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## Got News?

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## SPH in the News

[The public health benefits of raising tobacco purchase age to 21 - KUOW](#); interviews **Abigail Halperin** (HServ)

[Progress, challenges as Medicaid rolls swell in state - Seattle Times](#); quotes **Sallie Thieme Sanford** (HServ)

[Depression and diabetes don't play nice with kidneys - dailyRx](#); cites research by **Bessie Young** (Epi, HServ)

[Q&A: Climate chaos implications, misperceptions - HSNewsBeat](#); interviews **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

## Who Knew??



**SPH has its share of certified Zumba**

**instructors**, including **Daren Wade** (GH). He attended the recent Zumba Convention in Los Angeles, and also visited one of fitness guru Richard Simmons' classes. **Meghan Fitzpatrick** (HServ) also teaches and has [her own website](#). "Every class feels like a party!" she says.

## On the Calendar

**May 5, 4-5pm**  
[The Gun Violence Morass: Science Can Get Us out of It](#)

**May 6, 7:30-9pm**  
[How Healthy Is Your ZIP Code? Assessing the Health of Communities](#)

**May 13, 4:30pm**  
[Larry Kessler: Demonstrating Value in Health Innovation](#)

**May 13, 7-8:30pm**  
[Public Health Cafe: Nanotoxicology](#)

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

## SPH Excellence Awards

## Congrats!



Three SPH students were on a UW team that won a national problem-solving contest at the CLARION National Case Competition at the University of Minnesota. **Juan Magana** (MDc/MHAc), **Eric Sid** (MDc/MHAc) and **Nicole Kim** (MDc/MPHc) teamed up with Huong Le (PharmDc) on a case of advanced heart failure and poor coordination of care. They will split a \$7,500 prize.



**Adam Drewnowski** (Epi) was inducted as a new Fellow of the American Society for Nutrition.



Graduate student **Allison Black** (Public Health Genetics) was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.



Associate Professor **Lurdes Inoue** and Research Professor **Peter Gilbert** (both Biostat) have been [elected as Fellows](#) of the American Statistical Association. They will be recognized at an awards ceremony Aug. 5 at the Joint Statistical Meeting in Boston.



**Stephen Nganga** (PH) will represent SPH at UW Commencement. He'll be our Gonfaloniere, the one who carries the SPH banner. He was chosen for his academic accomplishments, leadership and future professional potential.



**Ken Stuart** (GH) of Seattle BioMed has received the [Alice and C.C. Wang Award](#) in Molecular Parasitology, which recognizes scientific leaders making novel and significant discoveries.

## Making a Difference



More than 50 students and staff volunteered for the School's Service Day on April 12 at three sites across the Seattle area. At West Seattle's Lincoln Park, volunteers worked with EarthCorps

to make the forests and shoreline healthy by removing invasive plants and replacing them with native ones. At Food Lifeline in Shoreline, they repacked 6,450 pounds of food products that provided 5,375 meals to Western Washington families. And at UW Farm, they weeded, composted and demolished old planting beds to make way for a new greenhouse. They also harvested carrots, turnips, kale and other healthy things. [Check out photos](#) on our Facebook page.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Sheela Sathyanarayana** (DEOHS) made a brief appearance in an [Earth Day video](#) promoted by Public Health - Seattle and King County.



COPHP students organized a weekend-long "Undoing Racism" training for nearly 40 students, staff and faculty from the Schools of Public Health and Nursing. Training facilitators were from the People's Institute for Survival and

Join us for the annual [SPH Excellence Awards](#): Recognizing and Celebrating Outstanding Achievement. The all-School event honoring students, faculty and staff runs from 4-7pm May 9 at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

### Opportunities

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

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Beyond-Northwest.



A new online bachelor's degree [completion program](#) in social sciences will kick off in fall 2014, directed by **Matthew Sparke** (GH).



Is chocolate good for the heart? **Garnet Anderson** (Biostat) and colleagues at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center are trying to find out with a large study on pills containing the ingredients that give cocoa its unique taste. Listen to the [KUOW story](#).



**Dale Terasaki** (MPH, HServ '13) was in Mexico with his wife finishing up his MPH when he discovered he needed open-heart surgery. He didn't have insurance. Find out how the ACA saved him from bankruptcy in [this first-person account](#) in *The Seattle Globalist*.

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