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SPH in the News

Washington Launches New Plan for 2012-2020 -ASPH Friday Letter; The School's strategic plan is highlighted.

Many Teen Girls Mistakenly Think HPV Vaccines Cut Risk for All STDs -US News & World Report; Hunter Handsfield (EPI) is quoted.

Medical experiments on humans - *Washington Post*; UW's "no-fault" compensation program is mentioned.

Partner's 'Viral Load' a Major Factor in HIV Transmission: Study - US News & World Report; James Hughes (Biostat) is quoted.

Who Knew??



Janell Blackmer is known to her co-workers

as the woman who makes the birthday cards.

Blackmer (operations manager, NWCPHP) began making cards in 1999 and two years ago became a hobby demonstrator for her supply company, **Stampin' Up**. She sells her cards at bazaars throughout the area.

On the Calendar

January 19, 12:30
DEOHS Seminar: Climate Change and Human Health in the Northwest

January 19, 3:30
Biostatistics Seminar: Early vs. Delayed - Results and Extension of the HPTN 052 Study

January 26, 6:30
WA Physicians for Social Responsibility art reception, Particles on the Wall

January 31, 7:00
A Conversation with President Jimmy Carter on "Waging Peace, Fighting Disease, Building Hope"

February 2, 12:30
DEOHS Seminar, Public Health and Nuclear Reactors

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

Congrats!



PhD Candidate **Vanessa Galaviz** (DEOHS) just received the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Volunteer Award. She is active in the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) and is a master home environmentalist for the American Lung Association. The award is jointly sponsored by Health Sciences and UW Medical Center.



Chief Financial Officer **Ben Robinson** (DO) has been appointed to the ASPH Data Advisory Committee, which advises ASPH and its member schools on the collection, analysis and dissemination of information.



Principal Lecturer **Jack Thompson** (HServ) has been appointed to the board of directors of the Washington State Public Health Association.



Dean **Howard Frumkin** has been named one of the top reviewers of the year by the journal "Environmental Health Perspectives."



Associate Professor **Christopher Simpson** (DEOHS) and Professor **Anna Wald** (Epi) have won grants through the UW Royalty Research Fund, which supports new research programs. Simpson is studying parkinsonism and pesticide exposure among farm workers. Wald (who is joint in laboratory medicine) is studying herpes virus and the immune system.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 1/2-1/16/2012

Making a Difference



Homeless residents at Tent City 4 are better off thanks to four students from **Community-Oriented Public Health Practice** (COPHP). The students organized a health care

day Saturday, Jan. 14, for residents of this homeless encampment at the Community Church of Issaquah.

Angela Wood, Patricia Atwater, Barbara Obena and Ashraf Amlani organized the care day, requested by the host church. Dr. **Wendy Johnson** (GH) also participated.

Two physicians, four nurse practitioner students and a physical therapist provided basic primary care, including wound cleaning, prescription refills and patient education. Patients with chronic conditions were referred to their primary care providers or Evergreen Clinic in Kirkland (Tent City 4 will move to Kirkland Jan. 21). Fifteen participants were identified as needing vision care and eight needing dental care. The COPHP students are working with local providers to set up appointments.

Around the Water Cooler



Professor **Thomas Koepsell** (Epi, HServ) retired Dec. 31. His most recent research was on traumatic brain injury. He plans to travel, read great books (he has been in the same book

[Calendar.](#)

Opportunities

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



Professor **Daniel Luchtel** (DEOHS) retired Jan. 15. For nearly 40 years he has been immersed in air, researching respiratory toxicology. He skis in winter and climbs mountains in summer. “Not bad”, he says, “for a farm boy from Iowa who never saw a mountain until he was 18.”



DEOHS welcomes **June Thalia Spector** as an acting instructor. Her research includes heat-related illness in agricultural workers, work-related musculoskeletal disorders and the renal effects of metal exposures.



People want to know about our **strategic plan**. In the first 36 hours after it was posted, [the plan's web page](#) had 728 hits, making it the School's #3 page after the home page and jobs page. Of the 5301 emails sent Thursday, 30 percent were opened, a high rate.

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