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## SPH in the News

[Tackling climate change presents a 'golden opportunity' for public health](#)  
- *Huffington Post*; cites research by **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[How the aid and development industry helped cause Africa's Ebola outbreak](#) - *Humanosphere*; podcast features **James Pfeiffer** (GH, HServ)

[Wearable artificial kidney safety test receives go ahead](#) - *HSNewsBeat*; cites **Larry Kessler** (HServ)

[For back pain or headache, painkillers do more harm than good](#) - *Time*; cites new paper by **Gary Franklin** (DEOHS, HServ)

## [Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

## Who Knew??



**Gitana Garofalo (Biostat) is one of the 365 local poets** whose poems were selected for the Poetry on Buses: Writing Home Collection. Each poem, a vision of home. All 365 poems will appear on [poetryonbuses.org](http://poetryonbuses.org). Gitana's writing often explores what home means for those who live without a single physical location to call home. Her poem pays tribute to those who work in the fields, often far from their homes, children and families.

## On the Calendar

[Oct. 8, noon-1pm Public Health's Response to the Oso Mudslide](#)

[Oct. 9, 12:30-1:20pm Sustainability as Opportunity: From Doing Good to Driving the Bottom Line](#)

[Nov. 1, 7:30am-7pm Zoobiquity 2014 Conference](#)

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

## Congrats!



Second-year grad student **Erika Keim** (DEOHS) won a Graduate School Boeing International Fellowship that will enable her to research and teach in Ecuador during winter quarter 2015.



**David Horne** (GH) was one of three winners of the [2014 Global WACH & Coulter Foundation pilot award](#). He will conduct research with James Lai and Barry Lutz (both of UW Bioengineering) on point-of-care TB testing.



**Christoph Lee** (HServ) was awarded an American Cancer Society grant for \$729,000 over five years to study the effect of new breast imaging technologies on cancer disparities among vulnerable women.



PhD student **Leila Zelnick** (Biostat) and researcher **Astrid Suchey-Dicey** (PhD, Epi '14) won travel awards from the American Society of Nephrology to attend its "Kidney Week" conference in November. Suchey-Dicey is now at the School's Center for Clinical and Epidemiological Research, where she works on the Strong Heart Stroke Study with **Dedra Buchwald** (Epi) and others.



Staff and students who turned the SPH Student Lounge into a ["Zombie Apocalypse"](#) won grand prize in the annual Dawg Daze Decoration Contest, defending last year's title. (Pictured: Zombie Ardithe.)

## Making a Difference



Four grad students spent the summer investigating the way Washington state produces, processes, distributes and consumes food: **Jamie Bachaus**, **Katherine Getts**, **Jessica Jew** (all SPH Nutrition) and Kidan Araya (Geography). They interviewed stakeholders, conducted a literature review and facilitated breakout meetings with members of the Washington State Food Systems Roundtable. It is an interagency work group hoping to generate a 25-year vision to strengthen regional food supplies and increase access to healthy foods. The students were mentored by **Jennifer Otten** (HServ), a member of the roundtable. Students co-authored a report and presented their findings in Wenatchee in September. "We learned that while each sector has unique themes, assets and challenges, the food system in WA state is inherently connected," Getts says. "Significant cross-cutting factors, such as labor, environment, social equity, consumer demand and national and global trends, impact each sector and the entire system."

## Around the Water Cooler



**Michael Rosenfeld** (DEOHS) is the new Chair of the UW Faculty Council on Research and a member of the Senate Executive Committee. **Chuck Treser** (DEOHS) has been appointed to the Faculty Council on Student Affairs.

## Obamacare at One Year

Join us for our second Health Matters event at Town Hall Seattle. A distinguished panel of public health leaders will offer an [assessment of the Affordable Care Act](#) one year after its implementation - 7:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 8.



**Brian Harrington** (OD) is the School's new Associate Director for Advancement. He comes to us from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, where he raised major gifts in support of its mission.

## State of the School

Don't miss the [Annual All-Hands Meeting](#) from 2-3 pm Oct. 9 in Hoggness Auditorium, when Dean Howard Frumkin will give his annual State of the School address. A light reception will follow.



MPH students **Anastasia Mallillin** (HServ) and **Allen Roberts** (GH) are part of the UW "hotspotters" team. They're on a six-month project to better understand why some people are high users of health care. **Eric Sid** (MHA '14), a fourth-year student pursuing his medical degree, is also on the team. Read the [full story](#) in HSNewsBeat.



**William Foege** (Epi) [was appointed](#) to the board of directors of Theranos Inc. The company's efforts to apply nanotechnology to laboratory diagnosis could revolutionize the ability to diagnose illnesses in resource-poor areas of the world, Foege says.



**Basia Belza** (HServ and School of Nursing, pictured) and Lindsay Gibbon (Medicine) have formed a Music for Health community of faculty and students from the health sciences schools. If you are a musician (or even a wannabe), take this [quick survey](#). A kick-off meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 5. You can also email [Basia](#).



On July 21, **Janet Baseman** (Epi, HServ) and husband Omer Rosenbaum welcomed a baby boy named Daniel.

## Opportunities

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

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