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SPH in the News

HPV vaccine gains favor in sub-Saharan Africa - Maclean's; quotes Vivien Tsu (Epi)
Mexico aims to save babies and moms with modern midwifery - KUOW; quotes Dily Walker (GH)
Depression has become leading cause of disability burden among teens - Nature Medicine; quotes Jurgen Unutzer (HServ)

Who Knew??

Marlana Kohn (HPRC) renders her own lard for homemade pie crusts. She also grows fresh produce and likes canning, quilting and making her own candy. Says Marlana, “I grew up in a house where a lot of things were made from scratch, before it was the cool thing to do.”

On the Calendar

Jan 21, 8 am
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Jan 25, 4:15-5:30 pm
Global Burden of Disease Study 2010

Jan 30, 12:30 pm
Climate Change, Obesity, Aging, Air and Water Quality, and Energy: Health Impacts of the Built Environment

We’ll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.

Gun Violence Forum

SPH will host a forum, “Gun Violence: A Public-Health Crisis,” at 7:30 pm Feb. 4 at Town Hall. Featured panelists include Frederick Rivara, Beth Ebel and David Fleming (Epi). Howard Frumkin will give the introduction.

Opportunities

Check out the SPH job

Congrats!

David Eaton (DEOHS) has been named dean of the Graduate School, effective March 15.

A total of 117 undergraduates from the Public Health, EH and HIHIM majors made the Dean’s List for the autumn quarter.

An HPRC article on evidence-based health promotion practices was named to the Best of Social Marketing in 2012 list by Craig Lefebvre, an architect and designer of public health and social change programs.

Dean Howard Frumkin has been elected to the Board of Directors of the US Green Building Council.

Melissa A. Austin (Epi) is lead author of an upcoming textbook, “Genetic Epidemiology: Methods and Applications.” Co-authors include Barbara McKnight and Tim Thornton (Biostat); Bruce Psaty (Epi, HServ); and Steve Schwartz, Janet Stanford, Stephanie M. Fullerton and Kelly Edwards (Epi).

Making a Difference

Mary-Claire King (Epi) wowed the science world when she discovered the “breast cancer gene.” Now actress Helen Hunt will portray King in an upcoming movie chronicling her 16-year quest. In “A Seattle Geneticist Gets the Hollywood Treatment,” Seattle Magazine calls King’s findings “one of the most important discoveries of the 20th Century. Through King’s work, genetic testing can now identify the 10 percent of women who are at an extremely high risk of inherited breast/ovarian cancer.” King says she joined the UW’s new department of genomic sciences in 1995 “to try to make discoveries and develop approaches based on those discoveries that can actually be used in the real world, right away, by all of us.”

Around the Water Cooler

Jordan McOwen (MPH, GH ’10) was selected as an ASPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellow and is working on a year-long project based in Mozambique.

Mark Oberle (OD, Epi, GH, HServ) and his wife recently spent 19 days in remote Bhutan exploring wildlife, culture and public health issues.

Tim Knight (OD) has been hired as a permanent part-time web producer. Tim spent 10 years at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and most recently worked with UWTV.

Northwest Center for Public Health Practice

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listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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(NWCPHP) has launched a new and improved website at www.nwcphp.org