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## SPH in the News

[UW software to help agencies track epidemics like Ebola - KING 5](#); features **Neil Abernethy** (HServ)

[This mammogram saves lives and money - Time](#); cites research by **Christoph Lee** (HServ)

[Bill Foege on how to make Ebola worse - Humansphere](#); a guest piece by **Foege** (Epi)

[Football injuries lead to steady stream of high school forfeitures - New York Times](#); quotes **Frederick Rivara** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

## Who Knew??



**Ben Robinson (OD) and his wife bought the old**

**Marblemount Chapel** in the North Cascades four years ago and use it as cabin. Ben enjoys hiking and biking the back roads, hearing local Bigfoot lore, and refurbishing the 1915 building. A classroom and pastor's office are now bedrooms, and he's built a fence for the dog to play in the yard. "We don't know what to do with the pews," Ben says.

## On the Calendar

**Nov. 12, 10-11am**  
[Health Earth \(H-EARTH\): Health and Our Common Future](#)

**Nov. 19, 6-7:30pm**  
[Ebola Decision-Making: The Intersection of Information, Perception, and Emotion](#)

**Nov. 20, noon-1pm**  
[Doctors Without Borders Presentation](#)

**Nov. 20, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Food Systems: From Production to Waste](#)

**Nov. 24, 8:30am-5:30pm**  
[The Kronmal Symposium: Lessons Learned from Cardiovascular Epidemiology](#)

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

## Congrats!



**Anna Engstrom** (PhD student, DEOHS) won first place and **David Scoville** (PhD student, DEOHS) took third for student posters at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Association of Toxicologists (the regional chapter of the Society of Toxicology).



**Jesse Fann** (Epi) won the 2014 Research Award from the Research Committee of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine. The award honors an individual studying psychopathology in the medically ill.



**Judy Simon** (HServ) received the 2014 Excellence in Practice in Women's Health Award by the Women's Health Dietetic Practice group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She is incoming president of the Seattle Tacoma Area Reproductive Society.



 UW is the eighth best university in the world for social sciences and public health, according to [new global rankings](#) by *US News & World Report*.



**Quarraisha Abdool Karim**, a member of the GH external advisory board, was elected to the Institute of Medicine as a foreign associate.



**Ali Shojaie** and **Daniella Witten** (both Biostat) received a Big Data to Knowledge award from the NIH to create a Summer Institute for Statistics of Big Data. The July courses will feature modules such as data visualization and accessing biomedical big data and will invite top instructors from across the country.



## Making a Difference



SPH faculty played key roles in a leadership summit that could lead to new strategies to reduce and prevent gun violence. Last week's summit, sponsored by the city of Seattle and King County, "was impressive for the amount of interest and good will in collaborating across sectors -- public health, law enforcement, judicial, community agencies, researchers -- in addressing the issue of gun violence in our community," said **Frederick Rivara** (Epi), who facilitated a discussion. Dean **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS) moderated for a panel of civic leaders, while **Tony Gomez** (HServ) and **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi) presented research summaries. "Faculty and students at the UW are respected in the community and are seen as vital parts of the solution," Rivara said. "Sharing of data, analysis of existing data, and development and implementation of intervention programs are all facets of the solution that I hope and expect to come out of this meeting."

## Around the Water Cooler



True or false - everyone should drink eight glasses of water a day? Find out what MPH student **Doris Chung** (Nutritional Sciences) has to say in this article on [debunking myths about water](#) in the WholeU.

## Opportunities

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

Missed an issue of *NewsCatcher*? [Find it in the Archive](#) (UW netID required).



COPHP students made their annual trek to the Hanford nuclear site in Richland, WA, on Oct. 10. [Read more](#) on how they research issues such as the cleanup and share lessons learned with high school students.



**Richard Gleason** (DEOHS) appears in a [video about workers' rights to know](#) (and understand) the hazards of the chemicals they handle. You can see him at about 4:30 into the video.



**Daren Wade** (GH) and **Meghan Fitzpatrick** (HServ) will lead a campus-wide [free Zumba workout](#) from 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the HUB South Ballroom. The workout is geared for all levels and SPH folks are encouraged to attend.



**Alex Ramirez** (Epi) and his wife, Naja Ferjan Ramirez, are the proud parents of Nika Mia Ramirez, born Sept. 3.



Watch [our latest SPH video](#), featuring the Enhance Fitness program, which keeps seniors active. The program -- researched and tested by our Health Promotion Research Center -- has reached 45,000 participants nationally.

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