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## SPH in the News

[Can Washington reduce the high number of maternal deaths?](#) - *Crosscut*; quotes

**Cathy Wasserman** (Epi)

[Will this be the last harvest for Michelle Obama's White House garden?](#) - *Christian Science Monitor*; cites research by the Nutritional Sciences Program

[How back pain took over the world](#) - *The Atlantic*; quotes **Theo Vos** (GH)

[Why vape shops in WA are welcoming new state regulations, but concerned about federal rules](#) - *The News Tribune*; cites research by the Department of Health Services

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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## Who Knew??



**Jill Tepe** (DEOHS) climbed 832 steps to reach the

Observation Deck of the Space Needle, located 52 stories above ground. She was participating in the [Base2Space](#) challenge to help raise money for Fred Hutch. Tepe took a GoPro with her on the climb.

## On the Calendar

**Oct. 27, 7-8:30pm**

[Life in Baghdad Today: 13 Years After the U.S. Invasion. What is the State of Public Health?](#)

**Oct. 29**

[SPH Day of Service](#)

**Nov. 3, 12:30-1:20pm**

[Nutritional Sciences Seminar - Feeding Nine Billion: Climate, Nutrition and](#)

## Congrats!



**Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ) received the state's [Public Health Leadership Award](#) for his work in drug abuse epidemiology. "He is a leader who turns data into action," said State Secretary of Health **John Wiesman** (HServ).



PhD candidate **Marissa Baker** (DEOHS) won a pre-doctoral research fellowship (F31) from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to study manganese exposure in metal workers.



PhD student **Lucy Gao** (Biostat) received a Postgraduate Scholarship-Doctoral Award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. She'll receive \$21,000 a year for three years.



**King Holmes** (GH, Epi) was inducted into the "[Hall of Fame](#)" of the Smith Infectious Diseases Foundation.



**Sara Mackenzie** (OD, HServ) and **Leo Morales** (HServ), along with the UW Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, received a \$355,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a Summer Health Profession Education Program.



The six-week curriculum prepares [undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds](#) for careers in the health sciences.

## Making a Difference



The School is committed to changing the landscape for eliminating health disparities, and **Shirley Beresford** (Epi, HServ, Nutri) is no exception. Beresford and her research team recently

investigated whether home visits could boost breast cancer screening rates among 536 Hispanic women, ages 42 to 74, in Seattle. They found that women were twice as likely to be screened after they were visited at home by *promotoras*, or trained community health workers. "*Promotoras* incorporated reflective listening techniques as the main approach in their home visits," Beresford said. Moving forward, she and her colleagues are "seeking to expand the reach of motivational interviewing by having the conversations by phone," she added. Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among Hispanic women, and this study can inform efforts to increase screening and early detection. **India Ornelas** (HServ), **Donald Patrick** (HServ, Epi) and **Beti Thompson** (HServ) took part in the research. [Read more.](#)

## Around the Water Cooler



After two and a half years, **Melissa Schiff** (Epi) is stepping down as director of the School's [Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health](#) (MCH), effective Dec. 31. She was instrumental in securing financial support for the acclaimed

## [Population Health](#)

**Nov. 5, 2-4:15pm**

[Seattle Repertory Theatre's Production of \*Roz and Ray\*](#),  
[Followed by a Discussion with Health Services Faculty](#)

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

## Visioning Survey

Tasked with developing a 25-year vision for population health, the Executive Council of the UW's new [Population Health Initiative](#) wants to ensure that your collective aspirations and ideals are heard. [Fill out the survey](#) by Oct. 28.

## Jobs

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

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MCH training program. **Daniel Enquobahrie** (Epi) was selected to take her place.



We're just a day away from an epic weekend at the UW! Don your favorite purple shirt and [show your support](#) for the UW's impact on WA and the world. You don't want to miss the immersive, multimedia [Together](#) event to be held Oct. 21 at 7pm at Alaska Airlines Arena.



**Elizabeth Halloran** (Biostat) worked with scientists from the University of Florida and Northeastern University to [develop a website](#) showing how the Zika virus has spread through Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, and projecting how it might spread in the future.

## Featured by the ASPPH

[Study finds distracted driving laws need an update;](#)

**Beth Ebel** (Epi, HServ), **Paul Nevin** (MPH '15, GH), **Laura Blonar** (PhD '16, HServ)

[Center expands depression care to reach diverse communities;](#)

**Lesley Steinman** (HPRC)

[Faculty member joins National Occupational Research Agenda Sector council;](#)

**Peter Johnson** (DEOHS)

[Researchers find heat increases risk for outdoor laborers;](#)

**June Spector** (DEOHS), **David Bonauto** (DEOHS)

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