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## SPH in the News

[Measles from a rock concert goes viral in a bad way](#) - NPR; quotes **Jeffrey Duchin** (Epi)

[Loud noise may raise risk for workplace injuries](#) - Reuters; quotes **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH)

[Is global health all gizmos or people?](#) - *Humanosphere*; guest piece by **Julia Robinson** (GH)

[A new measure of food deserts](#) - *Sightline*; cites research by **Anju Aggarwal** and **Adam Drownowski** (both Epi, Nutritional Sciences)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

## Who Knew??



**Dylis Walker (GH) and Stefano Bertozzi (GH)**

**renovated a tiny home** perched over Lake Washington. It was featured on last month's Seattle Home Tour and was described by *The Seattle Times* as a "study in geometry in silver standing-seam metal and white-painted cedar" with great views. Walker said: "We're 10 minutes from downtown, but we feel like we're living in a treehouse." Check out the [photos and story](#).

## On the Calendar

**April 17, 6-8pm**  
[Distinguished Alumni Lecture: Dr. Robert Newman](#)

**April 18, 9am-5pm**  
[Climate Change, Global Health and the Inequalities of Risk](#)

**April 21, 5:30-7pm**  
[Role Tensions Workshop: Self-Care and Reflection for Health Professionals](#)

**April 24, 6:30-7:30pm**  
[David Cay Johnston -- Health Inequality in America](#)

**April 25, 11:30am-1pm**  
[UW Worker Memorial Day](#)

## Congrats!



**Anna Plantinga** (PhD student, Biostat) and **Natalie Gasca** (incoming PhD student, Biostat) have been awarded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships. Both are also ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) scholars. Garcia is an undergraduate at Cal-Poly Pomona.



Incoming PhD student **Kelsey Grinde** (Biostat) also has been named an ARCS scholar. She is an undergrad at St. Olaf College in Minnesota.



**Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS) will be recognized by AIA (The American Institute of Architects) Seattle with Honorary Membership for his leadership in fusing health, design, climate and the built environment.



**Jacqueline Sherris** (GH), vice president of public health impact at PATH, was honored last month as a UW Woman of Courage. She's leaving PATH to start her own global health consulting business.



Several faculty have won UW Royalty Research Fund awards to study topics ranging from colorectal cancer to health risks following a firearms-related injury. They are **Kenneth Sherr** (GH), **Jennifer Otten** (HServ), **Amanda Phipps** (Epi) and **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi).



A proposal from **Deb Hinchey** (HServ) and **Sara McKenzie** (HServ, OD) was chosen from more than 300 applications for presentation at the international Campus-Community Partnerships for Health Conference May 3 in Chicago. Kathryn Pursch-Cornforth of the Carlson Center is a co-presenter on the topic: service learning and undergraduate public health.



## Making a Difference



**Jeff Harris** (HServ, pictured at left) recently kicked off the CEOs Against Cancer Challenge, a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the Health Promotion Research Center's Workplace Solutions wellness program. It will track nearly two dozen large employers to provide interventions designed to reduce cancer and improve health. **Marlana Kohn** (pictured, center) and **Amanda Parrish** (right) are on the research team. "We'll be able to periodically measure the progress of these Washington State Challenge participants, and eventually compare to others across the country," says Harris. "The Challenge is a great opportunity for CEOs to lead the way in helping their employees reduce cancer and chronic disease—which also has the potential to reduce corporate expenditures." [Find out more](#), including which local organizations are taking part.

## Around the Water Cooler

**Megan Ingram** (OD) is the new SPH Assistant Dean for Advancement. She joins us from the

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

### Practicum Celebration

The annual [MPH practicum reception](#) is a chance for students to show off their work while thanking community site supervisors and mentors. The celebration runs from 4:30-6:30pm April 30 in South Campus Center Room 316.

### Opportunities

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

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College of Engineering, where she was associate director of advancement. She replaces Pat McCowan, who is now Chief Advancement Officer for Seattle University School of Law.



Wonder what drives some of our Global Health students? Watch five of them [tell their stories](#). Featured are **Aradhana Thapa**, **Paul Nevin**, **Deidre Wholly**, **Abdirashid Isaak** (pictured) and **Elizabeth Meacham**.



Match Day is a time of suspense and often joy. SPH grads and graduating medical students **Ryan Wallace** (MPH, DEOHS) and **Natalie Hale** (MPH, Health Services) were featured in a [UW news story](#) as they learned their medical



residency sites. They'll be heading to Yale-New Haven Hospital and are getting married in May.



MHA/MPH student **Linnea Rooke** (HServ) took part in The Big Climb - a stair race up 69 floors of the Columbia Tower in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



The recently published [DEOHS biennial report](#) chronicles the department's wide-ranging efforts in public health, from on-the-job safety for crab fishermen to new technologies designed to better predict disease.



The MHA Philanthropy Committee's [Hygiene Drive](#) put together 66 kits (soap, shampoo, dental supplies and other items) as well as 116 pairs of socks, 30 razors and winter gloves for homeless patients of the Mobile Medical Program in south King County. Pictured: second-year students **Alicia Benish** and **Emily Law**.

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