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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.

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.

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. Future-ish is a Seattle-based website that focuses on science, design and culture.

Opportunities
Check out the SPH job listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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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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