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SPH in the News

[What makes a hamburger and other cooked meat so enticing to humans?](#) - *Washington Post*; quotes **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[Breast-feeding moms get help in health-care plan](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Aaron Katz** (GH, HServ)

[Coal export expansion proposal kicks up dust](#) - *Powell River (British Columbia) Peak*; quotes **Frank James** (HServ)

[Study: You may not need to see the dentist twice a year](#) - *KOMO 4 News*; quotes **Philippe Hujuel** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

Who Knew??



It's Hatch chile season and, true to the many years he spent in

New Mexico, **Scott Davis** (Epi) buys crates of them and then roasts them to use in cooking everything.

On the Calendar

Sept 6, 12:30-1:30pm
[The Pathogenesis of Research Misconduct](#)

Sept 9, 4-5pm
[Improving Outcomes for Children with HIV](#)

Sept 19, 11:30am-6pm
[New Graduate Student Orientation](#)

Sept 20, 8am-3pm
[New Student Service Day](#)

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.

Missed an issue of *NewsCatcher*? [Find it in the Archive](#) (UW netID required).

Congrats!



Jessica Chubak (Epi) [raised more than \\$5,700](#) through crowdfunding site Microryza to research whether pet visits can reduce stress in children being treated for cancer.



Bruce Psaty (Epi, HServ) was one of six [Distinguished Scientists](#) honored by the American Heart Association for contributions in "building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke."



During an AHRQ Summer Intramural Fellowship, **Rosa Avila** (PhD student, HServ) worked with data from the [Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project](#) and analyzed whether readmission rates are associated with higher clusters of chronically ill populations.



The American Industrial Hygiene Association recently recognized Senior Lecturer Emeritus **Lee Monteith** (DEOHS) as a Distinguished Fellow.



The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice won a 2013 APEX Award for Publication Excellence in the category of [most improved websites](#).

Making a Difference



Nintendo probably never envisioned its Wii Fit balance board being used to improve truck driver safety. But that is what master's student **Molly Halverson** (DEOHS), pictured, is doing. One of the main causes of acute injuries in trucking is falls, she says. Previous studies show a significant difference in truck-driver balance before and after an eight-hour shift. Halverson has been researching what type of seat reduces a driver's imbalance and the risk of falling when exiting the truck cab. She and her colleagues validated the use of the balance board with the more expensive force plate used by industry to see if the board can be used in larger-scale studies at much lower cost. [Read full story](#).

Around the Water Cooler



Elaine Faustman (DEOHS) was re-elected Secretary General for the International Congress on Toxicology for the 2013-2016 term. She also has been appointed to the EPA's Fracking Committee.



David Grossman (HServ) is a spokesperson for the US Preventive Services Task Force and its recent recommendation for [more primary care interventions](#) to prevent tobacco use in children and adolescents. **William Phillips** (HServ) also is on the 16-person panel.

SPH faculty and students gave Paula



Burg, a key staffer to US Sen. Patty Murray, an outstanding presentation about their work and research, and their impact on the people of WA state. [See group photo.](#)



Assistant Dean **Lawrie Robertson** (OD) plans to retire in February 2014. Lawrie joined the School in 2005 after 19 years at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.



Along with his brother and sister, **Domonique Meeks** (GH) climbed Mount Fuji during a trip to Japan last month. [See photo](#) on our Facebook page.

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