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SPH in the News

[Concussions common in middle school girls playing soccer](#) - *HealthDay/philly.com*; cites research by **Melissa Schiff** (Epi)

[Breastfeeding longer than six months tied to better cognitive, motor development](#) - *CBS/Reuters*; quotes **Dimitri Christakis** (HServ)

[Law's expanded Medicaid coverage brings a surge in sign-ups](#) - *New York Times*; quotes **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[UW scientists use diverse genome data to unlock Hispanic health risks](#) - *The Seattle Globalist*; quotes **Cathy Laurie, Brian Browning, Bruce Weir** and **Tim Thornton** (all Biostat)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

Who Knew??



Ardith Feroglia (OD) loves a tough workout.

A former dancer and cheerleader, she takes part in CrossFit -- running, lifting, generally brutal workouts and competitions. She keeps [a blog](#) about it.

Gloyd to Give University Faculty Lecture

Stephen Gloyd (GH, HServ, Epi) will present this year's University Faculty Lecture at 7 pm Feb. 6 in Kane Hall, Room 130. His topic: "[Achieving Health for All in the 21st Century: Globalization, growing inequality and creative responses.](#)" A reception will follow in the Walker-Ames Room.

On the Calendar

Jan. 28, 5:30-7pm
[Young People, Drug Prevention and Legal Marijuana](#)

Jan. 30, 12:30-1:20pm

Congrats!



Anna Wald (Epi) will receive an Outstanding Investigator Award from the Western Society for Clinical Investigation. Her research on a new drug for genital herpes was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and her work on a vaccine was one of the [top 10 stories](#) on *UW Today* last year.



Andrew Levack (GH) received the Healthy Teen Network's 2013 Emerging Innovation Award for the Gender Matters teen pregnancy prevention project he directs for [EngenderHealth](#) in Austin, TX.



Sheela Sathyanarayana (DEOHS) was named full chair for the EPA's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee.



Myo Myint Aung (MHA student) was SPH's Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award winner. He volunteers with Refugee Women's Alliance and other groups.



Recently retired WA State Health Officer **Maxine Hayes** (HServ) was awarded the 2014 Hutchins Leadership Award by the Association of Maternal and Child Health Program.



Gary Lyman of Duke University has been hired as co-director of the [Hutchinson Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research](#). He joins us as an affiliate professor of Health Services.



The Global Health department is a finalist for WA's 2014 Leaders in Health Care Awards sponsored by *Seattle Business*. The department was nominated in the global health category.

Making a Difference



More than a dozen SPH students joined **Tao Kwan-Gett** (HServ), **Amy Hagopian** (GH, HServ) and **Bud Nicola** (HServ) for the annual WA State Public Health Association Legislative Day in

Olympia on Jan. 22. Students met with elected officials after they had researched various state health issues, from funding for tobacco prevention to the governor's health innovation plan. "I'm excited to represent a broad health focus and gain experience communicating effectively to make a difference," said first-year COPHP student Heather McGuinness. Two Fulbright scholars on the UW delegation, Myo Myint Aung and Rubee Dev, were inspired to learn about building better relationships with lawmakers -- skills they hope to bring back to their respective home countries of Myanmar and Nepal.

Around the Water Cooler



After attending our symposium on the ACA, senior **Dorender Dankwa** (Diversity and GH minor) arranged for health insurance navigators to meet with a Ghanaian women's group in Shoreline. Watch a [brief video](#) of her.

[Research Advances Linking Built Environment, Travel and Health](#)

Feb. 4, 3:30-4:50pm
[Smoking, Genes and Outcomes](#)

Feb. 6, 3-4:30pm
[A New Global Investment Framework for Women's and Children's Health](#)

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 public health jobs and opportunities.

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Stephanie Malia Fullerton (Epi) was named director of the Institute for Public Health Genetics, replacing Karen Edwards, who left for UC Irvine. Meanwhile, **Bruce Weir** (Biostat) has taken over as director of the Center for Genomics in Public Health.



Mónica Feliú-Mójer (Biostat) was added to the *Future-ish's* [Citizens of the Next Century list](#) for her work in neuroscience and science outreach. *Futur-ish* is a Seattle-based website that focuses on science, design and culture.



Jack Thompson (HServ) was [elected vice president](#) of the WA State Public Health Association. He moderated a panel discussion at the annual Legislative Day in Olympia.



Connor Smith (senior, Public Health major) [made the UW basketball team](#) this season as a walk-on.



Boris Reiss (PhD student) and the DEOHS Cyclones II team won the Most Commute Trips award (out of 188 teams) in the annual UW Bike in the Rain competition. Other team members were **Rachel Wood, Susanna Wegner, Chase Williams** and **David Hardie**.

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