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## Got News?

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## SPH in the News

[Trouble sleeping? Air pollution may be to blame, study says](#) - *Newsweek*; cites research co-led by **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi)

[An Inupiaq, epidemiologist and biostatistician](#) - *Anchorage Press*; profiles PhD candidate **Paneeen Petersen** (Epi)

[How your suburb can make you thinner](#) - *Politico*; quotes **Brian Saelens** (HServ)

[Public health majors must learn about race](#) - *The Johns Hopkins News-Letter*; mentions the School's new curriculum competency on race

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



Chair **Michael Yost** (DEOHS) holds eight patents,

including one for a field-deployable spectrometer that uses a light beam to identify chemicals over a big area, like a factory or pond. Learn how Yost got started as a scientist in the

## Congrats!



The Latino Center for Health recognized **India Ornelas** and **Linda Ko** (both HServ) last month at the [Latinx Faculty Recognition Event](#), which honored the scholarly achievements of Latina and Latino UW faculty. Adjunct Professor **Leo Morales** (HServ) was also honored.



**Terrance Kavanagh** (DEOHS) is the newest [Sheldon D. Murphy Endowed Chair](#) in Toxicology and Environmental Health.



MPH students **Shadae Paul**, **Beatrice Wamuti** and **Hana Mohamed** received the Oscar Gish Social Justice and Health Equity award at this year's Global Healthies. Five other SPH students were also honored. [Find out who won.](#)



PhD student **Rachel Shaffer** (DEOHS) received this year's Communicating Public Health to the Public Award for stories in *The Seattle Times*, NPR and other outlets raising awareness about the adverse health effects of worker exposure to lead. Much of her work was with Affiliate Professor **Steven Gilbert** (DEOHS).



The Student Public Health Association recognized two faculty members and a teaching assistant for their contributions to elevating the student experience. Outstanding Faculty Member for Teaching: **Sara Mackenzie** (HServ), Outstanding Faculty Member for Mentoring: **Stephen Bezruchka** (HServ, GH) and Outstanding TA: **Bridget Whitney** (Epi).



## Making a Difference

[May Close Up.](#)

## On the Calendar

**June 4-7**

[American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition](#)

**June 7, 12:30-1:30pm**

[Kenya Research and Training Center Seminar with Magnuson Scholar Erica Lokken](#)

**June 8, 2-5 pm**

[Maternal and Child Health Student Research Festival](#)

**June 11, 12-3:30pm**

[SPH Graduation Celebration](#)

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

## Gloyd Lecture

Congresswoman **Pramila Jayapal** will give this year's Stephen Stewart Gloyd Endowed Lecture. [Join us](#) for her talk, "Global Austerity Policies, Inequality and Health: What Can We Do?," on June 2 at 7:30 pm in Kane Hall.

## Jobs

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

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Youth smoking rates have dropped to the lowest level in 22 years, but a new trend has emerged — electronic cigarettes. “The increase in youth vaping poses a threat to more than five decades of progress in tobacco control and prevention,” says **Hena Parveen** (COPHP), who is working with the Tobacco Prevention Program at Public Health – Seattle & King County to develop a lesson on vaping for ninth graders and an Alternative to Suspension program for students who violate anti-vaping policy. Parveen is a scholar in the Tobacco Studies Program, housed within the School's Department of Health Services. Director **Sarah Ross-Viles** (HServ) says the program is “building [the next generation of tobacco experts](#).”

## Around the Water Cooler



**Scott Emerson** (Biostat) will give this year's [Ross L. Prentice Endowed Lecture](#) today, June 1, at 3:30 pm in the Arnold Building at Fred Hutch.



**Abraham “Abie” Flaxman** (GH), vice president of the UW's American Association of University Professors (AAUP), recently moderated [a panel discussing](#) the Red Square shooting on Inauguration Day.



**Rais Bhuiyan**, founder of [World Without Hate](#), was shot in the face while working in a gas station. He shared his story at a recent event for Workers' Memorial Day, hosted by DEOHS. [Watch a video](#), featuring MPH student **Allyson O'Connor** (DEOHS).



More than 400 students from 138 universities and 12 research centers [from around the world](#) have been awarded tuition and/or travel scholarships to the Department of Biostatistics's 2017 Summer Institutes.



**Jennae Carpio** and **Virginia Frausto** (both OD), from Academic Affairs, start graduate school in the fall. Carpio will join the UW School of Social Work and Frausto will study for her MPA at Seattle U. Both plan to continue working full time.



## Featured by the ASPPH

[Tobacco Studies Program trains public health leaders to end global epidemic;](#)

**Sarah Ross-Viles** (HServ)

[SPH researcher co-leads state report on fentanyl overdose deaths;](#)

**Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

[Facial features predict left-handedness and tuberculosis susceptibility:](#)

**Philippe Hujuel** (Epi)

[No adverse risk to using common antimalarial medication in first trimester:](#)

**Andy Stergachis** (GH, Epi, HServ)

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