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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 **Dilys 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 HIHM 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).

[See recent SPH grants and contracts »](#)

## 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.

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