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SPH in the News

UW study shows promise of quicker autism diagnosis - *Crosscut.com*; cites research by **James Woods** (DEOHS).

Seattle Scientists Testing First Black-Fever Vaccine - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Steve Reed** (GH).

Protecting Public Health And The Anti-Vaccine Movement - *KUOW*; interviews **Gary Goldbaum** (Epi, HServ).

Walking to School, Libraries and Markets Helps Keep Kids Slimmer - *Time*; quotes **Brian Saelens** (HServ).

Drug-resistant Malaria Spreads - *Bangkok Post*; cites research by **IHME**.

Who Knew??



Yael Yanich (HPRC) and her 28-year-old parrot, Charley, are

regulars at the Saturday University District Farmers Market, where kids can pet him. "He's not much of a talker, but he does love to dance," Yael says. Charley's favorites are "Staying Alive" and "Hava Nagila."

On the Calendar

May 23, 12:00
Public Health Practice in Tobacco Prevention & Control: The Local Experience

May 24, 12:30
Student Research Day, DEOHS

May 30, 3:30
Healthy Planning Down Under

June 5, 3:30
Long-term Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain: Risks and Risk Mitigation

June 8, 10:00 (undergrad), 12:30 (grad)
SPH Graduation Celebration

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

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job](#)

Congrats!



More than two dozen outstanding faculty, staff and students were recognized May 11 at the 2012 Celebration of Public Health: **SPH Appreciation and Awards**. See [photos](#) on Facebook.



Arthur Kellermann (MPH HServ 1985), a national leader in emergency medicine research, has been chosen as the Distinguished Alumnus for 2012. He will speak at the SPH graduation on June 8.



Valerie Pacino (Grad, HServ) won the TED-UW talks competition at the Burke Museum with "Ouch Surfing: Getting the Killer Chemicals out of Your Furniture." Valerie's also been [blogging](#) for [Sightline Institute](#), where she's finishing her capstone project.



Ann Downer has a new appointment as associate professor in Global Health, in addition to her adjunct associate professor appointment in Health Services.



Recent grad **Russell Owen's** (Nutritional Sciences) final product from his practicum project, Disaster Preparedness for Children with Special Nutrition Needs, appeared in the winter 2012 edition of the "Nutrition Education for the Public" newsletter.



Megan Kloetzel (MPH, HServ 2010), **Colleen Huebner** (HServ), and **Peter Milgrom** (HServ) are the 2012 recipients of the Best Review Article Award from the Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health for an article titled "[Referrals for Dental Care During Pregnancy](#)."

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Making a Difference



Our faculty members and students are turning one of Peru's mega-slums into a greener, healthier place. **Joe Zunt** (GH, Epi), **Susan Bolton** (GH) and **Ben Spencer** (GH) are leading plans to

improve the lives of thousands of people in the district of Puente Piedra, near Lima. The project began in 2007. **A recent effort** - helped by eight students on a month-long exploration seminar and by dozens of community members - created a park with walkways, trees and shrubs on what was once a sandy dune. The team also designed and built an irrigation system using recycled water. In the past, they have tested students for hearing, eyesight and asthma. Future plans include building a new health clinic and better classrooms.

Around the Water Cooler



Cathy Laurie (Biostat) and her sister, **Cecelia Laurie** (Biostat), worked together for the first time after years in their respective fields of genetics and mathematics. They were co-first authors of a recently [published paper](#) in *Nature Genetics* that said chromosomal abnormalities increased with age and were linked to a greater



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risk of cancer in some people.



Peter Kithene (MPH student, GH) will be an intern at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation this summer. He will work as a business analyst reporting to the director of program strategies (communications).



The Health Policy Center Initiative (HServ) is teaming with the [State of Reform website](#) on a [blog series](#) exploring potential policy outcomes of the Supreme Court's coming decision on health reform. Among the bloggers are [Patricia Lichiello](#) (HServ), [Aaron Katz](#) (GH, HServ), [Susan Allan](#) (HServ) and [Jack Thompson](#) (HServ).



Janice Camp (DEOHS), longtime director of the [Field Research and Consultation Group](#), recently accepted the position of Educational Outreach Director, where she will lead continuing education activities. **Martin Cohen** will be interim director of the Field Research group.



Deborah Shattuck (MCH) just got back from a three-week trip to Australia. Her highlight was Fraser Island, the largest sand island in the world. Its freshwater lakes are so clean, she says, "It feels like you are suspended in air."

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