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## **SPH in the News**

Women took path through UW to lead nations' efforts on health - NewsBeat; profiles **Bernice Dahn** (MPH '05 HServ) & **Patricia Garcia** (GH, MPH '98 Epi)

2017's most and least recession-recovered cities - WalletHub; includes Q&A with **Marilyn Watkins** (HServ)

<u>Cancer down nationwide,</u> <u>but 'hot spots' persist</u> - *CNN;* quotes **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ)

Gun research will get even more difficult under NRAfriendly Trump - WIRED; quotes **Frederick Rivara** (Epi)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

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## Who Knew??



Anne McTiernan's (Epi, PhD '82 Epi)

**memoir made** Medscape's list of the Top 2016 Books Written by Doctors. She shares why she wrote Starved and how overcoming adversity and obesity impacted her as a researcher in January's Close Up.

## **On the Calendar**

Feb. 3, 2:30-3:30 pm "Impacts in Food and Human Nutrition from Global Wildlife and Fisheries Decline" with Chris Golden

Feb. 7, 7:30-9 pm "Leading the Health of a Nation: The Impact of a Public Health Education" with Bernice Dahn and

# **Congrats!**



PhD student **Allison Meisner** (Biostat) placed first in a <u>student paper competition</u> sponsored by the American Statistical Association's Medical Devices and Diagnostics Section. She'll present her winning paper at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings in Baltimore this summer.



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The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation received a historic \$279 million gift from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Director **Christopher Murray** (GH, HServ) recently discussed the gift and presented an IHME tool to track world health data via <u>Facebook Live</u>.



PhD student **Brittany Weldon** (DEOHS) received an honorable mention during the 2016 Epidemiology in Occupational Health Conference in Barcelona. Her abstract on urinary microRNA profiles as biomarkers of occupational pesticide exposure was a finalist for the Best Abstract Student/New Researcher award.



MPH student **Gabriel Cortez** (COPHP) is the 2016-17 Rattlinggourd Scholar. Cortez, a descendent of the Navajo tribe, is interested in evaluating public health interventions within Native American communities.

# Making a Difference

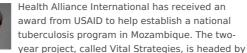


Seattle and King County leaders accepted the recommendations of a local opioid task force, which includes opening the nation's first safe injection sites. People from SPH have supported

the effort on the frontlines. **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi) endorsed the recommendations in a Jan. 17 letter to the county Board of Health, saying, "In King County alone, more than 200 people lost their lives in 2015 to heroin or prescription opioid abuse – creating a serious public health issue." Undergrad **Courtney Large** (PHM), a needle exchange volunteer, spoke in person before a Jan. 19 board meeting. "We give people clean needles and then send them into alleyways to overdose," she said. The board later voted unanimously to endorse the task force's recommendations. **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ) is a member of the task force and **Jeffrey Duchin** (Epi) is chair. Still, this week, COPHP students testified in front of the Senate Health Care Committee against a bill that would ban safe injection sites by removing local authority to establish them. <u>Read more.</u>

# Around the Water Cooler

SPH <u>teamed with Al Gore</u>, the APHA, Harvard and others to revive a climate change summit



James Cowan (GH).

#### Patricia Garcia

Feb. 16, 12-1 pm "Navigating the Complexity of Weight and Health" with The Whole U

Feb. 21, 3:30-5 pm "Social Capital and Disaster Resilience: Lessons from the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami" with Ichiro Kawachi

Feb. 22, 10:30 am-1 pm Roundtable Discussion of Income Inequality in Washington State

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

#### DGH Livestream

If you missed an opportunity to RSVP for the Department of Global Health's 10-year anniversary symposium, don't fret! <u>The event will be livestreamed</u>, while more than 800 people are scheduled to attend in person at the Husky Union Building.

#### Jobs

<u>SPH job listings page</u> for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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cancelled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Howard Frumkin** (DEOHS) and CHanGE are key players in the one-day event in Atlanta on Feb. 16.





A <u>new group of student councilors</u> will be advising the Dean on budgetary priorities for the School. Co-chaired by **Rachel Rinehart** (PHM) and **Alice Popejoy** (PHG), the Dean's Advisory Council for Students (DACS), including graduate students and undergraduates, advocates on behalf of a positive educational experience for all students at SPH.



PhD student **Rachel Shaffer** (DEOHS) is <u>leading</u> <u>an effort</u> to support a detailed policy plan for paid parental and medical leave in Washington state.



About 60 people gathered last week for a daylong workshop on health equity and social justice, co-sponsored by SPH. <u>See photos</u> from the event on Facebook.

Three recent Epi graduates have joined the



CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service, a two-year postdoctoral training program for "disease detectives." **Gloria Chi** is using electronic health records to study lead testing and diabetes surveillance in California. **Emily Mosites** is hot on the trail of infectious diseases in the arctic. And **Leora Feldstein** will be matched with an assignment this spring. <u>Learn more about</u> <u>Mosites' work</u> to reduce the global burden of disease among Alaska Natives.

## Featured by the ASPPH

State DOH/SPH report: No unusual cancer rate among WA soccer players: Cathy Wasserman (Epi), Tania Busch Isaksen (DEOHS) Hypertension a hidden chronic condition among adults in suburban Nepal; Biraj Karmacharya (GH, PhD '15 Epi)

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