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### Got News?

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## Congrats!

### SPH in the News

[How Trump's refugee ban is affecting Iranians in the Northwest](#) - KUOW; features

**Omid Bagheri Garakani** (HServ)

[A piece of the puzzle: Including diverse populations in genetic research](#) - *Genome Mag*; quotes **Timothy Thornton** (Biostat)

[Epidemic of untreatable back and neck pain costs billions, study finds](#) - *The Guardian*; quotes **Joseph Dieleman** (GH)

[Peru's minister of health urges new approach to fighting disease](#) - *Humanosphere*; podcast with **Patricia García** (GH, MPH '98 Epi), starting at 10:00

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

[Foundation Funding Opportunities »](#)

### Who Knew??



**Jennae Carpio (OD)** took a whirlwind tour of Europe last month - six countries

in 10 days. Carpio was recently named SPH manager for funding and student services programs. [Photos from her trip](#) will have you planning your next jaunt to Europe.



**Natalia Kanem** (MPH '90 Epi), assistant secretary-general of the United Nations and deputy executive director of the UN Population Fund, will be [this year's SPH graduation speaker](#). Kanem, of Panama, was appointed by former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in November.



2017 marks the 70th anniversary of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. What started as a small undergraduate program in sanitary science is now a robust academic department with eight degree programs, Chair **Michael Yost** (DEOHS) [says in a message](#).



**Betty Bekemeier** (HServ), director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, was selected as the [Elery and Kirby Cramer Endowed Professor](#) at the UW School of Nursing.



**Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi) was among five national finalists for the [Early-Stage Investigator Award](#) from the NIH's Office of Disease Prevention. He also recently received a \$590,000 grant from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation to support his gun violence research.



PhD student **Anqi "Angela" Cheng** (Biostat) [placed first in the Biometrics section](#) of the American Statistical Association Student Paper Competition. She'll present her winning paper at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings in Baltimore this summer.

The [2016-17 Health Services Excellence, Equity and Distinction \(HSEED\) Award](#) recipients are

**Gabriel Cortez** (COPHP), **Roger Kim** (Online Executive MPH), **Jessica Gabuyo** (HIHIM), **Habtu Hailu Demeke** (MHIHIM), **Benjamin Akimana** (MHIHIM), **Dalila Zelkanovic** (MHA), **Esmeralda Switzer** (EMHA), **Noelia Flores** (MPH) and **Amy Edmonds** (PhD).

### On the Calendar

**Feb. 21, 12-1pm**  
[Hot Topics in Practice Webinar: Expanding Access to Birth Control](#)

**Feb. 23, 5:30-6:30pm**  
[Africans in Pathogen Genomics Research](#)

**Feb. 28, 7:30-9pm**  
[Just Sustainabilities: Re-imagining Equality, Living with Limits](#)

**March 1, 1-6pm**  
[Health Innovation Challenge](#)

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

## Making a Difference



Every quarter, 300 UW students, including some from SPH, mentor first-generation and low-income seniors from 13 South King County high schools as they prepare for life after graduation.

Through the Dream Project, UW mentors learn about social inequities and access to education, and develop communication skills to work with students from diverse backgrounds. "Mentors help students to enact a plan for after high school, whether it be university, community college, vocational options or the military," said **Nicole Guenther** (Dream Project). Mentors dedicate four to six hours every week to the program, including two hours of class on campus and a weekly high school visit. Undergrad **Danafe Matusalem** (PHM) mentored eight students at her old high school, Kent-Meridian. She recalls: "A mentee said that seeing me overcome adversity and making it here to one of the best

## Husky Green Awards

Nominate a student, faculty or staff member who has shown leadership and dedication to making our campuses more sustainable. [Deadline is March 1.](#) Winners of the Husky Green Award will be announced on Earth Day, April 21.

## Jobs

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

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public universities has inspired her. For these kids, having somebody to look up to who encourages and guides them is very powerful." Dream Project celebrates its 10th anniversary this month.

## Around the Water Cooler



An immersive, multimedia story about our PhD program in implementation science was featured on the UW homepage over the last week.

**Arianna Means** (GH, MPH '13 Epi), **Kenneth Sherr** (GH, Epi), **Judd Walson** (GH, Epi) and **Peter Cherutich** (MPH '06 Epi, PhD '15 GH) explain what it means to [bridge the "know-do" gap](#).



MPH candidate **Daniel Otter** (COPHP) traveled to Europe last summer to [evaluate safe consumption sites](#) as part of his capstone project. He presented his findings to the King County Opioid Task Force and helped draft recommendations calling for the opening of similar sites in Seattle.



**Monica Lazarus** and **Amanda Spoden** (both Nutr) co-authored an article for Heart Health Month about the need to promote whole grains as part of a heart healthy diet. "We believe that a diverse diet is important for both environmental sustainability and health," Lazarus said. [The article was adapted](#) and shared by The Whole U.



**Bernice Dahn** (MPH '05 HServ) and **Patricia García** (MPH '98 Epi) talked about the importance of a public health education in their careers at this year's Distinguished Alumni Award lecture. You can [see their talk on YouTube](#) and [view photos on Facebook](#).



Undergrad **Sara Mar** (DEOHS) is eating crickets, exploring bat caves, feeding elephants and studying community public health in Khon Kaen, Thailand, for the quarter. [Read more in her blog](#).

## Featured by the ASPPH

[Researchers find new pathway linking diet and cancer risk;](#)  
**Anne McTiernan** (Epi, PhD '82 Epi)

[Giant cell arteritis estimated to cost the U.S. health care system a total of \\$1 billion in the first year of treatment;](#)  
**Joseph Babigumira** (GH)

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