Congrats!

Jeffrey Walls (MS student, DEOHS) is featured in a Q&A with EHS Today, an online and print magazine focusing on occupational health, safety and environment issues. The magazine named Walls the 2011 Future Leader in EHS.

Health Alliance International, a non-profit affiliated with the Department of Global Health, is beneficiary of this year’s fund-raiser by Agency (formerly known as Party with a Purpose), a group of young Seattle-area professionals. It will buy 2,000 phones and texting services for the “Mobile Moms” project in Timor-Leste, which sends health messages to pregnant women.

Andy Stergachis (Epi, GH, HServ) and his family have made a lead gift to The School of Pharmacy’s Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program, of which he was founding chair. The new endowed directorship will be named after Andy.

Megan Lynn (DO) has been promoted from advancement coordinator to annual giving and alumni relations officer. Pat McCowan, assistant dean of advancement, said, “Now we only need to find a Megan 2.0 to fill our now vacant Advancement Coordinator position.”

Graduate student Cheng Zheng (Biostat) received a travel award from the American Statistical Association’s Health Policy Statistics Section to present his work at the upcoming Joint Statistical Meetings in San Diego. He studies mediation analysis with Professor Andrew Zhou.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 1/30-2/13/2012

Making a Difference

Affiliate instructor Julia Singer (HServ) and student Peter Blackburn (COPHP) worked together to create the first local map of its kind – Pesticide Free Places – for King County. The interactive map can help parents and caregivers avoid contamination for their children. It can also help grounds managers of parks and other open spaces reduce their pesticide use.

Around the Water Cooler

More than 125 people, including UW President Michael Young, attended the Department of Global Health's open house Jan. 17. William Foege, an affiliate professor (Epi) credited with devising the global strategy to eradicate smallpox, recalled how few faculty were involved in global health half a century ago and “now everyone seems to be interested in it.”

Janet Baseman (Epi, HServ), Michael
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 Thomas Francis, Jr. Global Health Fellowship funds international projects by graduate or professional students. Application deadline is March 19. Questions should be directed to Daren Wade, director of the Global Health Resource Center, at dwade@uw.edu.

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Three grad students participated in a one-week Advanced Gene Mapping course at Rockefeller University in New York. Jonathan Kocarnik (PHG, pictured), Kristin Beima-Sofie (PHG) and Steve Maley (Epi) received competitive funding from Rockefeller to learn genetic methods and software for analyzing complex human disease traits.

Andrew Dannenberg (DEOHS) participated in the Intersection of Transportation and Health workshop at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting.

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