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SPH in the News

[Men might want to shun fish oils, study shows](#) - *Seattle Times*; cites research by **Alan Kristal** (Epi)

[Pollution leads to drop in life span in northern China, research finds](#) - *New York Times*; quotes Dean **Howard Frumkin**

[US health "mediocre" compared to other wealthy countries](#) - *CBS News*; quotes **Christopher Murray** (GH, HServ)

[Potatoes are as good for your body as they are for your wallet](#) - *The Daily Meal*; cites research by **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

Who Knew??



Denis Brasfield (OD) hits the tennis courts at 6 am several

times a week. A former high school player, he picked up the game again about 15 years ago. "The thing I enjoy most about competitive tennis is that it requires a combination of both the physical (agility, strength, endurance) and the mental (tactics, patience, problem-solving)," Denis says.

On the Calendar

July 19, 1-2pm
[Our Climate Crisis: A Call to Action with Solutions for Seattle](#)

July 23, 8-9am
[AIDS Clinical Conference: Reflections from the Early Days of AIDS](#)

July 23, noon-1pm
[HIV/AIDS Stigma in Latina Gay/Bisexual and Transgender Women](#)

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

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job](#)

Congrats!



The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics honored **Carrie Dennett** (MPH student, Nutritional Sciences) with the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award for Washington State.



Michael Yost was named 2013 Outstanding Faculty Mentor for DEOHS, the first repeat winner since the department's Graduate Student Advisory Committee began bestowing the honor in 2006.



PhD student **Jie (Kate) Hu** (Biostat) won the Student Travel Award at the 2013 Graybill Conference for Modern Survey Statistics.



NWCPRP Research Assistant **Hannah Mandel** received a fellowship in applied public health informatics. She begins her year-long training at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in August.



Three Public Health undergraduates recently received Educational Opportunity Program Awards: **Cynthia Simekha**, **Avalon Valencia** and **Tony Vo**. The trio were among 16 student scholars honored by The Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity and the Friends of the Educational Opportunity Program. Catch a [short video of the EOP Scholars](#).



Making a Difference



One group went dumpster diving. Another took on the subsidized corn industry. A third explored fair trade and organic food labels. The 70 students in "Food Studies: Harvest to Health,"

taught by **Jennifer Otten** (HServ) and TA **Sara Diedrich** (grad student, Public Health Nutrition) were assigned to produce short videos about a food topic raised in class. The aim? To craft a message for peers about how food is produced and its impact on our health and the environment. "We're living in a visual world," Otten said. "We all have 10 minutes to get our point across." Thirteen videos were made on topics such as food waste, fair-trade chocolates and organic coffee. [Watch a few](#) of them. Pictured: **Tessa Pawelko**, **Monica Reed** and **Trisha Paulino**, three of five students on the dumpster diving team.

Around the Water Cooler



Several folks have been elected to the Faculty Senate for two-year terms: **Scott Emerson** (Biostat), **Chuck Treser** (DEOHS), **Mark Oberle** (OD, Epi, GH, HServ), **Steve Lim** (GH, HServ) and **Susan Astley** (Epi). Astley (pictured) is completing a three-year leadership role and will continue to serve as chair of two Senate committees.

Matt Sparke (GH) was appointed Director of the UW's Online Integrated Social Sciences degree

[listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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program.



The [UW AIMS Center](#), headed by **Jürgen Unützer** (GH, HServ), will help five clinics in the WWAMI region implement primary care behavioral health for depressed adults and evaluate the effects.



I-TECH has a new person in charge of communications: **Jen Olson**. She replaces **Tom Furtwangler**, who left SPH after 17 years to become Senior Communications Officer at PATH.



Harvey Checkoway (DEOHS, Epi) is leaving after 26 years for a professorship at the University of California, San Diego, in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, Division of Global and Environmental Health.

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