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## SPH in the News

[Study finds MRSA 'Superbug' lurking at WA firehouses](#) - KUOW; interviews **Marilyn Roberts** (DEOHS)

[A prescription for public health: Seattle Parks measure](#) - *Crosscut.com*; guest opinion by **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[Discovery of 'broken gene' could advance heart disease research](#) - *MyNorthwest.com*; quotes **Alex Reiner** (Epi)

[The work of public health is overlooked and underfunded](#) - *The Herald*; guest opinion by **Gary Goldbaum** (Epi, HServ)

## Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

## Who Knew??



**During his sabbatical Down Under, Aaron Katz**

(HServ, GH) managed to dodge the death adders (they're often shy), the box jellyfish (missed their mating season), the estuarine crocs (stayed far away from them) and vicious Tasmanian devils (they're actually not vicious). But he did swim with sharks -- in this case, a reef shark in the Somasoma Strait in Fiji.

## On the Calendar

**July 25, 1-2pm**  
[Global WACH: "Acute Malnutrition in Children: from Basics to Delivery"](#)

**July 30, 7-8pm**  
[Wed. Evening at the Genome: How Bacteria Cause Disease](#)

**Aug. 5, 3:30-5pm**  
[Health Leaders Forum](#)

*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

## Congrats!



**Michael Yost** was [named Chair of DEOHS](#), effective Aug. 18. A faculty member since 1993 and Associate Chair since 2012, he takes over from **Dave Kalman**, who will remain on faculty after 16 years as chair.



Health Services PhD student **Sarah Beth Barnett** won the Best Poster Award at the Vancouver Health Economics Methodology meeting.



**King Holmes** (GH, Epi) was one of nine new experts [appointed to the NIH Council of Councils](#). His new role includes advising the NIH Director on research in emerging scientific opportunities and rising public health challenges.



The 2014 Rattlinggourd Scholarship went to undergraduate **Kyle Durrant** (PH), who is scheduled to finish his studies in August and has lined up a job at the Urban Indian Health Institute.



The UW has named **Sean Sullivan** (HServ) [new dean of the School of Pharmacy](#), effective Sept. 15.



More than 30 SPH faculty received promotions effective July 1. [Find out who.](#)

## Making a Difference



Underrepresented students from three Seattle high schools are exploring public health disciplines this summer through a six-week course offered by the School. The course is part of SPH outreach into diverse communities to spark interest in potential public health careers and education. The 17 students from Chief Sealth, Cleveland and Franklin High Schools are taking part in the Upward Bound program. "We're helping them think more critically about public health," says **Tory Brundage** (OD), who's coordinating the course with **Sara Mackenzie** (OD, HServ). "It's like a health class, but thinking from a population perspective." Topics include the history of public health, determinants of public health, environmental health, global health and the human genome project. Guest speakers have included **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS), **Jeff Stanaway** (GH), **Daniella Witten** (Biostat), **Bill Daniell** (OD, DEOHS) and **Kate West** (Public Health Genetics).

## Around the Water Cooler



The redesigned and revamped [Northwest Public Health magazine](#) is now in print and online. It looks at how public health in the Northwest is being changed by the Affordable Care Act.



**Nathan Tefft** (HServ) was cited in a recent *New York Times Magazine*. A short item headlined "[The Grim Broker](#)" mentioned his paper, "The Dow is Killing Me," which found a

opportunities.

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correspondence between market crashes and worsening mental health, binge drinking and a rise in smoking.

The UW saw [record-breaking fundraising](#) in 2013-14 of \$482.5 million, including \$36.5 million to the School of Public Health.



**Julia Robinson** (GH) gave a recent Tedx talk at UW entitled, "[Transcending Technology in Global Health](#)." She makes the case for more investment in health workers in countries such as Mozambique.



**Mónica Feliu-Mojer** (Biostat) was [recently interviewed](#) for the National Science Communication Institute Profiles series. She talks about her career transition from research to outreach, especially to predominately Hispanic audiences.



**Barb Byrne Simon**, administrator in Epi, is retiring after 13 years in the department and almost 22 years at the UW. She is moving to sunny Arizona.

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