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SPH in the News

HIV 'may have an ancient origin' - BBC; cites research by Michael Emerman (GH)

Half of U.S. babies may miss on-time vaccinations - Science News; quotes Edgar Marcus (Epi)

Decoding the Affordable Care Act - KING 5 TV; features Sallie Sanford (HServ)

Sweating bullets - The Daily; quotes Fred Rivara (Epi)

Who Knew??

Sara Mackenzie (OD) is a former a national champion Ultimate Frisbee player. She was on the UC Davis women's team as a medical student, and helped win college nationals in 1989. Sara went on to play with Seattle's Women on the Verge (now Riot) from '92 to '98. "Ultimate is an amazing sport," she says. It's also how she met her husband, who played for Seattle's Sockeye.

Congrats!

Mary Selecky (HServ) plans to retire as State Secretary of Health after more than 14 years of making Washington a healthier place. "I'm especially proud of the great progress we've made lowering smoking rates and getting more kids vaccinated," she said.

Tao Kwan-Gett has been named director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Care Practice, effective March 1. He replaces Susan Allan (HServ), who will remain on faculty.

Bruce Weir (Biostat) has received a Fulbright-Science Without Borders Distinguished Chair award. He plans to spend three months in Piracicaba, Brazil, and three months in Switzerland in 2014.

Jennifer Otten is a new assistant professor (HServ) affiliated with Nutritional Sciences. She will spend one day a week with Public Health - Seattle & King County's Healthy Eating and Active Living unit.

Richard Fenske (DEOHS) is new president of the International Society of Exposure Science. His two-year term runs through 2014.

See recent SPH grants and contracts »

Making a Difference

Sheridan Reiger (MPH student, Epi) has spent several years working to improve the health of Hondurans. Last month, he was honored with a Community Volunteer Recognition Award at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute by UW Health Sciences. Reiger, also an MD student, formed Salud Juntos (Health Together) while a college student in 2008. The NGO works with local government and health leaders on chronic diseases such as hypertension, nutrition, diabetes and asthma. UW students help with health-education materials and intervention planning and evaluation. So far, blood pressure has improved significantly as has adherence with medications and self-care.

Around the Water Cooler

More than 250 people attended our sold-out forum on gun violence as a public-health crisis at Town Hall. Check with UWTV for rebroadcast times.

It's all about service! More than 20 SPH students and staff volunteered on the MLK Jr Day of Service, working at places from shelters to community gardens.

Meanwhile, COPHP students took part in the annual "one-night count" of the...
Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](https://www.sphe.washington.edu/careers) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

**Missed an issue of NewsCatcher?** Find it in the [Archive](https://www.sphe.washington.edu/news) (UW netID required).

*Patricia Atwater, Sarah Colling, Elliot Swanson and Angie Wood* went to the Fremont neighborhood with faculty members *Peter House* and *Amy Hagopian*.

If you missed the All-Hands Meeting, you can still catch highlights of 2012 in [this video](https://www.sphe.washington.edu/media). *Dean Howard Frumkin’s slideshow* is also available online.

**Gwen Robertson**, wife of *Lawrie Robertson* (OD), was inducted into the Washington State Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame last month. Gwen is in her 30th year of coaching at Issaquah High School.

**Clarissa Hsu** and **Dan Cherkin** (Hserv) of Group Health each received awards from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to study ways to improve care for back pain and to connect patients with community resources. Only 25 awards were given out nationally in the first cycle of funding.

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