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## Got News?

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## SPH in the News

[Putting an end to intestinal worms](#) - *The Seattle Times*; features **Arianna Means** (GH), **Kenny Sherr** (GH, Epi) and **Judd Walson** (GH, Epi)

[Hurricane Harvey public health concerns](#) - *KING 5*; interview with **Scott Meschke** (DEOHS)

[How Alaska tribes solved their dental health crisis](#) - *Yes! Magazine*; cites research by **Donald Chi** (HServ)

[Seattle's bike-share program: Where are the helmets?](#) - *KOMO News*; quotes **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Joe Harper Kowalczyk (OD, PHM)** and his wife, Michelle,

climbed two mountains on two consecutive Christmas holidays. First, the Drakensberg Mountains, then Mount Kilimanjaro. They blogged about [these adventures](#) and more as Peace Corps

## Congrats!



The UW Population Health Initiative [announced recipients](#) of the inaugural pilot research grants. SPH faculty are involved in four of the five projects: **Jennifer Otten** (DEOHS, Nutr), **Joseph Zunt** (GH, Epi), **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH, Epi), **Sarah Gimbel** (GH), **Ana Seminario** (GH), **Benjamin Spencer** (GH), **Debra Kaysen** (GH) and **Shannon Dorsey** (GH).



**Noel Weiss** (Epi) has won the American Public Health Association's [Abraham Lilienfeld Award](#) for his lifelong excellence in teaching epidemiology.



**Ruanne Barnabas** (GH, Epi) was recently named [the new holder](#) of the King K. Holmes Endowed Professorship in STD and AIDS.



**Vanessa Galaviz** (DEOHS) was invited by University of California President **Janet Napolitano** to join a state advisory committee on environmental justice and climate change policy. The group will support Gov. **Jerry Brown**.



**Wyatt Pickner** (HServ, COPHP) was awarded a [\\$5,000 grant](#) from the UW Center for Communication, Difference and Equity to fund his capstone project, a [PhotoVoice](#) study of urban American Indian/Alaska Native men's perceptions of police violence and mental health.

## Making a Difference



SPH is supporting efforts in Montana to design and implement trainings and to build greater capacity for public health education. PhD student **Meagan Brown** (HServ) recently held a training in Billings to teach health department staff how to communicate the importance and success of programs to stakeholders. ([See photos.](#)) "Their work can be overlooked because they're focused on day-to-day tasks and don't

Volunteers in South Africa.

## On the Calendar

**Sept. 12, 12-1pm**

[Ending TB: Leveraging Public-Private Partnership to Accelerate Access to Tools](#)

**Sept. 27, 12:30-1:30pm**

[Kenya Research and Training Center Seminar with Emily Deichsel](#)

**Sept. 28, 12:30-1:20pm**

[No Water, No Food: Water Equity in Public Health Nutrition](#)

**Oct. 2-3**

[Leadership, Readiness and Motivation for the Health and Safety Professional](#)

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

## Search for SPH Dean

Meetings with the SPH Dean search team will take place on Oct. 3 in the Health Sciences Bldg. The team will meet with students from 9:30-10:15am in T-360, faculty from 12:30-1:30pm in I-132, and staff from 3:30-4:30pm in T-531.

## Jobs

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

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often have time to think about the overall public health impact," Brown said. Brown worked with one participant, a registered nurse, to identify ways to measure whether a program to reduce alcohol consumption among Native American adolescents is working. Evaluation plans and outcome data are becoming increasingly important for grant proposals, according to Brown, and this training enables staff to remain competitive in seeking those funding sources. The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice has been [providing these support services](#) in Montana for several years.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Pamela Collins** is the new director of global mental health in the Department of Global Health. She joins SPH on Jan. 1 after [nearly eight years](#) with the National Institute of Mental Health.



**Butch de Castro** (DEOHS) was named the School of Nursing's [associate dean for diversity](#), equity and inclusion.



In a published [interview](#), **Suzanne Wood** (HServ) talks to a former surgeon general and retired vice admiral of the U.S. Navy about emergency healthcare delivery.



**Joann Elmore** (Epi) [joined comedian Adam Conover's](#) truTV series, *Adam Ruins Everything*, to dispel some mammogram myths.

## Featured by the ASPPH

[Professor leads effort to map research priorities for the nature-health connection;](#)

**Howard Frumkin** (DEOHS)

[Faculty member finds opioids leading cause of drug deaths in Seattle area;](#)

**Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

[Center leads evaluation of public health emergency communications tools;](#)

**Janet Baseman** (Epi, HServ), **Debra Revere** (HServ)

[Researcher finds height plays role in aggressive prostate cancer risk;](#)

**Janet Stanford** (Epi)

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