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## SPH in the News

[Treating the cow to save the kid: where human and animal health intersect](#) - KUOW; interviews **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH)

[Healthy eating costs an extra \\$1.50 per day](#) - Reuters Health; quotes **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[Are toxic chemicals in building materials making us sick?](#) - Huffington Post; quotes **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[NORAD's Santa Tracker draws criticism with fighter jet escort](#) - Fox News; quotes **Amy Hagopian** (GH, HServ)

## Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

## Who Knew??



**Laura Farren, an HPRC program coordinator,**

**does the annual polar bear plunge** with friends at Matthews Beach on New Year's Day. She's done it for two years now and is looking forward to this year's icy greeting to 2014.

## On the Calendar

**Jan. 6, 4-5pm**  
[Strengthening Prevention and Treatment of Injuries Globally](#)

**Jan. 8, 5-6pm**  
[Improving the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents](#)

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

**Jan. 9, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Food Marketing and Consumer Research: An Overview](#)

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

## Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and

## Congrats!



The Campaign for Public Health Foundation has named **Jim Krieger** (HServ) one of its 2013 [Unsung Heroes of Public Health](#). He won the Rock in the Pond Award for producing significant public health outcomes.



**Stephen Nganga** (PH Major) was awarded a \$4,000 [Sterling and Gene Munro Public Service Fellowship](#) to coordinate a Health Screening Fair in the SeaTac area in the spring.



It's been quite a fall for **Andy Stergachis** (Epi, GH, HServ). He was named WA State Pharmacist of the Year, became a grandfather, and last week stopped by the protests in Kiev after an I-TECH workshop on pharmacovigilance. See [some of his photos](#).



After 16 years of advising governors and secretaries of health, **Maxine Hayes** (HServ) is [retiring](#) as WA state health officer.



**Patricia Garcia** (GH) and **Joseph Zunt** (GH, Epi) received a [Fogarty global health innovation grant](#) to develop an interdisciplinary training project in Peru, where Garcia is dean and professor at the School of Public Health, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia. Theirs



was one of five Fogarty grants totaling more than \$7 million.

## Making a Difference



Dr. **Fareeha Siddiqui** (who just finished her eMPH) heads up a diabetes outreach program south of Seattle that uses iPhones to help patients monitor their health. The project was [featured in Seattle Magazine's Top Doctors](#) 2013 issue, which honored Siddiqui with a Community Service Award. Siddiqui is director of research and innovation for the Global to Local Initiative, a three-year-old partnership that seeks to apply successful global health strategies closer to home. In a pilot program launched in May, free iPhones were given to 300 diabetics in SeaTac and Tukwila to allow them and a case-management team to better monitor health information, such as blood sugar levels. In just four months, Siddiqui says, patients showed significantly improved metrics by using cell phones to better manage their diabetes on the go.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Anna Frazer** (OD) is the new SPH Director of Student Affairs. She comes to us from MIT, where she was associate dean for curriculum and faculty support in the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education.



**Lindsay Flanagan** (senior, PH major) qualified for the 2016 Olympic Trials in the marathon. She helped propel the Husky women's cross-country team to a top-10 finish in national competition.

Air pollution specialist **Sverre Vedal** (DEOHS)

local public health jobs and opportunities.

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spent five months at the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences in Beijing, a city known for its horrendous air quality. Fortunately, he says, there were only a few days of really bad air during his sabbatical.



WA residents, policymakers, educators, and medical and public health workers will soon know much more about how the Affordable Care Act has affected them, thanks to [a new initiative](#) led by **Anirban Basu** (HServ) called UW-Share.



**Mary Lou Thompson** (Biostat) is visiting her native South Africa, now in mourning for Nelson Mandela. "I am glad that he is at peace," she told NewsCatcher. "But it is such a huge loss for those of us left behind. He was a remarkable man."

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