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SPH in the News

Air Pollution: Smog Elevates Stroke Risk - *Press Enterprise*; quotes **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS)

Food Bubble is Expanding U.S. Waistlines - *Bloomberg*; research by **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi) is cited

Mammograms Can Save Lives of Women in Their 40s: Study - *MSN Health* (HealthDay); quotes **Judith Malmgren** (Epi)

Association of Incident Dementia With Hospitalizations - *JAMA*; **Elizabeth Phelan** (HServ) and **Eric Larson** (HServ) were co-authors

Who Knew??



Missie Thurston,

Communications Manager at NWCPHP, and her father created a daily program that told a different Vermont story every day on television, radio, the web and in print. Its website is still up at vtbookofdays.com.

On the Calendar

April 2-8
National Public Health Week

April 5, 4:30
Ethics, Evidence and HIV Prevention

April 5, 6:00
The Built Environment

April 12, 12:30
Air Pollution and Cardiovascular Disease

April 19-21
DNA Day Celebration

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

Opportunities

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

The student-led **Western Regional International Health Conference**, on campus April 27-29, is open

Congrats!



Lisa Frenkel (GH), **Michael Chung** (GH, Epi), **Scott McClelland** (GH, Epi), **Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi), **Joe Zunt** (GH, Epi), **Jorge Alarcon** (Epi) and **Arturo Centurion-Lara** (GH) are among the winners of International Infrastructure Awards, granted by the UW/FHCRC Center for AIDS Research International Core.



Becky Bartlein (MPH 2010,) was featured on *Humanosphere*, the KPLU website about global health and poverty. The story, called "Changemakers: **Becky Bartlein**, health advocate, hot on the trail of bad drugs," reveals Bartlein's passion for global health issues. She is research coordinator for the UW Global Medicines Program.



Graduate Trainee **Astrid Suchy-Dicey** (Epi) has been selected as the School of Public Health's 2012-13 Magnuson Scholar. One scholar in each of the UW's schools of health sciences receives \$25,000 to support his or her education. The Magnuson Scholar program was named after the late Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, noted for efforts to improve the nation's health.



During April, UWTV is airing a segment about the **Diesel Exhaust Exposure in the Duwamish Study** (DEEDS) and **MESA air pollution** research, featuring **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi) and **Julie Fox** (DEOHS). The show, *UW360*, is on the [website](#) and airs weekly on Wednesdays at 10 pm and Sundays at 9 pm. It will also air on KOMO-TV Sat., April 28, at 4:30 pm.

In 2010, **Agya Mahat**, MPH 2011, went to Kenya on a **GO Health Fellowship** and the maternity clinic she recommended there has opened at last! The Merrueshi Village Health Center aims to provide the best health care services for mothers and newborn babies in the area. Photos of the grand opening are on the [Facebook page](#) of the Maasai Association.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 3/13-3/26/2012

Making a Difference



The Chaveria Family

Spanish language radio is a major presence in agricultural communities. The Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health (PNASH) Center has produced several stories for these radio stations. The Chaveria Family novellas focus on issues such as asthma, pesticide exposure, water quality, and workplace abuse common among immigrant farm worker families. Other stories feature first-hand accounts of ladder injuries and heat illnesses. You can listen at http://depts.washington.edu/pnash/audio_library.

Around the Water Cooler

Susan Allan (HServ) will be stepping down as

for registration. Students, faculty and professionals from all disciplines are invited to the interdisciplinary conference. Details at the website or from Colleen Fulp, cfulp@uw.edu.

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director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice to devote more time to her mother's health needs, but will remain actively involved as a faculty member. (The search for a new director is just beginning.)



PhD student **Jenna Armstrong** (DEOHS) will be running the April 16 Boston marathon. She writes a blog, "[A Running Scientist](#)," that is linked from our SPH home page.



David Grossman (HServ) and **Thomas Koepsell** (Epi, HServ) were co-authors of an [article on gun safety](#) published March 8 in the "American Journal of Public Health." The study reported that gun cabinets in homes in rural Alaska could reduce gun-related injuries and deaths.



Brett Carter of the Center for Public Health Nutrition is the proud papa of a new baby, Noah.



Undergraduate **Laura Denman** is a coxswain for the UW crew team. She works in Professor Terry Kavanagh's laboratory (DEOHS).

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