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SPH in the News

[Duwamish River Superfund cleanup is a natural and social project](#) - *Seattle Times*; guest opinion by **Bill Daniell** (OD, DEOHS) and **Tao Kwan-Gett** (HServ)

[DNA linked to how much coffee you drink](#) - *Associated Press*; quotes **Marian Neuhauser** (Epi)

[Your dog probably won't give you Ebola—but it could give you lots of other things](#) - *The Atlantic CityLabs*; quotes **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH)

[Smoke a bowl, flush the bowl: This UW scientist wants to test the state's toilet water for weed](#) - *Seattle Weekly*; features **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??



These folks know how to hold a pose: **Anna Frazer,**

Michelle Chambers and **Ardith Feroglia** (all OD) have a love for yoga and practice several times a week. They were featured in the "[Meet Your Yogis!](#)" article by The Whole U during Yoga Month at UW.

On the Calendar

Oct. 21, 12:30-1:20pm
[Ebola: What's Next?](#)

Oct. 24, 12:30-2pm
[Experimental Poisoning of Iraq: Why Academics Must Speak Out](#)

Oct. 30, 7:30pm
[Town Hall on Health Matters: Zoobiquity](#)

Nov. 6, 12:30-1:20pm
[Using Community-Engaged Research to Achieve Health Equity: Urban and Rural Case Studies](#)

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

Missed the All

Congrats!



Elizabeth Halloran (Biostat) won a \$12.5 million award to head a [Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study \(MIDAS\) center](#) at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. It will use computational and mathematical models to advise the government about the spread of diseases such as Ebola.



Scott McClelland (Epi, GH) won Best Abstract award at the annual meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, while **Jen Balkus** (GH instructor and PhD, Epi '12) won the award for Best Abstract from a Young Investigator.



Ariel Hart (COPHP) received the Washington State Public Health Association's annual Exceptional Student Award, which recognizes leadership and commitment to public health.



Noah Simon (Biostat) won an NIH Director's [Early Independence Award](#). The five years of funding will allow him to pursue new statistical and computational tools to improve personalized medicine.



Jack Thompson (HServ, pictured) was elected president of the Washington State Public Health Association while **Tao Kwan-Gett** (HServ, pictured) and **Kathleen Uhlnorn** (HServ) were re-elected to the board. **Beth Lipton** (MPH '07), just left the board and **David Reyes** (MPH '02) is the board's liaison with the American Public Health Association.



Making a Difference



The Strategic Analysis, Research & Training Program (START) is expanding to become a center in the Department of Global Health. START began in 2011 as a faculty and student effort to provide

analysis to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It has supported more than two dozen graduate students in Epidemiology, Global Health, Sociology, Business and Nursing who have completed more than 75 different projects on global issues from TB and pneumonia to the scale-up of oral rehydration salts. Under the direction of **Judd Walson** (GH, Epi) and **Lisa Manhart** (Epi, GH), the program will expand this fall to provide research and analysis to domestic-focused agencies, including Public Health - Seattle & King County. The START domestic program is led by **Tao Kwan-Gett** (HServ). Pictured: START students in the center's new office at Harris Hydraulics.

Around the Water Cooler



MPH students **Sigolène Ortega** (COPHP), **Abdi Isaak** (GH) and **Katherine Getts** (Nutritional Sciences) attended the CDC's Millennial Health Leader's Summit Oct. 2-3 in Atlanta. [Read more.](#)

A new SPH student center has opened in Raitt

Hands?

If you couldn't attend Dean **Howard Frumkin's** annual State-of-the-School address, you can [watch it here](#). See also the short SPH 'summer fun' [slideshow](#).

Opportunities

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

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Hall 229 to better serve undergraduates across all of our programs. The Global Health Resource Center has an office there, too.



Pam Roque put together [a team from DEOHS](#) to raise funds for multiple sclerosis. She, **Leah Tait** (MS '11) and students **Anna Engstrom** and **Karen Michael** rode 586 miles over two days and raised more than \$3,000. **Rosie Schaffer** volunteered her HAM radio skills to provide information and support along the route.



The Tobacco Studies Program partnered with the Tobacco-Free Alliance of Pierce County to produce a [film about smoke- and tobacco-free](#) college and university campus initiatives.



Lorelei Walker (IPHG) worked with the Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health and others to create an [animated video](#) on how the environment induces epigenetic change.



Visit our [roundup page](#) of SPH upcoming events about the Ebola outbreak and read news stories that quote SPH researchers. Links to information on Ebola are included.

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