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## The latest news about our SPH community

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## SPH in the News

[Hospital bed sheets might spread a serious gastrointestinal disease](#) - *Pacific Standard;* cites research by **Marilyn Roberts** (DEOHS, GH)

[Geneticists should offer data to participants](#) - *Nature;* written by **Sarah Nelson** (PH Genetics)

[Trump's election has Northwest women worried about health care, birth control](#) - *The Seattle Times;* quotes **Aaron Katz** (HServ, GH)

[The truth about dairy fats](#) -*Today's Dietician;* quotes **Marian Neuhouser** (Epi), **Mario Kratz** (Epi) and **Judy Simon** (HServ)

**Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »**

**Foundation Funding Opportunities »**

## Who Knew??

[Katie Kerr](#) (Biostat) traveled with the Big Apple Circus during the summer of 1993. She worked as a production assistant and "had jobs as mundane as answering the phone and some more interesting, such as picking a Russian acrobat up at the airport," she says.

## On the Calendar

**Nov. 19, 9-11:30am**
[Free Screening: The Invisible Patients](#)

**Nov. 28, 12-1pm**
[Population-Based Cervical Cancer Screening: Successes and Lessons Learned from Central America](#)

## Congrats!

**Timothy Thornton** (Biostat), the first Robert W. Day Professor in Public Health, won an $847,000 subcontract from the University of Miami to study the genetic causes of Alzheimer's disease in the Puerto Rican population.

A policy statement on increasing the minimum wage, written by the COPHP class of 2016, was adopted last month at APHA's annual meeting in Denver. At [the hearing](#) were alumni **Omid Bagheri Garakani** (HServ, pictured), **Julianna Alson** and **Emily Turk**.

The Public Health Major is No. 1 on [an online ranking](#) of the "35 Best Public Health Degrees for 2016-2017."

**Roseanne Lorenzana** (DEOHS) is working with El Centro de la Raza to conduct outreach about air and noise pollution in six languages to residents of Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood. The two-year project [received $120,000](#) from the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Kenneth Mugwanya** (GH, PhD '16 Epi) won a [New Investigator Award](#) at the HIV Research for Prevention conference last month in Chicago. He was among eight early-career investigators awarded.

## Making a Difference

Seattle is the first U.S. city to allow Uber and Lyft drivers to unionize, giving them the ability to negotiate their pay and working conditions. Last spring, SPH grad students addressed health and safety issues impacting the city's full-time, app-based drivers —a vulnerable working group made up largely by ethnic minorities. "The organization of work is changing," says **Trevor Peckham** (HServ, DEOHS), who instructed the students as part of the School's Public Health Leadership, Planning and Advocacy Skills course. "This project highlights how a new form of work may impact health, and how public health professionals can intervene." Students researched three issues: violent passengers, long shifts and infectious disease transmission. They presented potential prevention methods to labor advocates at Teamsters 117 and Puget Sound Sage. **Noah Seixas** (DEOHS) and **Jenn Hagedorn** (HServ) are also instructors. [Learn more](#).

## Around the Water Cooler

[Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett](#) (HServ) is the new associate director for the [Executive MPH Program](#), effective Nov. 1. He recently served as director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, instructor in the Public Health Major and faculty lead for the Strategic Analysis and Research Training Program (START).

**Nov. 30, 9:30am-5:30pm**
13th Annual STD and AIDS Research Symposium

**Dec. 1, 12:30-1:20pm**
Nutritional Sciences Seminar: Healthier Food Systems - The Global Nutrition Report

*We'll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.*

## Graduation Speaker

Have a great speaker in mind for the 2017 SPH Graduation Celebration? Submit your nominations by the end of day on Monday, Nov. 28.

## Jobs

SPH job listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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START welcomed five new team members this fall. They are **Ronit Abramson** (Epi), **Andrew Kwist** (Epi, GH), **Brienna Naughton** (GH), **Danae Spencer** (Epi) and **Diana Tordoff** (Epi).

The two-year-old Master of Health Informatics and Health Information Management (MHIHIM) program, led by **Gretchen Murphy** (HServ), was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

Applications and nominations are open for this year's #Husky100! The UW is looking for juniors, seniors and grad students who embody what it means to be a Husky—both in and out of class.

In this month's *Hot Topics in Practice*, the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice will share results from its 2016 regional public health training needs assessment. Tune in on Nov. 28 at 12pm.

## Featured by the ASPPH

New approach estimates human cost of Iran-Iraq War and First Gulf War;
**Amy Hagopian** (HServ, GH), **Abraham Flaxman** (GH)**, Riyadh Lafta** (GH)

Researchers call out lack of diversity in human genome studies;
**Alice Popejoy** (PH Genetics), **Stephanie Fullerton** (Epi)

Global study reveals new hypertension and blood pressure genes;
**Kenneth Rice** (Biostat), **Bruce Psaty** (Epi, HServ), **Alex Reiner** (Epi)

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