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SPH in the News

[Ski helmet use isn't reducing brain injuries](#) - *New York Times*; cites research by **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Global cigarette consumption, number of smokers climbing](#) - *Seattle Times*; cites **Marie Ng** (GH)

[Year after cell tower climber fell, question remains: Who to blame?](#) - *KUOW*; quotes **Richard Gleason** (DEOHS)

[Brain death ignites debate](#) - *NBC News/AP*; quotes **J. Randall Curtis** (HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

Who Knew??



Star Murray (OD) takes photos of migrant farm

families and they've been published in *The Stranger*. "I take pictures to convey the humanity of those deemed inhuman due to various legal or work statuses," she says. Star also writes poems, including this [published piece](#) about a group of asylum seekers held in detention.

On the Calendar

Jan. 15, 6pm
[From Farm to Fork](#)

Jan. 20, 8am
[MLK Day of Service](#)

Jan. 23, 12:30-1:20pm
[One Health: Integrating Human, Animal and Environmental Health](#)

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

Graduation Speaker

SPH is seeking an inspirational speaker and high-profile public health advocate for our June graduation ceremony. If you have someone in mind, please send your nomination to [Julia Feyk](#) (OD) by Jan. 21.

Congrats!



Grad student [Avanthi Jayasuriya](#) (HServ) won the 2014 Realityworks-Go Beyond Emerging MCH Leadership Scholarship from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Program. SPH students have won the award the last two years.



Daniela Witten (Biostat) has made [Forbes' 30 Under 30 list](#) of top young researchers in health and science for the third year in a row.



Jeff Duchin (Epi) was appointed chair of the Public Health Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.



Veterinary Practice News named PhD student **Heather Fowler** (DEOHS) one of "[14 Vets to Watch](#)."



Bud Nicola (HServ) and **David Fleming** (Epi) [were honored](#) for work on a county-wide medicine take-back program. They were on a King County Board of Health panel that received a WA State Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Award.



Making a Difference



Gun violence in King County claimed the lives of 68 children between 1999 and 2012. Another 125 were injured and hospitalized. All were preventable, says [a new report](#) on firearms and children

that **Tony Gomez** (HServ) helped put together. Gomez (BS, EH, '84) is manager of the violence and injury prevention unit at Public Health - Seattle & King County. The report documents the risk of suicides and accidental shootings and urges local leaders to promote safe gun storage. "Firearms are a major concern for community health," Gomez says. "Whether it's suicide, homicides or the rare unintentional shooting, there is much more we can do." *Chart shows Seattle's homicide firearm rate for children.*

Around the Water Cooler



Dean Jamison (GH) was [profiled in The Lancet](#) for co-chairing a commission that produced a major report on global health. He's "saved more lives than any practicing physician," says ex-Harvard president Larry Summers.



To help the homeless, the MHA Student Association Philanthropy Committee is running a Health and Hygiene Drive for the South King County Mobile Medical Clinic. To find out what items are needed and where to drop them off, [click here](#) or contact [Alicia Benish](#). The deadline is Jan. 17.



Mark Oberle (OD, Epi, GH, HServ) just published an [iPhone/iPad/iPod app](#) version of his "Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Birds in Photos and Audio."

Opportunities

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

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The *Seattle Times* published HServ grad student [Derek Low's op/ed](#) on the need for a permanent site for the city's homeless.



Christina Benton (DEOHS) and husband Ryan had a baby girl, Penelope, on Dec. 3.

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