NewsCatcher

The latest news for and about our SPH community

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SPH in the News

What your doctor isn't telling you about your DNA - *Time;* quotes **Wylie Burke** (Epi)

Separated bike lanes make cyclists safer, study says - *Globe & Mail;* cites research by **Kay Teschke** (PhD, Env. Health '94)

Washington state casts line for residents' fish-consumption rate - *Seattle Times;* quotes **Patricia Cirone** (DEOHS)

Stat star - *Columns magazine;* profiles **Daniela Witten** (Biostat)

Who Knew??

Adrienne Nordlund (DO) rows three days a week, hitting the waters by 5:15 am year-round, unless it's freezing. "It can be dangerous in the dark," says Adrienne, who has a scar on her lip from an errant oar. A month ago, her team's boat nearly sank after running into a one-ton buoy.

On the Calendar

Nov 5, 3:30
Smallpox Eradication -- Lessons for Today with Dr. William Foege

Nov 5, 6:30 pm
Personalized Genomics: What is it and what will it do for you?

Nov 6, 3:30-5 pm
Epi Expo 2012

Nov 10, 9 am
TEDxRainier, featuring Dean Howard Frumkin

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

Strategic Faculty Hires

The School is recruiting full-time faculty in six key areas targeted by the strategic plan. Find out more.

Congrats!

John Potter (Epi) received a medal of honor from the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer for his work on nutrition, diet and cancer.

The Latino Caucus for Public Health bestowed **Beti Thompson** (HServ) with its Distinguished Nationally Known Health Professional award for her efforts to improve the health of Latinos.

Joy Gilroy (MPH, '10, COPHP) was named an Emerging Public Health Leader by the Washington State Public Health Association. Joy works to raise awareness of the benefits of local legislative tobacco control.

Quarraisha Abdool Karim, GH advisory board member, received the 2012 Prize for Medical Sciences from the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World "for her exceptional and distinguished contributions to HIV prevention and women's health."

See recent SPH grants and contracts »

Making a Difference

The Field Research and Consultation Group (DEOHS) helped develop guidelines for the safe handling, storing and use of museum collections, especially those contaminated with chemicals that may pose risks to workers and visitors. Arsenic, lead, and mercury were found on some taxidermy collections during a recent museum visit. Levels for arsenic were among the highest due to the chemical's historical use as a preservative, explained **Nancy Simcox**, who tested the collections. The Field Group responds to requests from Washington state businesses and labor groups to improve occupational safety and health, ranging from effective exposure control for welders to safety practices for crab fishermen.

Around the Water Cooler

Dean Jamison (GH, HServ) has been named co-chair of a *Lancet* Commission on "Investing in Health: the World Bank's World Development Report @ 20 years."

Thomas Burbacher (DEOHS) has been appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board.

VillageReach and the Barr Foundation will partner with **Andy Stergachis** (Epi, GH, HServ) and colleagues to improve the supply chain for essential medicines in Malawi. The UW team includes **Alisa Jenny** (DO), **Shabir Somani** and **Gillian Levine** (GH).

Shannon Delaney is the new program manager for the Center for Public Health Nutrition.

Susan Inman and **Alisa Jenny** (DO) ran the 27th annual 10K Dawg Dash. Check out the UW's great photos.

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