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The latest news for and about our SPH community



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SPH in the News

The Health Boom from Economic Bust - *The Irish Times*; **Stephen Bezruchka** (HServ) is quoted.

Putting a CAP on Accidental Shooting Injuries and Deaths - *The Seattle Times*; **Frederick Rivara** (Epi) wrote this opinion article.

How Do Vaccine Schedules for Kids Get Designed? - *Wall Street Journal* health blog; **Douglas Diekema** (HServ) is quoted.

Unborn Babies Face Toxic Chemicals: OB/GYNs Can Help - *Huffington Post*; **Sheela Sathyarayana** (DEOHS) is quoted.

Who Knew??



One of Larry Kessler's favorite activities is swing dancing.

The best two things about dancing, says Kessler (Chair, HServ): "Exercising while having fun" and "absolutely everyone smiles when they dance."

On the Calendar

April 19-21
 DNA Day Celebration

April 19, 3:15
 Lecture and Panel Discussion on Genomics and Public Health

April 25, 5 pm
 World Malaria Day at PATH

April 27, 8:30 am
 Northwest Regional Air Quality Workshop for Communities

April 27, 11:30
 Workers Memorial Day event on campus

April 27-29
 Western Regional International Health Conference

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the **SPH Events Calendar**.

Opportunities

Check out the **SPH job**

Congrats!



Olubunmi (Bunmi) Akinkugbe, eMPH 2011, a Nigerian physician, has been selected as a fellow in the ASPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellowship Program. The six-month position is based at CDC headquarters in Atlanta and offers the chance to learn from global health experts there.



Peter House (HServ, COPHP) was named the first recipient of a Montana rural health leadership award at the annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference in Spokane. The award honors his 20 years of service to Montana's rural communities and hospitals.



Katie Leach-Kemon (MPH, GH 2008), data development manager (IHME), is featured as a "Changemaker" on KPLU's *Humanosphere* website. The series profiles young people who are working to change the world. She credits Peace Corps experience and "taking more quantitative analysis classes than I'd planned on in my master's degree."



Dennis Stillman (HServ) has been selected as the distinguished alumnus of 2012 by the University of Puget Sound School of Business and Leadership.



Kelli Trosvig (MHA 1994) has been appointed vice president for UW information technology and chief information officer for the university.



NIH will spend \$20 million to train global health researchers from many disciplines and UW is the lead for one of five consortiums. **Joseph Zunt** (GH, Epi), principal investigator for the UW-led consortium, said the grant will support 12-15 doctoral students and post-doctoral trainees each year in international settings. Application deadline is May 14.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 3/26-4/9/2012

Making a Difference



The IOM committee charged with reviewing flawed research behind a series of clinical trials at Duke University found widespread, larger problems in using genetic signatures to guide cancer treatment. Such "omics" could eventually lead to personalized treatments, but clinical tests are not yet reliable enough, said the influential report from the committee, chaired by **Gilbert Omenn**, former SPH Dean, and including **Tom Fleming** (Biostat), Health Services Chair **Larry Kessler**, and **Daniela Witten** (Biostat) among its members. Articles in *Nature* and *Science* have highlighted the report.

Around the Water Cooler



Amanda Parrish has joined HPRC as the research coordinator for workplace projects, working with **Peggy Hannon** and **Kristen Hammerback**, among others. Amanda came to

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

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Seattle to get her master's degree in Biocultural Anthropology at the UW after working at the University of Pennsylvania.

MPH student **Carrie Dennett** (Nutritional Sciences) is writing a regular nutrition column for **The Seattle Times**. Her first column, called "5 Silly Things We Do That Derail Our Diets," appeared Sunday, March 18. She also writes a blog, nutritionbycarrie.com.



The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice welcomes two new staff members: **Siri Anderson** as a member of the communications team and **Megan Rogers** as part of the program evaluation team. Siri is a designer and writer; Megan specializes in statistical analysis.



"Many rural health care facilities, including local public health agencies, will not succeed unless they change," writes **Mary Selecky** (HServ) in the latest issue of the **Northwest Bulletin: Family and Child Health**, published by our Maternal and Child Health Program.



Our sympathies to **Norm Breslow** (Biostat) on the death of his father, **Lester**, dean emeritus of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Lester Breslow, 97, was known for his early advocacy of health promotion and research into disease prevention. His family requests that memorial donations be made to a [student fellowship in his name](#).



Research Scientist **Mike Paulsen** (DEOHS) and his wife have a new baby, Jilean Nariyada Paulsen, born Feb. 8.

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