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## Got News?

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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** (HServ)

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

## Who Knew??



**Andy Stergachis** (Epi, GH, HServ) 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."

## On the Calendar

**April 19, 6am-6pm**  
[Husky Fest](#)

**April 24, 11:30am-2:30pm**  
[First UW Campus Food Market](#)

**April 29, 3:30-4:30pm**  
[All-School Faculty Meeting](#)

**April 29, 5:30-7pm**  
[Duwamish River Superfund Cleanup Educational Workshop](#)

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

## 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

## Congrats!



The School's 2013-14 Magnuson Scholar is **Cynthia (Cynn timer) 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 **Ella Kuchmiy** was recently featured as an "extraordinary student" by the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs. Read an [interview with her](#).

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## 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.



Global Health welcomes two new faculty: **Theo Vos** as Professor and **Marie Ng** as Assistant Professor. Vos comes to us from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, where he ran the Center

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.

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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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