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SPH in the News

[Eating peppers may lower Parkinson's risk](#) - Fox News; study led by **Susan Searles Nielsen** (DEOHS)

[Some hospitals charge more for same care](#) - King 5 TV; **Aaron Katz** (HServ) comments in the video

[Do employer wellness programs work?](#) - Bloomberg; **Jeff Harris** (HServ) is quoted

[Gluten-free doesn't always mean healthy](#) - Seattle Times; column by **Carrie Dennett** (Nutrition)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

Who Knew??



As a busy Master's student, Chloe Krakauer

(Biostat) no longer takes orders for her elaborately decorated cakes, but you can see [pictures of them here](#). Chloe was originally inspired by a visit to pastry classes at the Culinary Institute of America.

On the Calendar

June 6, 4-5pm
[Why Do Rare Individuals Control HIV?](#)

June 13, 3:30-4:30pm
[UW Awards of Excellence](#)

June 13, 3:30pm
[2013 Breslow Lecture](#)

June 14, 10am and 12:30pm
[SPH Graduation](#)

June 18, 6:30-8:30pm
[How to Increase Cycling and Walking: Lessons from Cities across the Globe](#)

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

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

Congrats!



Claire Allen (HServ, Master's) and **Vanessa Galaviz** (DEOHS, PhD) were awarded the Gilbert S. Omenn Award for Academic Excellence at this year's SPH Celebration. **Merry Thach** (Epi) won the Anderson-O'Connell Award for Outstanding Staff Service.

[Read the complete list of winners.](#)



Zheyu Wang (Biostat) will begin a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Johns Hopkins University, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. She plans to complete her PhD this summer.



Edgar Marcuse (Epi) has received a [CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award](#) for his 30-year effort to promote vaccinations in Washington state.



Nine MHA students earned nationally competitive fellowships this year: **Leslie Akizuki, Alison Deans, Colin Goldfinch, Jennifer Morse, Nate Robinson, Jennifer Thomas, Mu Tian, Ben Landsman** and **Julia Arp**. [Find out where they're going.](#)



The Partners PrEP study team (GH) of **Mira Emmanuel-Ogier, Harald Haugen, Ting Hong, Lara Kidoguchi, Meighan Krows, Susan Morrison, Dana Panteleeff** and **Katherine Thomas** will receive a Distinguished Staff award at this year's [UW Awards of Excellence](#) June 13.

Making a Difference



Camara Jones (MD, MPH, PhD), Research Director on Social Determinants of Health at the CDC and upcoming SPH graduation speaker, focuses on the impacts of racism on health and well-being. A family physician and epidemiologist by training, she has developed new ways to compare data to investigate population-level risk factors and propose population-level interventions. Her well-known allegory, [The Gardener's Tale](#), illustrates the many layers and nuances of racism on an institutional and individual level. She says, "Racism is right smack up in our national living room... sometimes we talk about disparities and all, but I think that if you really want to get to the root, you need to talk about racism."

Around the Water Cooler



Biostat had 18 PhD candidates accept offers this year, double the number of last year. With an additional four MS students and one deferred PhD student, the incoming class will total 23.



Mark Oberle's recording of bird sounds on Treasure Island in Mason County, WA, received a runner-up prize from the Wildlife Sound Recording Society in the UK. Listen to a [shortened version of the recording](#).

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Debi Kirkpatrick has joined Epi as Grant and Contract Manager. She previously worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Seattle Biomed.



Stacey Holland (graphic designer, DEOHS) and her husband, Eric, welcomed baby Otto in January.



Ali Rowhani-Rahbar (Epi) and his wife, Sahar, had a baby girl, Sophie, on April 29.

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