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Hot spots for vaccine refusers alarm officials - NBC News; quotes Edgar Marcuse (Epi)
Marijuana top illegal drug used worldwide - Associated Press; cites research by Theo Vos (GH)
How the spaces around us dictate our health - Seattle Times; op-ed by Howard Frumkin (OD, DEOHS)
The murky distinction between educational and ‘mindless’ screen time - Globe and Mail; features Dimitri Christakis (HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??
Mary-Claire King (Epi), better known for her role in identifying breast-cancer genes, served as presiding juror in the recent Microsoft-Motorola patent trial, The Seattle Times reports. The jury, which dressed in different themes each day, delivered a unanimous verdict in favor of Microsoft.

Congrats!
Several visiting undergrads mentored by DEOHS faculty and graduate students took part in summer research fellowships. Madison Baxter studied the hazards of common household gases. Read more about their research.
The Infectious Diseases Society of America honored King Holmes (GH, Epi) with the 2013 Alexander Fleming Award for Lifetime Achievement.
Thomas Fleming (Biostat), Andy Stergachis (Epi, GH, HServ) and Paul Yager (GH) were elected to the Washington State Academy of Sciences. They were among 15 UW faculty members admitted this year.

Making a Difference
Nearly 2,000 Seattle students attending schools within 500 feet of Interstate 5 are exposed to potentially harmful air pollution. The public health concerns were raised in a report and video this month by InvestigateWest and KING-5 TV. The news agencies cited Catherine Karr's (DEOHS, Epi) email to a concerned parent, which was passed on to the School Board. “Limiting children’s exposure to vehicle emissions should be a priority consideration,” Karr wrote to the parent. The report also cited two UW studies co-authored by Joel Kaufman (DEOHS, Epi) linking roadway pollution with higher blood pressure and hardening arteries. Also quoted were concerned parents, including grad student Sooraj Kuttykrishnan (Biostat) and his wife, Rebecca.

Around the Water Cooler
Andy Stergachis (pictured) was elected new chair of the SPH Faculty Council while Joel Kaufman was re-elected vice chair. Their one-year terms began this week. The six-member Council advises the dean on a wide range of matters, including faculty promotions, hires and academic policies. Donna Johnson (HServ) was elected new chair of the curriculum committee.

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).

David Roy Chen, Sarah Kislak, Sharon Pan, Elizabeth Marie Jansen, Leah Trangen and Brandi Nordstrum.

Missie Thurston and Luann D’Ambrosio were featured in a CDC article on the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. The article highlights the Center's decision to offer training courses on using social media during public health emergencies. Missie came up with the idea after a storm in her home state of Vermont.

Jose Carmona (undergrad PH Major) was featured in a Seattle Times story on the UW College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

Check out the new undergraduate student lounge on the 3rd floor of F Wing. The lounge can be used by students to study, relax or hold special events.

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