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SPH in the News

[America's 50 healthiest counties for kids](#) - *US News & World Report*; quotes **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ)

[Is Twitter making us fat? UW study aims to find out](#) - *KOMO 4 News*; quotes **Ali Shojaie** (Biostat)

[Public health associate dean to retire](#) - *The Daily*; profiles **Fred Connell** (HServ, Epi)

[Therapy for victims of sexual violence shows promise in Congo](#) - *New York Times*; cites research by **Debra Kaysen** (GH)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??



Jessica Youngblood (MS, DEOHS) has worked as a diver and animal trainer. She spent five years with the Navy Marine Mammal Program, working with dolphins and sea lions.

On the Calendar

June 23-27
[Reshaping Suburbia into Healthy Communities](#)

June 25, noon-1pm
[Building Sustainability: One Health Dept.'s Response to a Crisis](#)

June 27, 11:30am-1pm
[Health in the Context of Global Climate Change](#)

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.

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Congrats!



Caps off to the 129 undergraduates and 343 graduate students honored at the 2013 SPH Graduation Celebration. The tally includes 62 PhDs, 158 MPHs, 73 MHAs and 50 MS degrees.



Shirley A.A. Beresford (Epi, HServ) will be the new Senior Associate Dean, replacing **Fred Connell**, who steps down July 1. She will oversee academic, faculty and student affairs. **Sara Mackenzie** (HServ) will become the School's first Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Public Health.



Undergrad **Andy Tang** (DEOHS) received a GO! Scholarship to take part in a four-week study abroad exploration seminar in Santiago, Chile, focused on public and mental health care systems.



The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance honored **Jurgen Unutzer** (GH, HServ) with the Gerald L Klerman Senior Investigator Award for his efforts to improve care for people living with mood disorders.



Megan Smith (PhD student, Biostat) won the Thomas Chalmers Student Scholarship Award at the 2013 Society for Clinical Trials annual meeting, while PhD student **Rui Zhang** (Biostat) won the American Statistical Association Biopharmaceutical Section Student Paper Award at the ICSA/ISBS 2013 Joint Conference.



Making a Difference



Five SPH grad students are among this year's Thomas Francis Jr. Fellows in global health. **Egi Attia** (Epi), **Gena Barnabee** (GH), **Maria Echavarrria** (GH), **Rikerdy Frederic** (GH) and

Alastair Matheson (Epi) will be working on projects from Kenya to Haiti to Timor-Leste. Also, two pharmacy grad students working with Global Medicines Program faculty were awarded Francis Fellowships: **Solomon Lubinga**, who will study the economic burden of mental illness in Uganda, and **Marita Mann**, who will assess the potential for pharmaceutical manufacturing in Namibia. **Anna Walton** from the School of Medicine will work in Guatemala evaluating the care women receive during labor and delivery. [Read more.](#)

Around the Water Cooler



Marian Neuhouser (Epi), a Nutritional Sciences faculty member, will influence what we eat. She is one of 15 experts named to the [panel that will develop recommendations](#) for the 8th edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.



Kate Davies (HServ), who teaches at the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, has published a book, [The Rise of the U.S. Environmental Health Movement](#).

Sandy Ung, an undergrad public health major,



[blogged about health and inequality](#) as part of her community engagement work for HServ 482, Population Health.



Washington's new State Secretary of Health, **John Wiesman**, has a copy of a 2012 CPHP student report recommending stricter state radiation standards. He asked for it after visiting **Jack Thompson's** HServ class in June.



Jeff Hodson (OD) spent his vacation leading a two-week workshop on public-health issues for journalists in Myanmar, where reporters are enjoying a free press for the first time in 50 years.

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