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SPH in the News

[Should I eat Greek yogurt?](#) - Time; quotes **Mario Kratz** (Epi)

[At height of AIDS crisis, nurse ran secret leftover drug pipeline](#) - Seattle Times; quotes **Jorge Sanchez** (GH)

[Fred Hutch, China partner to collect samples of all types of cancer](#) - Hutch News; quotes **Terrance Kavanagh** and **Edmund Seto** (both DEOHS)

[Heroin fatalities and rise of 'bupe'](#) - Seattle Times; quotes **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

Who Knew??



Sandra Coke (Biostat) is in her second year of law

school as a part-time evening student at Seattle University. "When not at work, I'm either in class or have my nose buried in a 4-inch thick textbook," she says. "Studying the law is difficult, yet highly rewarding." She's leaning toward a career in criminal law and thanks **Bruce Weir** for encouraging her to "take a huge leap of faith and turn my life on its head."

On the Calendar

Jan. 5, 4-5:30
["PUSH! CATCH! DASH! Novel Approaches for Improving Pediatric HIV Testing in Kenya"](#) with **Jennifer Slyker**

Jan. 8, 8:30am-4:30pm
[State of Reform Health Policy Conference](#)

Jan. 8-9
[Annual Symposium on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health](#)

Jan. 28, 9am-5pm
[Public Health Genomics Symposium](#)

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

Congrats!



PhD student **David Kim** (HServ) was awarded a Korean American Health Professional Association scholarship. It's given to students with outstanding potential for careers in health care.



Affiliate Professor **Alan Lopez** (GH) [won the Peter Wills Medal](#) (part of the Research Australia Awards) for his efforts to measure disease patterns worldwide. He co-founded the Global Burden of Disease Study with **Christopher Murray** (GH, HServ).



Agnes Ho, a student in the Health Informatics and Health Information Management Program (HIHIM), was awarded the Linda Kloss Honorary Endowed Scholarship from the American Health Information Management Association.



TIME magazine has named Ebola fighters its "Person of the Year." One of those fighters is **Jeri Sumitani** (GH) of I-TECH in South Africa. She is in Sierra Leone for six weeks and [writing a blog](#) about her experiences for WebMD Health News.



Fred Rivara (Epi) was appointed to the NIH National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council for a four-year term.

Making a Difference



An interactive "Polio Eradication Game" may increase interest in global health, especially among youth, [a new study](#) by the School has found. Researchers led by **Tolu Okitika** (MPH, DEOHS '13), a

former intern for the Department of Global Health, set up the game at a free global health fair in Seattle. It's played on a carpeted grid like a life-size chess board. Four players - representing a researcher, transportation expert, local community coordinator and health care worker - must work together to solve outbreaks using limited resources. Surveys showed 77 percent of participants were more interested in global health after playing or watching the game. **Judy Wasserheit** (GH, Epi) was senior author. Her son, Ash Harris, a student at Digipen Institute of Technology in Redmond, came up with the idea for the game, and helped develop and implement it. Other co-authors included **Ruanne Barnabas** (GH) and **Tessa Rue** (Biostat).

Around the Water Cooler



Professor Emerita **Ann Marie Kimball** (Epi) has recently began advising the Rockefeller Foundation on its global health portfolio, particularly in the areas of Ebola and international health regulations.



Daniela Witten (Biostat) was [recently profiled](#) on UW 360. Biostat Chair **Patrick Heagerty** is quoted and others in the Department, including **Noah Simon**, can be seen in the video.

Neil Abernethy (HServ) and his colleagues are

Migrant Housing

We've posted [photos](#) of migrant farmworker housing that tie in with the themes of social justice, race and equity brought up in this year's Health Sciences common book, *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States*.

Opportunities

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

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developing new software to track infectious diseases. Find out more about their work, and Neil's experimental photography, in [this month's SPH Close Up](#).



Tim Knight (OD) has rejoined the Dean's Office as a full-time web producer. He most recently worked in Global Health.



Trying to stay fit and trim over the holidays? **Judy Simon** (Nutritional Sciences) has shared some [tips for eating healthy](#).



Patrick Lennon (DEOHS) will [perform a reading](#) of Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory* at 7:30pm today (Dec. 18) at Seattle Public Theater at the Bathhouse. On New Year's Eve at the same location, he'll be in [The Compleat Wrks of Wilm Shkspr \(abridged\)](#), "a hilarious roller coaster ride through all 37 of Shakespeare's plays in just 97 minutes."



'Twas the NewsCatcher before holidays, and quite a few creatures were stirring at our annual SPH Holiday Party. Photos are posted on our [Facebook page](#).

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