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SPH in the News

Has Lego sold out? - New York Times; quotes Dimitri Christakis (HServ)

Ugandan doctor helping reshape cancer care there - Seattle Times; quotes Corey Casper (Epi, GH)

Gun lobby has squelched injury prevention research - Los Angeles Times; quotes Arthur Kellermann (MPH ’85) and Fred Rivara (Epi)

Academy issues statement on pesticide exposure in children - UW Today; quotes Catherine Karr (DEOHS, Epi)

Who Knew??

Dave Kalman (DEOHS) made and gave out little glass Christmas ornaments this season. He even made a couple of glass holiday cards that can hang from trees.

Making a Difference

A multidisciplinary team of faculty and students is working to help countries monitor policy initiatives designed to improve their national responses to HIV/AIDS. So far, the SPH team has facilitated two workshops and continues to provide technical assistance under the PEPFAR Partnership Frameworks. (PEPFAR is short for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.) The UW team worked with country representatives and other partners to discuss challenges, share best practices and develop roadmaps to monitor policy interventions and improve coordination in HIV prevention, treatment and care. “The bottom line is to improve health,” said Sarah Zelek, MPHc (Epi). Other team members are Aaron Katz, Amy Hagopian and James Pfeiffer (GH, HServ); Sallie Sanford (HServ); Jeff Lane (GH); and Kingsley Ndoh (MPHc, GH).

Around the Water Cooler

Andrew Brusletten (HServ) is the new manager of MHA programs. He joins us from UW-Bothell, where he was graduate program manager for Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences.

Stephanie Shadbolt (DO) is the School’s new research business manager and will lead oversight of grants and contracts. She joins us from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

A mini-documentary features Ben Spencer (GH) and Susan Bolton (GH) working with UW students and other agencies on a project in Lima, Peru, to create green space in one of the world’s largest slums.

Jeanne Sears (HServ) was invited to take part in a National Center for Health Statistics Injury Severity Advisory Group.
Ben Robinson (DO) and his wife, Kelly Dang, are the proud parents of a new daughter, Ripleigh Hoa Robinson.