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SPH in the News
How crunching big data could save our lives - KUOW; interviews Daniela Witten (BioStat)
World shifts focus to hidden hunger as global obesity expands - Al Jazeera America; quotes Adam Drewnowski (Epi)
People behind the WA state health exchange - Puget Sound Business Journal; features Doug Conrad (HServ)
WVA. officials dispute formaldehyde claim - USA Today/AP; quotes Howard Frumkin (OD, DEOHS)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??
David Eaton (DEOHS) drives a Tesla S, the fully electric car that gets up to 97 mpg. The graduate school dean told The Seattle Times the car was likely to disrupt the way we drive for good. "I'm very concerned for my kids and grandkids," he said. "The world has to change. There have to be better ways to move people about."

On the Calendar
Feb. 6, 7-8:30pm
Stephen Gloyd UW Lecture: Achieving Health for All in the 21st Century
Feb. 11, 7-9pm
Wired to Wild: Connecting Digital Kids to Nature
Feb. 18, 4-6:30pm
Film: The House I Live In
Feb. 19, 7-9pm
Dr. Gabor Mate: Addiction, Compassion and Social Change

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.

Tobacco Survey
The Tobacco Studies Program within Health

Congrats!
Beti Thompson (HServ) received the Distinguished Lecture on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities Award from the American Association for Cancer Research. She was honored for her work on why cancer disparities exist.

Senior Stephen Nganga (PH) won a $4,000 Mary Gates Leadership Scholarship to produce a documentary on healthcare expenditure in America. Fellow PH Majors Eric Ofori and Isaiah Wales are working on the film, along with adviser Clarence Spigner (HServ, GH). It will be shown this spring.

Gary Franklin (DEOHS, HServ) received the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care, chosen annually by the governor.

MHA student Wei-Chen (Wesley) Wang won the SPH Walter A. Remak Scholarship, for students from South Africa who intend to return after graduation to help others.

Two of Neurology Today’s top advances in 2013 relied on work from the National Alzheimer’s Coordinating Center, housed in Epi. Congrats to Charles Mock, Sarah Monsell and Center Director Walter Kukull.

Making a Difference
Farm workers have an easy training tool to track pesticide exposure, thanks to the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety & Health Center (PNASH). It has included farm safety videos in a new YouTube channel for the 10 US Agricultural Safety and Health Centers around the country. The first PNASH series of videos is about using fluorescent tracers to track pesticide exposure. Under black light, exposed areas show up clearly. Videos on heat-related illness and orchard ladder safety are coming.

Around the Water Cooler
Sarah Cave (MHA ’99) has been named the School’s new COO, and will join us March 3. She is currently Network Vice President of Strategy, Innovation and Development for PeaceHealth Columbia Network.

Sarah replaces Assistant Dean Lawrie Robertson (OD), who is retiring after a long
Services invites students to take a brief survey about designated smoking areas on campus. All responses will be anonymous – unless you enter your email into a drawing for a $20 gift card to University Bookstore.

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).

Jennifer Otten (HServ) was selected to serve on the Governor’s Washington State Food System Roundtable, which seeks to create a healthy, sustainable food system.

Gerald van Belle (Biostat, DEOHS) recently returned from a trip to Guinea-Bissau, as president of an NGO, West African Vocational Schools. While driving around the town of Canchungo after a graduation ceremony, he saw a young worker wearing a UW shirt! See picture of the two on our Facebook page.

Andrew Dannenberg (DEOHS) recently returned from a month teaching in Australia at the University of Canberra and the University of New South Wales, sponsored by the Fulbright Specialist Program.

Health Alliance International, affiliated with GH, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. James Pfeiffer (GH, HServ) took over as executive director in July from its founder, Stephen Gloyd (GH, HServ, Epi). The Daily ran a page-one feature on the organization.

Career with the UW and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Lawrie and wife Gwen plan to spend more time traveling. They recently spent two weeks in Cambodia and Vietnam.