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SPH in the News

[UW places highly in ranking of graduate programs by US News - UW Today](#); cites SPH and Biostat rankings

[How sweet it is: 'Salt Sugar Fat' - New York Times](#); cites research by **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[UW study finds chemical risk in organic diet - Seattle PI.com](#); cites research by **Sheela Sathyanarayana** (DEOHS)

[Mammogram scares leave lasting fears, research finds - NBC News](#); cites research by **Rebecca Hubbard** (Biostat)

Who Knew??



Fred Abrahamson (NWCPHP) makes his own

wine, including Syrah, Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet, Pinot Gris and even peach ice wine. He won Best in Show for his Madeleine Angevine at a recent Kitsap County Fair, and grows some of his own grapes on his property on Hood Canal. Fred and his wife, Marlene, are also master gardeners.

On the Calendar

April 5-7
[Western Regional International Health Conference](#)

April 18, 5:30-7:30pm
[Seattle Waterways and Your Health: The Duwamish River Cleanup](#)

April 19
[Husky Fest](#)

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

Nat'l Public Health Week

Students, staff and faculty are invited to celebrate National Public Health Week by volunteering for the School's Day of Service on Saturday, April 6. [Sign up](#) for

Congrats!



Global Health Chair **King Holmes** was [awarded the Gairdner Foundation's](#) 2013 prize for Global Health, honoring his research in the field of STDs. In this [brief video](#), he talks about progress in treating AIDS.



Polly Newcomb (Epi) received the 2013 Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Society of Preventive Oncology.



A new [Center for Global Oral Health](#) at the School of Dentistry has been launched. **Timothy DeRouen** (Biostat, GH) is the director.



Kenneth Sherr (GH, Epi) and colleagues have received a two-year \$900,000 grant from the NIH/PEPFAR Implementation Science Collaboration for Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV. They will work in Ivory Coast, Kenya and Mozambique.



Eric Vigoren (DEOHS) and two SPH teams have been nominated for the UW's [Distinguished Staff Award](#), to be given March 26 at the HUB Ballroom. SPH groups are the **Partnerships for Native Health Research Team** (Epi) and the **Partners PrEP Study Team** (GH).

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

Making a Difference



Residents of a north Seattle neighborhood now have new ideas on how to make their community safer and healthier and how to link it to future greenways projects. A group of eight second-year COPHP students advised by **Jack Thompson** (HServ) conducted more than 150 conversations with people in the Little Brook neighborhood during a month-long, in-depth survey commissioned by Lake City Greenways. The [61-page report](#) contains recommendations on how to reduce crime and fear, improve traffic safety, and increase public/private investment and social cohesion. "This report was the most amazing chunk of information we could have gotten," said Janine Baeloch, coordinator of Lake City Greenways. "This has been a real gift." The [Lake City Live blog reported](#) the study will help community organizers lobby city and state representatives "to help improve roadways, find resources for building community infrastructure, and work towards a cleaner-safer-more connected North Lake City." Next issue: What the other cohort of COPHP students did in south Seattle.

Around the Water Cooler



Jaisri R. Lingappa's (GH) latest research on the rabies virus made it onto the cover of *SciBx*, Nature's science and business journal. The [original research paper](#) was published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

one of three community projects. Other events include screening of "Escape Fire" (a film about skyrocketing US healthcare costs), a practicum reception and celebration of community partners, and an SPH Happy Hour and Bowling event.

Opportunities

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

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Amanda Phipps (Epi) is a new Assistant Professor who earned her PhD from the UW in 2010. This spring she will teach Epi 515, Advanced Epidemiologic Methods, with Acting Instructor **Brandon Guthrie** (GH).



Jackie Benedetti (Biostat) retired after 33 years at the UW -- more than 20 with the statistical center of SWOG, the national cancer clinical trials consortium. She's looking forward to more quilting (her major hobby), reading, exercise, travel and volunteering.



COPHP student **Lindsay Sharma** [spoke about paid family leave](#) during a five-minute "Ignite" talk at Seattle's Town Hall. "Ever since I learned we are the only developed nation in the world without a paid family leave policy, I have been talking to everyone who will listen!" says Lindsay.



Saloni Parikh (junior, PH major) took part in a national Indian classical dance competition at the University of Maryland with the UW's team, *Natya*. Check out the team's [Facebook page](#).



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