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## SPH in the News

[Is your pet going to make you ill?](#) - CNN; quotes **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH)

[Hutch opens cancer research center -- 9,000 miles away](#) - Seattle Times; quotes **Corey Casper** (Epi, GH) and **Stephen Gloyd** (GH, HServ, Epi)

[Experts debate medical tourism](#) - The Daily; quotes **Stephen Bezruchka** (GH, HServ)

[Wave of electrical shocks brings worker safety into question](#) - Los Angeles Daily News; quotes **Martin Cohen** (DEOHS)

## Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

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## Who Knew??



**Anton Quist, MPH student in Epi** and a resident in

preventive medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center, was once on the US Cycling Team. He competed at the 2003 World Championships and the 2004 World Cup in track cycling. And he was the 2004 national champion in the 1 kilometer time trial. "I love to ride, although I'm a lot slower these days," Anton says. See [cycling photos](#) of him in his heyday.

## On the Calendar

**June 11, 10am**  
[HPRC Projects with the WA State Department of Health](#)

**June 17, noon-1pm**  
[Mindfulness: A Ubiquitously Positive Thing](#)

**June 23, noon-1pm**  
[Hot Topics Webinar: Ending the Tobacco Epidemic](#)

**June 24-25**  
[Future of Occupational Health Symposium](#)

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

## Congrats!



**Sanjit Kaur** (Public Health, Nutrition) is one of two graduating UW seniors who will receive the President's Medal for having the most distinguished academic records of their class.



Senior Lecturer **Charles Treser** (DEOHS) was recognized by Public Health - Seattle & King County's Environmental Health Division with its first Leadership in Environmental Health Award.



PhD student **Gloria Chi** (Epi) received a National Institutes of Health F31 Research Fellowship grant of about \$42,000 per year to conduct research on air pollution and atherosclerosis.



MPH student **Omid Bagheri** (COPHP) was on a UW team selected as a finalist in the national [Script Your Future contest](#) to raise awareness about adhering to medication. The campaign included bus ads, radio interviews and community events.



Senior **Natasha Borgen** (DEOHS, GH) received the 2015 National Sanitation Foundation Scholar Award. She researched how states apply criteria from the foundation and the American National Standards Institute for onsite wastewater treatment.



Two SPH students [will lead processions](#) at UW's Commencement Ceremony on June 13 at Husky Stadium. **Sigolène Abigail Ortega** (MPH, COPHP) was one of four students selected to represent the Graduate School. **Alexandra**



**Marie Walton**, who is receiving a BS in Environmental Health, will lead the procession for SPH degree candidates. The students are called gonfalonieres because they carry the gonfalon, or banner, for their schools.

## Making a Difference



A UW effort to teach and deliver health care across disciplines recently wrapped up its second year of activity. About 650 students from the six Health Sciences schools - including 12 from Nutritional Sciences - took part in the Interprofessional Education Initiative (IPE) program. **Michelle Averill** (DEOHS, Nutrition) led planning for this year's fourth and final session, which was on pediatric dental caries, or tooth decay, a major public health problem. The exercise was part of an effort to get professional students to consider the root causes of a larger health issue rather than focusing solely on the individual patient. "It really helps students understand what other professions are capable of doing and what their skillsets are," Averill said. [Read more](#).

## Around the Water Cooler



Dean **Howard Frumkin** and **Andy Dannenberg** (DEOHS) were part of an SPH team that raised about \$25,000 for the School's new Center for Health and the Global Environment

## SPH Graduation

Don't forget to join us for the annual [SPH Graduation Celebration](#) at 11 am June 10 at Hec Ed Pavilion (Alaska Airlines Arena). Omenn Award winner **Peter Cherutich** (GH) will give a short address following graduation speaker **Sue Desmond-Hellman** of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

## Opportunities

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

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(CHANGE). Dean's Council member **Ron Sher** also took part. [See photos](#) of their four-day Climate Ride in northern California.



Can't bike to work? Don't worry, says MPH student **Michelle Chapdelaine** (COPHP). Taking the bus is still a healthier option than driving, she writes in [a blog post](#) for Group Health Research Institute, where she's a research specialist.



**Josepha Babigumira** (GH) [was featured](#) in the Whole U's "Faculty Friday." His work includes developing a gaming app for HIV prevention.



**Juliana Borges** (Public Health Major) was one of 13 undergrads to share her "reflections and dreams" on the Undergraduate Academic Affairs website. Juliana's been active in suicide prevention efforts and plans to volunteer for AmeriCorps.



**Tiffany Woelfel** (HServ) and **Mark Hadley** (Epi) presented at the Scholars' Studio on community research at the Allen Library. They each gave 5-minute "lightning" talks about their research:



Tiffany on the ethics of community research and Mark on air pollution and health. Tiffany recently represented the UW in the national [CLARION case competition](#).



If you haven't seen **Paul Nevin's** (GH) striking photos from his reporting trip to Kenya, check out [the slide show](#) on our website.

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