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SPH in the News

[Profile of a global health prankster](#) - *Humanosphere*; features **Bill Foegen** (GH)

[Three plans to stop rape in the fields](#) - *PBS*; quotes **Victoria Breckwich Vásquez** (DEOHS)

[Boeing, health-care providers join forces in bid to curb costs](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Jeff Harris** (HServ)

[Protect water and health by updating state's fish consumption rate](#) - *Seattle Times*; op-ed co-written by **Frank James** (HServ)

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Who Knew??



Lisa Manhart (Epi, GH) spent seven years as a banker before

becoming an epidemiologist. After earning a degree in French, she worked for United Banks of Colorado in Denver, where she managed a drive-through teller department and was executive assistant to the president. She was bored, though, and kept walking by the Peace Corps recruiting office every day. "I applied, went to Morocco, and discovered public health," she says.

On the Calendar

June 19, 4pm

[Effectiveness of Treatment for Hepatitis: The next big thing in global infectious disease](#)

June 27-29

[Travel Medicine and Global Health](#)

July 10, 10-10:50am

[HPRC Seminar: Update on the work of the PRC Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network](#)

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

An SPH Building That

Congrats!



More than 500 graduates received degrees from SPH this year, the largest class in the School's 44-year history. **Maxine Hayes** (HServ), former state health officer, was this year's speaker. Check out photos on [Facebook](#) and at [Tatoosh Media](#) (pw = "graduation").



Marian Neuhouser (Epi) became vice president-elect of the American Society of Nutrition on June 1. She begins a four-year leadership stint with the Society.



Nineteen graduate students and trainees [received travel awards](#) from the Department of Global Health. Their projects range from reporting on disparities in maternal and child mortality in Kenya to studying mental illness in China and India.



Rhea Coler (GH) of the Infectious Disease Research Institute was named one of six [Women to Watch in Life Science](#). She will be honored June 20 at Life Science Innovation Northwest.



Gretchen Murphy (HIHIM, pictured) and **Mary Alice Hanken** (HIHIM) were nominated for the UW's Faculty Award for Distinguished Contribution to Lifelong Learning.

Making a Difference



Howard Frumkin (OD, DEOHS) and 11 other public health school deans helped convince the CIA to stop using sham vaccination campaigns in spy work. The deans wrote to President Obama last year to complain about the use of a fake immunization survey in Pakistan in the hunt for Osama bin Laden. The deans noted the backlash: polio workers were gunned down and the UN suspended polio eradication efforts. "International public health work builds peace and is one of the most constructive means by which our past, present, and future public health students can pursue a life of fulfillment and service," they wrote. In a May 16th letter to the deans, Lisa Monaco, an assistant to Obama, said the CIA will no longer use vaccination programs in its covert operations. Read the letters and more in this [Washington Post story](#).

Around the Water Cooler



Branko Kopjar (HServ) is the new director of the eMPH program, replacing **Mark Oberle**, who is converting to emeritus professor. **Donna Denno** (GH, HServ) will be the co-director.



Kopjar is an internationally recognized expert in biostatistics and clinical epidemiology and a distinguished professor at Chongqin Medical University in China.



If you saw double on campus recently, it was because the UW Twin Registry hosted its first TwinFest. More than 120 pairs of twins attended. The event was held to feature research done by the Registry, led by **Glen Duncan** (Epi). [See](#)

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A new School of Public Health building will enable me to Read how the blanks were filled in by those who attended a [Town Hall meeting](#) on the vision and planning for a future school building. You can also see results from the recent school-wide survey.

Opportunities

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

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[photos](#) on [seattlepi.com](#) and this [Seattle Times feature story](#).



Nadia Arang, newly graduated microbiology student with a minor in GH, was featured dissecting mosquitoes in a [King 5 video](#) on state scholarships for STEM students. Nadia plans to continue doing malaria research for Seattle BioMed.



Nutritional Sciences has two new hires: **Kristin Elko** is the undergraduate student services coordinator and comes to us from UW Recycling, where she was a program coordinator. **Lia**



Agpalo, the graduate student services coordinator, comes to us from the School of Dentistry.



Jack Thompson (HServ) is becoming emeritus faculty after 20 years with SPH, including nine years as director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. He'll continue to work with SPH and on the boards of the WA State Public Health Association and Children's Alliance. He'll also consult on health reform.



The Health Promotion Research Center received a five-year, \$3.75 million grant from the CDC to continue its healthy aging research. [Read more.](#)



In this [short video](#) some of our 2014 graduates talk about their plans in public health. It was produced by **Katherine Turner** (OD), our new part-time videographer. The formal speeches can be seen [here](#).

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