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## SPH in the News

[Was a week of bad air like smoking 50 cigarettes?](#) - Q13

*Fox*; quotes Interim Dean **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi)

[Drug-use deaths hit record in King County](#) - *The Seattle Times*

cites report led by **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

[How much do you want to know? Mail order genetic tests for health risks](#) - *KOMO News*

quotes **Gail Jarvik** (Epi, PHG)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Victoria Holt (Epi)** was an assistant to a midwife doing homebirths in

Kitsap County in the 80s. She talks line lists, legacy, retirement and more in [a new Q&A](#) from the Department of Epidemiology.

## On the Calendar

Aug. 20-24

## Congrats!



The [UW Superfund Research Program](#), housed in DEOHS and led by **Evan Gallagher** and **Zhengui Xia**, received a [five-year, \\$10 million award](#) from the NIH to continue studying the effects that environmental pollutants pose to the nervous system. **Thomas Burbacher** directs the Community Engagement and Research Translation Cores. **Clem Furlong** is one of the four co-PIs.



The NIH [renewed funding](#) for the Northern Pacific Fogarty Global Health Fellows training program, led by the Department of Global Health, with a five-year, \$4.5 million grant. **Joe Zunt** (GH, Epi) directs the program.



Senior **Hannah Jolibois** (PHM) and MPH student **Natalie Hoge** (COPHP) were recently awarded [Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships](#) from the U.S. Department of Education to study Arabic.



**Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi) was elected to the Board of Directors of the [Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research](#). Rahbar's recent study on firearm training in the U.S. was featured in several national news stories ([Reuters](#) and [Mother Jones](#)).

## Research Spotlight



We know that connecting with nature is good for our health, thanks to a growing body of evidence. But how do you measure a dose of nature? Led by **Howard Frumkin** (DEOHS), a team of experts from the UW, Stanford, The

Nature Conservancy and others says a robust research effort to answer questions like this has the potential to impact public health. "At a time when health care costs are skyrocketing, our population is aging, the opioid epidemic has reached alarming proportions and

[10th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences](#)

**Aug. 22, 12-1pm**

[Hot Topics in Practice Webinar: Marijuana Messages to Youth](#)

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

### Henrietta Lacks Event

The Institute for Public Health Genetics is hosting a screening of the HBO film, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, based on the popular book by Rebecca Skloot. A panel discussion will follow, featuring UW experts working to improve population health through genomic knowledge. [Join us!](#)

### Jobs

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

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mortality is actually rising for some groups, innovative approaches to prevention and treatment are needed," Frumkin says. "Nature contact may well be one such approach." The team assembled at the UW to [map priorities for research](#) on the health benefits of nature contact.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Todd Faubion** (GH) is the new director of Undergraduate Programs at the Department of Global Health. **Charlie Mock** (Epi, GH), who led the program during a period of growth, stepped down this year.



Eighty students from across the state and around the U.S. took part in a free, six-week summer program to prepare underrepresented students for careers in the health sciences. **Sara Mackenzie** (OD, HServ) explains why the program is unique [in a new video](#).



**Timothy Thornton** (Biostat) is also featured.



UW Dining won a bronze medal for the Husky Grind program. **Anne-Marie Gloster** (Epi, Nutr) was highlighted for her collaboration on a [popular coffee course](#).

## Featured by the ASPPH

[Study suggests addressing depression during teens could prevent cannabis-use disorder:](#)

**Isaac Rhew** (Epi), **Ann Vander Stoep** (Epi)

[Researcher outlines priorities for little-known sexually transmitted infection:](#)

**Lisa Manhart** (Epi, GH)

[Study finds mixing opioids and sedatives steeply raises overdose risk:](#)

**Renu Garg** (MPH, Epi), **Gary Franklin** (DEOHS, HServ), **Deborah Fulton-Kehoe** (DEOHS, HServ)

[SPH undergraduates learn through service:](#)

**Deborah Hinchey** (OD, PHM)

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