreaks and other public health challenges since taking the helm of the Snohomish Health District in 2007. Find out more in [this month's Close Up](#).



**Michael Chung** (GH, Epi) and **Ann Downer** (GH, HServ) traveled to Dublin to present posters about the Department of Global Health's E-Learning program, which they co-chair. They were attending the GET Health Conference, a global education and technology health summit.



Junior **Marlena Norwood** (Public Health) studied this fall at the Anthropology Department and Institute for Global Health at University College London. She chronicled her travels in a blog with great photos: [Marlena's Adventures in Europe](#).



**Jonathan Nagata** (DEOHS) is featured in our [new video](#), "Protecting Forests to Ensure the Quality of Our Drinking Water."

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