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SPH in the News

Should Harborview’s primary care clinics be closed? - The Stranger; op/ed by Scott Barnhart (GH)
State Senate passes tanning bed bill - Tri-City Herald; quotes Mary-Claire King (Epi)
UW launches pedestrian safety campaign - The Daily; quotes Deb Hinchey (HServ)
Hundreds of WA day cares located near pollution-clogged roadways - KING-5 TV; interviews Joel Kaufman (DEOHS, Epi) and Catherine Karr (DEOHS)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??

Michelle Averill (DEOHS, Nutritional Sciences) and her husband own the Naked City brewery and taphouse in Greenwood. The name is inspired by old film-noir movies (not actually nakedness). Michelle says, “The pub has a large screen to show old films and offers a wide range of beers.”

On the Calendar

Feb. 25, 7-8:30pm
Public Health Cafe: The Human Microbiome

Feb. 26, noon-1pm
Webinar: Health Care Reform in the Northwest

March 5, 8:30am-12:30pm
Children’s Environmental Health Research Matters

March 6, 5-7:30pm
The Global Healthies: Celebrating the Work of Global Health Students, Residents and Fellows

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

Opportunities

Check out the SPH job listings page for national and local opportunities.

Congrats!

MHA student Sergio Vincenti won the Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent’s Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives.

PhD student Jeanette Birnbaum (HServ) won a student paper competition for the health policy statistics section of the American Statistical Association.

Brad Wagenaar (PhD student, Epi) received the SPH Endowed Fellowship and aims to improve mental health care and awareness in Mozambique.

DEOHS has received several 2014 CASE District VIII Communication Awards – a gold for its calendar and two bronzes for news writing (The Fish We Eat and A Living Building).

DesignCorps picked a UW project in Peru as one of six public interest design winners. Applicants came from 28 countries. This is the sixth design award for the project headed by Ben Spencer (GH) and Susan Bolton (GH). Other team members included Joachim Voss (GH), Jorge Alarcon (GH) and Rekha Ravindran (HServ).

Making a Difference

Homelessness is an important determinant of health, so several COPHP students and faculty took part in the One-Night Count of the homeless last month. They spent the wee hours of a Friday morning poking through alleys, sidewalks and underground parking garages in the Fremont neighborhood. Students Kyle Davidson, April Wilson, Elliot Swanson, Lina Walkinshaw and Lena Nachand joined faculty members Amy Hagopian (GH, HServ) and Jim Gale (Epi). This year, volunteers across Seattle and King County tallied 3,117 homeless men, women and children – a 14 percent increase from last year. The count project was led by Alison Eisinger, executive director of the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness.

Around the Water Cooler

Stephen Gloyd (GH, HServ, Epi) told a capacity crowd at Kane Hall on Feb. 6 he was “blown away” by the honor to give the annual University Faculty Lecture, “Achieving Health for All in the 21st Century.” If you missed it, you can watch it here.

Michelle Chambers (OD) is the new Advancement Services Officer, replacing Megan Lynn (now Assistant Director of Advancement, Social Sciences). Michelle comes to us from the Associated Recreation Council, where she was the Technology Programs Coordinator, and from InvestED, where she volunteers.
Tao Kwan-Gett (H Serv) and Gary Goldbaum (Epi, H Serv) are part of a new effort to increase partnerships between public health and the health care delivery system in Washington state. An important goal is the “triple aim” of improving the health of populations, improving the patient experience, and reducing health care costs.

Ragan Hart (Epi – Public Health Genetics) is the UW’s campus liaison to the American Public Health Association’s Student Assembly. She provides information and resources from APHA, which publishes a newsletter and provides opportunities for leadership, advocacy and networking. E-mail her to learn more.

Erin Turtel (GH) is the new Executive Assistant to King Holmes, chair of Global Health. She comes to the department from UW Medicine’s Division of Allergy & Infectious Diseases. Erin replaces Jessica McPherson (GH), who is now Assistant to Ann Downer, executive director of I-TECH.

Trish Neiworth (H Serv) recently posted a blog, “Six Books That Tackle Daunting Leadership Challenges.” She works with the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice.

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