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SPH in the News

[Danish study doesn't change the answer: Don't drink while pregnant](#) - *Seattle Times*; by **Susan Astley** (Epi) and **Therese Grant** (Epi)

[Despite healthy image, Japanese-Americans' diabetes risk higher](#) - *KPLU*; quotes **Tsukasa Namekata** (HServ)

[Exome sequencing can reveal susceptibility genes](#) - *UW Today*; quotes **Mary Emond** (Biostat)

[Aging, Climate Change, and Legacy Thinking](#) - *American Journal of Public Health*; by **Howard Frumkin** (DO), Linda Fried and Rick Moody

Who Knew??



Victor Van Hee (DEOHS) created an iPhone app to find baby-

friendly places. Called [Tot a Go Go](#), the app locates establishments with high-chairs, play areas and diaper-changing stations. Victor and his wife, Jenny, were looking for places to visit after the birth of their son, Finnegan. "It's amazing we ever found the time to do this!" he says. Other parents are encouraged to add to the site.

On the Calendar

July 30, noon
[The Cost of Overtreatment: What Care is Necessary?](#)

July 31, noon
[Responding to WA State Whooping Cough Epidemic](#)

Aug 25, 9:00
[Duwamish River Bike Tour](#)

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

Special Bulletin

The UW policy on financial conflicts in research is being revised, with a target effective date of August 24. Be sure to check this [UW website](#) for the latest updates throughout the summer.

Congrats!



Deepa Rao (GH) will head to India next year on a [Fulbright Nehru Senior Award](#). She will interview women who enter counseling programs because of domestic problems.



Marla Salmon (GH) will spend a month at the Bellagio Center in Italy thanks to a Rockefeller Foundation award. The dean emeritus of the School of Nursing also [was selected](#) as the 2012-2013 Nurse Scholar in Residence at the Institute of Medicine.



Ryan Blood won an award for the best student ergonomics presentation at the recent American Industrial Hygiene Association meeting. He's a PhD candidate in Occupational and Environmental Hygiene.



Becky Bartlein (GH, MPH 2010) is off to Cote d'Ivoire in September to conduct public-health policy research. She will spend 10 months working in the Ministry of Health under a Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship.



Alison Silvis Rustagi (PhD candidate, Epi) received a Graduate Fellowship Award from the UW Retirement Association. She will conduct research on cervical cancer screening among older women.

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Making a Difference



Thanks to HealthLinks, a workplace wellness program developed by the [UW Health Promotion Research Center](#) and the American Cancer Society, Seattle Automotive Distributing is now a

healthier worksite. The company adopted a tobacco policy with strict limits on how often and where employees are allowed to smoke. It also increased employee access to fresh fruits and vegetables. HealthLinks was part of a Public Health-Seattle & King County initiative called Communities Putting Prevention to Work, funded by the CDC and aimed at reducing obesity and tobacco use in King County. Seattle Automotive, a family-owned company headquartered in Auburn, was one of 47 participating worksites.

Around the Water Cooler



Debra Milek (DEOHS) is the new director of the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic at Harborview, where she's also been named the new medical director for the Center of Occupational Health and Education. Milek was assistant professor and director of the Occupational Medicine Residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.



Andy Stergachis (Epi, GH, HServ) was keynote speaker at a forum in Dhaka, Bangladesh, attended by top health and drug officials. The forum was part of a Global Medicines Program assessing pharmacovigilance and drug

Opportunities

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

Missed an issue of *NewsCatcher*? [Find it in the Archive](#) (UW netID required).



Evan Gallagher (DEOHS) has been on sabbatical in New Zealand and Australia. As a Distinguished Visiting Scientist, he's been working with scientists on marine genomics at the Cawthron Institute on an effort to improve the ecological health of the Pacific Ocean.



For the second year, funding has come through for the Public Health Management Certificate program, a 12-month course offered by the [Northwest Center for Public Health Practice](#). About \$280,000 is being provided by the [de Beaumont Foundation](#).

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