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The latest news for and about our SPH community

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## SPH in the News

[Mammograms beneficial in women 75 and up](#) - *The Seattle Times*; cites research by **Judith Malmgren** (Epi)

[Seattle scientists seek an Ebola cure](#) - *Seattle Times*; cites research by **Michael Gale Jr.** (GH)

[Sewage test: Will you smoke pot now that it's legal?](#) - *KPLU*; quotes **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

['HIV global death estimates are wrong'](#) - *The Guardian*; interviews **Theo Vos** (GH)

## Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

## Who Knew??



**Jeff Harris (HServ) appeared on the "Bozo the Clown" TV show** when he

was three years old and declared he was going to be a pediatrician. He entered college at 16 and by 22 had finished medical school. "I was very focused - for better or worse," Jeff says in [a profile](#) in the latest newsletter from the Health Promotion Research Center.

## On the Calendar

**Aug. 14, 10-10:50am**  
[HPRC Seminar: WA DSHS Aging and Long-Term Services Administration](#)

**Aug. 19, 8am-noon**  
[Undergraduate Public Health Education: Starting the Conversation](#)

**Aug. 24-28**  
[26th International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference - From Local to Global: Advancing Science for Policy in Environmental Health](#)

**Sept. 10, 7:30pm**  
[Health Matters: Public Health Goes Back to School](#)

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

## Send Us Your Photos

## Congrats!



**Jillian Pintye** (MPH, Epi-GH '14) won one of the five [Young Investigator Awards](#) at the International AIDS Conference in Australia. She's now a PhD nursing student and continues to work as a research assistant in Global Health.



**Patrick Heagerty** was [named Chair of Biostatistics](#), effective Sept. 1. A faculty member since 1995 and Associate Chair since 2011, he takes over from **Bruce Weir**, who served as chair for nine years and will resume his faculty role.



**Scott Meschke** (DEOHS) and PATH received an initial [\\$2.4 million grant](#) from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation to accelerate development of new tools to detect the polio virus.



PhD student **Matt Conomos** (Biostat) won the student paper competition at the Western North American Region of the International Biometrics Society Conference. **Kean Ming Tan** and **Ashley Petersen** (both Biostat) were runner-ups.



**Rachel Wood** (MS, Env. Health, '14) is based in Lima, Peru, for a year, thanks to an NIH-funded KUSKAYA Fellowship, an interdisciplinary training program for innovation in global health. She's researching climate change risks and adaptation/mitigation strategies and their impacts on human health and economics.

## Making a Difference



A new [Latino Center for Health](#) at the UW will promote the health and well-being of Latinos regionally and nationally through innovative community-engaged research and

mentorship and training for students and faculty. "The center's initial seed funding has come from the School of Social Work and the Graduate School," says co-director **Leo Morales** (HServ). "However, we are committed to establishing ties with the other UW health sciences schools, including public health, nursing, medicine, pharmacy and dental." Morales is a professor in the School of Medicine and director of the UW's Center for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Gino Aisenberg, an associate professor at the School of Social Work and an associate dean at the Graduate School, is the Latino Center for Health's other co-director. He is a bilingual/bicultural Latino mental health researcher.

## Around the Water Cooler



**David Fleming** (Epi) is resigning after seven years as director and health officer for Public Health - Seattle and King County. **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS) [told The Seattle Times](#) that Fleming has been one of the best local public health officials in the country.

**Donald (DJ) Miller** is the new Administrator for Epi. He has more than 18 years of experience at

SPH is collecting photos of our students, faculty and staff living a (public) healthy lifestyle this summer. Please send us photos of yourself in the great outdoors or otherwise enjoying the summer in a healthy way: gardening, running races, playing with your kids, swimming, kayaking, bicycling, hiking, walking your dog are just some examples. We will use them in a slideshow at an internal SPH meeting. Please send them to [sphnews@uw.edu](mailto:sphnews@uw.edu).

### Opportunities

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

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the UW and was most recently Administrator in the Department of Human Centered Design and Engineering.



**Jo Gallagher** was recently hired as Director of Business and Management Strategy in Health Services. She has 20 years of executive-level operations management experience and ran her own "eco-art" gallery in Olympia for five years.



UW is one of the 92 best U.S. universities/colleges to work for, according to the [2014 survey](#) by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. UW's strongest categories were "job satisfaction" and "tenure clarity and process."



**Julia Yue Cui** has joined DEOHS as an Assistant Professor. She comes to us from the University of Kansas.



**Patrick Lennon** (DEOHS) is starring in "Almost, Maine" Aug. 15-17 at the Bathhouse Theatre on Green Lake.



Professor Emeritus **Mark Oberle's** (HServ, GH) book on birds in Puerto Rico gets a nice shout-out in [this website](#) on birding.

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