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SPH in the News
Alcohol increases risk of breast cancer but helps survivors live longer - Seattle Times; quotes Polly Newcomb (Epi)

‘Night shift link’ to ovarian cancer - BBC News; quotes Parveen Bhatti (Epi)

When teens focus on TV, obesity risk rises - US News & World Report/Health Day; quotes Dimitri Christakis (H Serv)

UW project seeks to harvest fog for irrigation - Seattle Times; features Susan Bolton and Ben Spencer (GH)

Who Knew?!
Andy Stergachis (Epi, GH, H Serv) writes the Stay Well blog for Walgreen’s. Look for advice from “Pharmacist Andy” on everything from allergies to flu shots. Sample posts include “Baby Boomers: The Unhealthiest Generation,” and “Grapefruit: The Drug Interaction is Real.”

See recent SPH grants and contracts →

Making a Difference
They sorted food, unpacked boxes and helped restore an urban forest. Eighty-seven students, staff and faculty volunteered for most of a recent Saturday on one of these three community-service projects sponsored by the School of Public Health. The Service Day was in recognition of National Public Health Week and the School’s commitment to serving the community. Faculty who gave up part of their weekend included Sara Mackenzie (HServ), Judith Wasserheit (GH, Epi), Jeff Harris (HServ), Carol Levin (GH) and Tao Kwan-Gett (HServ). Staff who took part in addition to those from student affairs/advisers included Kate Cole of the Tobacco Studies Program and Richard Moore (Biostat). “It was a really fun day, and they really put us to work!” said Trevor Peckham (graduate student, EH), who took this photo at Seola Park in West Seattle. Pictured: Rubee Dev (MPH student, HServ-MCH) and Wafa Tafesh (undergrad, EH).

Around the Water Cooler
Three SPH students were in St. Louis from April 5-7 to attend the Clinton Global Initiative University to present a plan to hold a peace and social justice conference in Nigeria next year. Attending were MPH students Onyinye Edeh and Kingsley Ndoh (both GH and pictured), Public Health sophomore Immaculata Ajuogu and Onyinye’s sister, Ngozi Edeh.

Congrats!
The School’s 2013-14 Magnuson Scholar is Cynthia (Cynnie) Curl (PhD student, DEOHS). She will receive $30,000 to support her research on dietary exposure to pesticides.

Effective April 1, the American Epidemiological Society welcomes newly elected member Judith Wasserheit (GH, Epi).

Biostat PhD student Arend Voorman won a David Byar Travel Award from the American Statistical Association for co-authoring a paper with Daniela Witten and Ali Shojaie (both Biostat). He will present his research at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Montreal in August.

William R. Phillips (HServ) has been appointed to the US Preventive Services Task Force of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Environmental Health junior Elia Kuchmiy was recently featured as an “extraordinary student” by the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs. Read an interview with her.

SPH Award Nominations
Want to recognize a great mentor, teacher, or TA? Or a student for his or her community service? It’s time to nominate outstanding faculty, students and staff.
for annual SPH awards. Click here for nomination forms, due by 5 pm, April 25. Contact departments to nominate staff.

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).

for Burden of Disease and Cost-Effectiveness. Ng joins us from the University of Hong Kong and focuses on developing modern statistical tools for global health research.

Mary Selecky’s (Hserv) last day as WA Secretary of Health was April 15. Her replacement, John Wiesman, former director of Clark County Public Health, has worked with the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice on several projects. He has also just joined the School’s Dean’s Council.

The SPH History Project, created from 2005 to 2007, features interviews with founding members of the School. All 32 videos are now collected on our YouTube playlist “SPH History.”

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