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**SPH in the News**

- **Iraq war claimed half a million lives, study finds** - Al-Jazeera; quotes Amy Hagopian (Gh, HServ)
- **Yoga has limited menopause benefits** - New York Times; quotes Katherine Newton (Epi)
- **The young and the care-less** - The (UW) Daily; quotes Inderpal Virk (master's student, HServ)
- **Getting mental-health care at the doctor's office** - Wall St. Journal; quotes Wayne Katon (HServ) and Jürgen Unützer (GH, HServ)

**Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts**

- PhD student **Albert Farias** (HServ) was awarded a Latino Scholars Graduate School Fellowship based on his “outstanding commitment to Latino communities through work, service and academic scholarship.”
- The AHRQ awarded **Anne Turner** (HServ) a $2.5 million grant to address the personal health information management needs of older adults. The 5-year project involves the Schools of Nursing, Engineering and Medicine.
- Dean **Howard Frumkin** won an American Journal of Public Health Paper of the Year Award for co-authoring “Aging, climate change, and legacy thinking.”
- The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice received a “Model Practice” recognition from HRSA for its submissions, Hot Topics in Practice Webinar Series and Public Health Management Certificate Program.
- The National Cancer Institute has awarded the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center an $11.3 million grant renewal to lead the Pacific Northwest prostate cancer research consortium. **Janet Stanford** (Epi) is co-principal investigator.

**Who Knew??**

- **Mickey Eisenberg** (Epi) is best known for his role as medical director of King County’s emergency medical services. But he’s also believed to be the only person to have climbed all 100 peaks in Mount Rainier National Park. The 68-year-old talks about an e-book guide he recently co-authored about the peaks in *Q and A* with the Tacoma News-Tribune.

**On the Calendar**

- **Oct. 20, 7:30am**  
  Annual Dawg Dash

- **Oct. 22**  
  Drill of the Dead: Using Zombie Scenarios to Train Community Partners

- **Oct. 29, 5-6pm**  
  Affordable Care Act: How You Can Make a Difference

- **Nov. 4, 6:30-8:30pm**  
  SPH Alumni Reception at the APHA Annual Meeting

We’ll keep you busy: take a look at the **SPH Events Calendar**.

**State of the School**

If you missed the State of the School address, you can

**Making a Difference**

Five graduate students spent the summer conducting research for the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) unit of Public Health – Seattle & King County – information that will help the agency evaluate current policies and explore future topics. The students, mentored by **Jennifer Otten** (HServ), applied cutting-edge research techniques from **Donna Johnson’s** Public Health Nutrition class. **Sara Diedrich** surveyed health departments about their sugar-sweetened beverage policies; **Jona Perez** evaluated the City of Seattle’s Healthy Vending Guidelines; **Doris Chung** recommended ways to encourage healthier kids’ meals in restaurants; **Alexandra Kaufman** reviewed school wellness policies in King County; and **Maia Kurnik** looked at New York City’s efforts to ban oversize soda drinks. Read the full story.

**Around the Water Cooler**

- **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH) is a new associate professor who joins us from Yale University. He directs the Human-Animal Medicine Project, which explores linkages between human, animal and environmental health.
- **Mónica Feliú-Mójer** joins Biostat as Manager of Outreach Programs. She earned a PhD in neurobiology from Harvard and is vice-director of Ciencia Puerto Rico, a non-profit promoting science and science education. Mónica was recently featured in a Univision TV segment (in Spanish) on mentoring for Latinos.
Howard Frumkin reviews the School’s achievements and challenges.

**Opportunities**

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

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The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) has re-accredited SPH for a seven-year term, through Dec. 31, 2020. Fred Connell (HServ, Epi) led the effort.

Associate Professor Edmund Seto joined DEOHS from UC Berkeley. Using GIS, mathematical models and novel information technologies, Seto has conducted exposure assessments for built environment studies of air pollution and noise exposures, as well as assessments of exposures to infectious agents in global health contexts.

Kevin Schuda (former program manager of Public Health Genetics) has taken a new position in Epi, where he works with Kate O’Brien and Julie Nevins on curriculum management and student services.

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