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SPH in the News

Drinking Scenes in Movies May Spur Teens to do the Same - *msn.com*; **Dimitri Christakis** (HServ) is quoted.

Researchers Develop Vaccine for the 'Parasitic Version of HIV' - *Chicago Tribune*; **Steve Reed** (GH) is quoted.

Screening children for cholesterol - *New York Times*; cites commentary by **Bruce Psaty** (Epi, HServ) and **Frederick Rivara** (Epi).

The Ultimate Lifesaver... trying to create an ER on wheels - *Wall Street Journal*; mentions research by **Graham Nichol** (Biostat).

More Doctors 'Fire' Vaccine Refusers - *Wall Street Journal*; quotes **Douglas Diekema** (HServ).

Who Knew??



Curriculum Coordinator Alexandra MacKenzie (Biostat) has

published a new mystery novel, *Seattle Sleuth*. It was published by Rhemalda Publishing and is set in Seattle in the 1920s.

On the Calendar

March 17, 9:30
Urbanism and Health,
Howard Frumkin & William Daniell

March 20, 12:00
Webinar on Prevention and Health Reform

April 2-8
National Public Health Week

April 5, 4:30
Ethics, Evidence and HIV Prevention

April 27-29
At a Crossroads: Choosing Hidden Paths in Global Health

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

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job](#)

Congrats!



Colleen Huebner (HServ) has been promoted from associate professor to professor. Other promotions approved by the provost's office are **Jesse Fann** (Epi), adjunct associate professor to adjunct professor, and **Alyson Littman** (Epi), research assistant professor to research associate professor. The promotions will be effective July 1.



Garnet Anderson (Biostat) was quoted extensively in a March 6 front-page article in "The Seattle Times," *Estrogen-only pills cut breast cancer risk for some*. She was lead author of a study published in *The Lancet* that reaffirms that post-menopausal women who took estrogen-only hormones had a significant reduction in breast cancer.



Emily White (Epi) is co-author of a new study in the "Journal of Investigative Dermatology" which found that retinol, a form of vitamin A, could help prevent melanoma. News stories appeared across the globe, from the *Daily Mail* and *Indian Express* to *US News & World Report*.



Pamela Mitchell (HServ) has been appointed interim dean of the School of Nursing. Mitchell, who has been at the UW since 1969, is "very well suited to lead the top nursing school in the nation during this period of transition," Provost Ana Mari Cauce said in a *UW Today* article.



Bill Daniell (DEOHS) and SPH colleagues are partnering with two local nonprofits to develop a *Health Impact Assessment* of a proposed EPA cleanup of the highly polluted Lower Duwamish Waterway.

See all new SPH grants and contracts awarded 2/27-3/12/2012

Making a Difference



Jeffrey Harris (HServ), director of the Health Promotion Research Center, testified before the Washington Senate on the effectiveness of higher cigarette taxes, which could partly re-fund the

Washington Tobacco Prevention and Control Program. Over 10 years, he said, the program saved \$1.5 billion in health care costs and returned \$5 for every \$1 spent. He and **Julia Dilley** (Epi) co-authored an article in the February 2012 edition of the "American Journal of Public Health" on the return on investment of the state's tobacco control program.

Around the Water Cooler



Sandra Smith (HServ) leads the UW Health Literacy Interest Group, an interdisciplinary collaborative of researchers and practitioners that addresses the public's ability to understand and use health information. The second meeting is set for April 7. For info: sandras@uw.edu

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

School of Public Health students are invited to nominate a mentor, teacher, TA, or student volunteer for this spring's School of Public Health awards. Nomination forms can be found at the [SPHA website](#).

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Dean **Howard Frumkin** co-authored an open letter signed by 30 medical and public health school deans calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The letter and a related article, which he also co-authored, appear in the March issue of the "American Journal of Preventive Medicine."



Advancement Coordinator **Ashly Sheldon** (DO) will be moving to the Evans School of Public Affairs, where she will work with MPA students and their public service capstone projects in the community.

René Lucas (DO), longtime MPH practicum coordinator, has taken a position with the Health and Human Services office in Seattle. She will be Executive Assistant to the regional director for intergovernmental and external affairs.

Cate Clegg-Thorpe, a recent COPHP grad, completed her project position at the Health Promotion Research Center and is spending a year traveling around the world with her husband. They will work in Hawaii before heading to Southeast Asia. **Amanda Parrish** has been hired to fill her position.



Check out Facebook photos of the SPH Student Reception held on March 7!

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