



# NewsCatcher

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## Grayston-Day Fellows



The winners of this year's [Grayston-Day Endowed Fellowships](#) — and \$10,000 each — are incoming PhD student **GreCIA Vargas-Meléndez** (HServ), incoming MPH student **Ali N'Simbo** (COPHP) and second-year master's student **Dajza McDaniel** (MHA) . Vargas-Meléndez is focused on understanding the factors that influence health care access among marginalized communities. N'Simbo is driven to improve the health of communities in his home country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. McDaniel aims to improve the patient experience and to create more equitable health care settings.

## Research Spotlight



### There's an app for that

**Janet Baseman** (Epi, HServ) and **Debra Revere** (HServ) developed and [successfully pilot-tested](#) a mobile app to help rural breast cancer survivors with their long-term care. #UWinnovates

A glass of OJ a day is OK



A daily 8 oz. glass of 100 percent fruit juice does not cause high blood pressure or diabetes in adults, according to [new research](#) from alum **Brandon Auerbach** (MPH '16, Epi), **Alyson Littman** (Epi), **Bessie Young Mielcarek** (Epi, HServ), **Marian Neuhouser** (Epi) and **James Krieger** (HServ).

## Congrats



### Curbing opioid use for chronic pain

**Patrick Heagerty** (Biostat) received a \$2.8 million grant to [lead the data coordinating center](#) for a study of non-drug approaches for preventing chronic low back pain.



### Reducing mental health disparities

**India Ornelas** (HServ) received a \$3 million grant to test an innovative program aimed at [reducing mental health disparities](#) among Mexican immigrant women.

## GRANDMOTHERS SUPPORT GUN VIOLENCE STUDY

**Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** and master's student **Erin Morgan** (both Epi) received a \$10,000 gift from Grandmothers Against Gun Violence to [support their study](#) of the links between mental health and gun ownership in Washington state.



### Investigating bad air and autism

**Lucio Costa** (DEOHS) will receive \$350,000 a year for five years to [study the links](#) between traffic-related air pollution and autism.



### Share your news!

Have research due to be published? Received a new grant? Won a scholarship, fellowship or other award? We want to hear about it! Send us your news at [sphnews@uw.edu](mailto:sphnews@uw.edu).

Annual awards recognize **Stephen Gloyd** (GH, HServ, Epi) and **Anjuli Wagner** (GH, PhD '15 Epi) as [2017 Pioneers in Global Health](#). Gloyd will receive the *Award for Impact* and Wagner will receive the *Rising Leader* award at a Nov. 9 dinner, hosted by the Washington Global Health Alliance.



## School Updates

### Leadership searches underway

Stay up to date on the [School's search](#) for a Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, as well as the Department of Epidemiology's next chair.

### Public health major milestones

The Public Health Major has grown to nearly 500 students and has one of the most diverse cohorts to date. [View the annual report in full.](#)

### Workshop to focus on racial equity

The SPH Diversity Committee is [hosting a workshop](#) this Friday, Oct. 20, to strengthen knowledge of strategies to achieve equity.

### Team woPH takes on Dawg Dash

Kick off the school year with your SPH community at the UW's [annual Alaska Airlines 10K run and 5K walk/run](#). Friends, family and furry pals welcome.

[Recently awarded grants and contracts](#)

[National and local public health jobs and opportunities](#)

## Latest News

[Trauma may be woven into DNA of Native Americans](#) - *Indian Country Today*; quotes **Bonnie Duran** (HServ)

[The list of diseases linked to air pollution is growing](#) - *Sciences News*; quotes **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi)

[How much can really be done on gun control locally?](#) - *Crosscut*; quotes **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Health at a planetary scale](#) - *POLITICO*; co-authored by **Howard Frumkin** (DEOHS)

## Upcoming Events

### Purple Pride on W Day

Celebrate the UW's birthday on Friday, Oct. 27, during W Day! Show your purple pride and receive discounts at local businesses. Stop by Red Square for a day filled with fun events

and giveaways. Share your UW pride photos on social media and use #WDay.

JOIN IN

### Work Group on SDOH

**Thurs., Oct. 19, 12:30-1:30 pm**

**Anjum Hajat** (Epi) and others lead the first meeting of a new work group dedicated to discussing the social determinants of health.

### PNASH Research Bash

**Mon., Oct. 23, 12-5:30pm**

The Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (DEOHS) presents recent research findings and introduces new projects.

### Common Book Kick Off

**Mon., Oct. 23, 5:30-8:30pm**

Common Book series kicks off with a panel on climate change and public health, featuring WA Secretary of Health **John Weisman** (HServ).

### Global Health Research Symposium

**Tues., Oct. 24, 2-6:30pm**

**Denise Galloway** and **Scott LaMontagne** (both GH) headline a symposium on integrating approaches to global health research, organized by PhD students in global health and pathobiology.

EVENT CALENDAR



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