NewsCatcher
The latest news for and about our SPH community

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SPH in the News

Over-35 pregnant smokers risk baby heart defects - *BBC;* cites research by grad student **Patrick Sullivan** (Epi)

Elevated CO2 robs crops of nutrients - *Christian Science Monitor;* quotes **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

Hepatitis C drug's cost pits state vs. insurer - *The Olympian;* quotes **Stephen Polyak** (GH)

UW students help combat food insecurity on campus - *The Daily;* quotes **Leah Todd** (junior, PH)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??

Jared Toba has been dancing the men's hula since middle school. A sophomore majoring in environmental health, Jared is a member of the UW Hawai'i Club (Hui Hoaloha Ulana) and performed at its big lu'au on May 10. Hula is a traditional dance that uses hand motions and movements to tell stories. Joining the UW club has "given me a sense of my own cultural being far away from home," says the native of Kauai. See photo of Jared doing the hula.

On the Calendar

May 21, 6:30-8pm
Film: Dark Forest, Black Fly

May 22, 4-6pm
SPH Undergraduate Symposium

June 7, noon-5pm
UW Twin Registry TwinFest

June 11, 9:30am-2:30pm
SPH All School Graduation

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.

'Many Paths' Video

SPH has produced a short

Congrats!

And the winners are ... **Jonathan Childers** (Master's student, DEOHS) and **Corrie Ortega** (PhD student, GH), who were honored with this year's Omenn Awards for academic excellence. **Shannon Delaney** (Nutritional Sciences) won the Anderson-O'Connell award for outstanding staff service. The Community Partners Service Award went to **Joe Chrastil** of Sound Alliance. More than two dozen others were honored for service, mentoring and academic prowess at the SPH Annual Excellence Awards. See the Facebook album.

Senior **Susan Glenn** (PH) was selected for a Bonderman Travel Fellowship – an unusual award that allows students to explore the world. Find out what she plans to do in Easter Island, Patagonia and Africa.

Gov. Jay Inslee has named **Ron Sims** (head of the SPH Dean's Council) as new chair of the board of the WA Health Benefit Exchange. Dean **Howard Frumkin** told *The Seattle Times* Sims was a "superb choice."

Johanna Lampe (Epi) received the Mary Swartz Rose Senior Investigator Award from the American Society of Nutrition for her outstanding research on the safety and efficacy of bioactive compounds for human health.

Grad student **Cheng Zheng** (Biostat) won an ASA (American Statistical Association) Biopharmaceutical Student Paper Award.

PhD student **Ann Nguyen** (HServ) was one of 10 students to win an AARP Scholarship to attend the HxRefactored conference in New York. Designers, developers and health leaders discussed ways to improve the quality of the health experience.

Making a Difference

Dylis Walker (GH) is leading an effort to reduce maternal mortality in Guatemala, Mexico and Kenya. As executive director of the nonprofit PRONTO International, Walker, an obstetrician, and colleagues have been training doctors and nurses how to deal with emergency room deliveries. Using low-tech but realistic simulations, they script scenes where participants can experience the "real panic" of an emergency situation. Mock patients wear a device called PRONTOPants that mimic maternal bleeding. You can see how it all works in a short video produced by UWTV. (PRONTO is a Spanish acronym for emergency obstetric and neonatal training.)

Around the Water Cooler

Send us your healthy selfie! SPH has launched an Instagram campaign to promote the healthy lifestyle choices we make, whether cycling to work or eating nutritious meals. Prizes are at

video aimed at prospective students. Featured are **Manuela Raunig** (GH), **Danny Colombara** (Epi), **Veatasha Dorsey** (DEOHS), **Rekha Ravindran** (HServ), **Sigolene Ortega** (COPHP), **Jonae Perez** (Nutritional Sciences) and **Anna Plantinga** (Biostat). Watch what they have to say about public health and their goals.

Opportunities

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

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PhD student **Alice Popejoy** (Public Health Genetics) was elected president of the UW Graduate and Professional Student Senate. "One of my priorities is to demonstrate the value of graduate education to policy makers by promoting science communication and engagement in public policy," she says.

Mark Oberle (OD, HServ, Epi, GH) is stepping down June 13 as associate dean. Over the last quarter century, he has helped develop school initiatives in emergency preparedness and public health practice, including establishing the NW Center for Public Health Practice. He will continue with research projects and teaching in the coming years.

Anne McTiernan (Epi) was named to the 10-person Advisory Panel on Clinical Trials for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

Aaron Katz (HServ, GH) is on a Trans-Pacific Fellowship to work with colleagues at the University of Queensland School of Population Health in Brisbane, Australia. He's been giving lectures on the US health care system and researching how an Indigenous Burden of Disease Study affected policy. He also writes for State of Reform.

Got a great shot illustrating a sense of well-being and general health? Locally or globally? DEOHS is seeking photographs for its 2015 calendar. The deadline for submission is May 30th at 4 pm. Contact ehadmin@uw.edu for details.

The US reported a second case of MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) this week. Find out more about the disease in **Andy Stergachis**' (Epi, GH, HServ) Stay Well blog.