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SPH in the News

Can Simply Thinking About Your Phone Lead to a Car Crash? - *The Atlantic*; cites research by **Beth Ebel** (Epi).

Jennifer Balkus' Work in Kenya Gives a Snapshot of Research, Collaboration and Life Abroad - *The Daily*; quotes grad students **Balkus** (Epi), **Ruth Deya** (Epi) and **George Wanje** (GH).

New Breast Cancer Study - *KUOW*; quotes **Chris Li** (Epi).

As Heroin Death Toll Rises, Antidote is Available - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ).

Who Knew??



Rosie Schaffer, of Environmental Health Lab, is a ham. More

specifically, she is a **licensed ham radio operator** and part of our emergency preparedness network. She also relays info at events such as the recent **Seattle Walk MS**.

On the Calendar

June 8, 10:00 undergrad, **12:30** graduate
SPH Graduation

June 11, 10:00
Ethical and economic implications of end-of-life care in the ICU: Are there significant cost savings to be had?

June 14, 9:00
Youth and Tobacco Town Hall

June 23, 9:00
Occupational Health Nursing Institute online course

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

Congrats!



Undergrads **Stephen Nganga** and **Tyler Adamson** (aspiring Public Health majors) and **Sandy**

Nguyen (DEOHS student assistant) were recognized at the **Educational Opportunity Program's** 42nd annual awards program. The event was hosted by the UW Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity. Watch a **video** of the students.



Robert Martin (GH) received the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Public Health Laboratories, which held its annual meeting recently in Seattle.



Jessica Oda (HIHIM undergrad) took the unusual step of taking and passing the Registered Health Information Administrator exam before graduating. She earns her BS degree this month.



Aubri (Wall) Denevan has been accepted into the **Master of Communication in Digital Media** program, beginning in the fall. Aubri is a strategic planner (HServ) and a project associate in the Ruckelshaus Center. She married **Dan Denevan** in Hawaii in May.



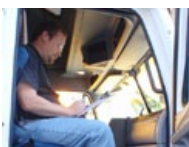
Howard Frumkin (DEOHS, DO) has joined Mayor Mike McGinn's Green Ribbon Commission, a group of environmental, business, civic and government leaders who will advise on the development of a **2012 Seattle Climate Action Plan**.



Krista Ulatowski (Grad student, Public Health Nutrition) was appointed to a year-long term as a Student Advisory Committee Representative to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The panel connects more than 19,000 student members nationwide.

[See recent SPH grants and contracts](#)

Making a Difference



Drivers of buses and trucks could be in for a smoother and healthier ride, thanks to research by **Peter Johnson** (DEOHS) and colleagues. Along with Harvard University, SPH researchers are studying the effects of new seat suspensions that

use computer-controlled electromagnetic motors to reduce vibrations. The DEOHS group included doctoral student **Ryan Blood**, postdoctoral researcher **Charlotte Lewis** and visiting research scientist **Patrick Rynell**.

Around the Water Cooler



Grad student **Nathan Furukawa** (MPH, MD) says shouting about life's unfairness isn't a compelling way to get your message across. In a **guest column** for *Humanosphere*, Nathan suggests activists try humor to raise awareness about the gap between rich and poor.

A delegation from Thailand visited SPH and the

updates throughout the summer.

Opportunities

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

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School of Nursing to learn about distance learning, faculty development and other topics. The visitors included a Thai Ministry of Health official and directors of several branches of Sirindhorn College of Public Health.



Rudy Owens (Grad student, COPHP) blogs about biking, public health and other issues. In a [recent entry](#), he pays tribute to this year's SPH award winners while adding that his degree program was a "long, expensive, and interesting journey...The best part of course is when you reach the end and look back on all you have done."



Ash Harris, the son of **Jeff Harris** (HServ) and **Judy Wasserheit** (Epi, GH), is graduating from Ingraham High School and heading to the four-year program at [DigiPen Institute of Technology](#) in Redmond for a Bachelor of Science in Game Design.

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