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## SPH in the News

[UW researchers developing herpes vaccine](#) - KING 5 TV; interviews **Anna Wald** (Epi)

[Multivitamins, selenium may delay onset of AIDS](#) - CBS News; quotes **Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi)

[Breast MRI use increasing among US women](#) - Reuters; quotes **Karen Wernli** (HServ)

[Hawks owner Paul Allen funds research into brain injuries](#) - Seattle Times; quotes **Richard Ellenbogen** (GH) and **Eric Larson** (HServ)

## Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

## Who Knew??



**Shirley Beresford (OD, Epi, HServ)** sings alto with

Seattle Pro Musica and performs a range of classical music, from Medieval chant to contemporary works. The group will perform [Ceremony of Carols: A Britten Centenary Christmas](#) on Dec. 7 at Town Hall and Dec. 14 at Bastyr University Chapel in Kenmore.

## On the Calendar

**Dec. 5, noon-4pm**  
[Health Plan FINDER Enrollment](#)

**Dec. 5, 7-9pm**  
["Girl Rising" - a Free Screening](#)

**Dec. 17, 1:30-3pm**  
[Sexual Harassment in the Farmworker Workplace](#)

**Jan. 9-10**  
[Changing Environments and Population Health](#)

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

## Looking for Gift Ideas?

Get your SPH gear on for the holidays! The T-shirts and jackets [make great gifts](#).

## Congrats!



Grad student **Katie McCabe** (HServ) published an [op/ed in The Seattle Times](#) about WA state's high rate of exemptions for childhood vaccinations.



**Leila Zelnick** (PhD student, Biostat) won a Young Investigator Award for her abstract on traumatic brain injury research at the 2013 Resuscitation Science Symposium last month in Dallas.



**Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH) and **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ) were among more than 80 researchers around the world to receive Grand Challenge Grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to better understand the links between animal and human health. [Find out more](#) about their 'One Health' projects.



Two DEOHS students' research posters were recognized at the International Society of Exposure Sciences conference in Basel, Switzerland. **Cynn timer Curl** won 3rd place while **Jill Schulte** received an honorable mention. Curl recently gave a Science Café talk on the health hazards of pesticides in our food. [Watch it on KCTS 9](#).



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently named **Alonzo Plough** (HServ) its vice president for research and evaluation and its chief science officer.

## Making a Difference



Several Environmental Health seniors are raising awareness about polluted water that drains into the Duwamish River. **Wafa Tafesh, Angie Hong** and **Amanda Burch** are helping the Duwamish River Coalition/Technical Advisory Group educate communities about "green infrastructure," including rain gardens (see picture), that can filter pollutants before they make their way through stormwater drains. Tafesh and Hong led a pilot [Rain2River Walk](#) in Beacon Hill last month while Burch and UW student Anna Mines led one in West Seattle. Both groups also took a boat tour of the Duwamish to discuss its history, the EPA's current cleanup plan, and health concerns raised by the SPH Health Impact Assessment. More walks are planned this spring. The activities, says Tafesh, are part of a next-step effort to ensure that once the river is cleaned, it stays clean.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Julie McElrath** (GH) won a Puget Sound Business Journal 2013 [Women of Influence Award](#).



MPH student **Matt Seymour** (Public Health Genetics) and others in the UW's [Health Equity Circle](#) successfully campaigned for passage of a King County ordinance to stop immigration detention practices that deter utilization of health

## Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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**Tessa Concepcion** (EH undergrad) is volunteering in a rural health care clinic in Nepal this quarter. She spent the summer in Chile at a rehab center for children and adults with special health care needs.



The Dean's Office welcomes **Star Murray** as Academic Affairs Program Coordinator. She earned a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from UW Tacoma.



**Nancy Temkin** (Biostat) was a member of the IOM panel that issued a report on concussions in youth sports.



Check out photos from the SPH Holiday Party on our new [Instagram](#) page as well as on [Facebook](#).

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