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SPH in the News

[Naloxone is a good antidote to a new heroin epidemic](#) - *Seattle Times*; editorial cites **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

[Doctors to be educated on nitrates in Lower Valley water](#) - *Tri-City Herald*; quotes **Catherine Karr** (DEOHS)

[Students dive into knotty issue: high-use patients](#) - *HSNewsBeat*; cites grad students **Anastasia Mallillin** (HServ) and **Allen Roberts** (GH)

[Wastewater a source of antibiotic-resistant bacteria: study](#) - *Reuters*; quotes **Scott Meschke** (DEOHS)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??



Karen Kirsch (OD) is preparing for the **SeaFair**

triathlon. She's been swimming since the age of five and is not deterred by a long and chilly swim in Lake Washington.

On the Calendar

Aug. 4-7
[Summer Institute for Public Health Practice](#)

Aug. 19, 8am-noon
[Undergraduate Public Health Education: Starting the Conversation](#)

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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Congrats!



Four SPH pre-doctoral students were [accepted as trainees](#) into the year-long clinical research training program run by the Institute of Translational Health Sciences: **Sarah Beth Barnett** (HServ), **Laura Blanar-Oviatt** (HServ), **Stephanie Kovacs** (Epi), and **Tove Ryman** (Epi).



Jonathan Kocarnik (Post-doc, Epi) received a Scholar-in-Training Award from the American Association for Cancer Research for his work on genetic variants for colorectal cancer survival.



Sean Sullivan (HServ) won the [Steven G. Avey Award](#) for distinguished service from the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy and AMCP Foundation.



PhD student **Chris Schaupp** (DEOHS) placed 3rd out of 11 finalists for the Carl C. Smith Award of the Mechanisms Specialty Section of the national Society of Toxicology.



Ann Downer (GH), **Carey Farquhar** (GH, Epi) and **Jennifer Slyker** (GH) were nominated for this year's UW Graduate School Landolt Mentor Award honoring outstanding faculty teachers.



"The relationship between a graduate student and his/her faculty is one that can have a profound and lifelong influence on both parties, and excellence in graduate mentoring should be lauded and recognized," said Dean of the Graduate School **David Eaton** (DEOHS).

Making a Difference



You've heard of mystery shopping? **Paula Blasi** and **Ross Howell**, first-year MPH students in the COPHP program, did some secret surveys in the name of health reform. The pair made

more than 760 phone calls to learn if primary care providers in King County were accepting new Medicaid patients as advertised. It was part of their MPH practicum supervised by **Eli Kern** (HServ), an epidemiologist with Public Health-Seattle & King County. Paula and Ross were following up on a baseline survey conducted four months earlier. The students found that most of the listed phone numbers were inaccurate. They also learned that nearly half of the providers were accepting new patients and that the median wait time for an appointment was one week. Kern plans to share results with Medicaid managed care organizations and with community health centers in King County.

Around the Water Cooler



Miranda Moore, graduating MPH student (Epi) and NWCPHP research assistant, has [received a two-year fellowship](#) from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. She will work in Queens, NY, on hepatitis C surveillance and evaluation.

The COPHP program has [a new website](#). Watch



the [video testimonial](#) about the program's emphasis on problem-solving curriculum.



Gov. Jay Inslee [appointed health economist Scott Ramsey](#) (HServ) to a new panel charged with recommending standard statewide measures of health performance. Ramsey directs the Hutchinson Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research.



The MCH Program is celebrating its 30th anniversary. The program has been continuously funded with a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau since 1984. Check out the program's [spring 2014](#) issue of *Northwest Bulletin*.



Sara Mackenzie (OD, HServ) led a recent session in Odegaard Undergraduate Library for faculty and staff on new teaching techniques. It was called "Wine Making 101: Introduction to Functionality in the Active Learning Space." [See Facebook photos.](#)



Maggie Helsel (HServ) returned from maternity leave last month. She and her husband welcomed a healthy baby girl on January 31.



Robin Russell (DEOHS), program coordinator for PNASH, recently received his MED in Learning Technology from Western Governors University.

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