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## SPH in the News

[Once and for all, bras don't cause breast cancer](#) - *Washington Post*; cites research by **Lu Chen** (PhD student, Epi)

[UW study raises questions about possible health hazards of fracking](#) - *KPLU*; interviews **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH)

[Ebola threatens global security](#) - *USA Today*; guest column co-authored by **William Foege** (Epi)

[Opportunities lost -- could Ebola have been better contained?](#) - *The World Post*; guest piece by **Mary Anne Mercer** (HServ, GH), **Scott Barnhart** (GH, DEOHS) and **Amy Hagopian** (GH, HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

## Who Knew??



**Adrienne Nordlund (OD)** raises money for global clean

water projects. She's a member of the Young Professionals Board for [Water1st International](#) and helped organize a "Water1stBeer2nd" event last month in Seattle that raised nearly \$7,000 for clean water projects in Ethiopia, Honduras and Bangladesh.

## On the Calendar

**Sept. 22, 11am-2pm**  
[SPH Field Day](#)

**Sept. 25, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Sustainable Nutrition Security and Climate Change](#)

**Sept. 26, 1-3pm**  
[SPH Student Center Grand Opening](#)

**Oct. 7, 7-8:30pm**  
[Public Health Cafe, The Quantified Self: Sharing Your Data for Environmental Health Research](#)

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

## Congrats!



**Bruce Weir** (Biostat) was named to the Biology/DNA committee of the National Institute of Standards and Technology as [part of an effort](#) to establish new forensic science standards and guidelines.



PhD student **Susan Hernandez** (HServ) received an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality R36 award for her dissertation examining the role of race in the implementation of the Patient-Centered Medical Home program in VA hospitals.



The accolades keep coming for **Mary-Claire King** (Epi), who received a prestigious [Lasker-Koshland Award](#) for her key discoveries in DNA research.



**Ken Stuart** (GH), founder of Seattle BioMed, was named a [Global Health Pioneer](#) and winner of the 2014 Award for Impact by the Washington Global Health Alliance.



**Bruce Psaty** (Epi, HServ) was one of 18 scientists (and [10 from the UW](#)) elected to the WA State Academy of Sciences this year.

## Making a Difference



Two MHA grads are helping plan a health clinic to meet the needs of low-income residents in north Seattle. **Jenny Brackett** (MHA/MBA '12) of Neighborcare Health will manage the medical and dental clinics at [Meridian Center for Health](#), a 44,000-square-foot facility scheduled to open next fall, while **Rebecca Fischer** (MHA/MPA '14) is the project manager for the opening of the new building. The center will offer primary medical care, dental care, mental health and pharmacy services, as well as Women Infant Children nutrition and maternity support services. It's a partnership with Neighborcare Health, Public Health - Seattle & King County and Valley Cities, an agency providing mental health and counseling services. Brackett says about 48,000 residents in north Seattle don't have access to a health center. Meridian, she adds, should meet the needs of about 14,000 of these underserved community members. "The Meridian Center for Health provides an opportunity to be innovative with an integrated health care model across three organizations," Brackett says.

## Around the Water Cooler



Grad student **Trevor Peckham** (DEOHS) spent the summer in Atlanta on a 10-week Graduate Environmental Health internship with CDC's National Center for Environmental Health. He worked on a project related to air emissions from US marine ports.



New Global Health Chair **Judy Wasserheit** was [profiled](#) by *The Lancet* in its Sept. 13 edition. She's determined and persistent, with a contagious enthusiasm, says former Chair **King**

## Opportunities

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

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### Holmes.



**Michael Park** (DEOHS) is a new Research Coordinator in the Center for One Health Research. He recently completed his MS in Conservation Medicine at Tufts University.



**Jennifer Otten** (HServ) is part of King County Executive Dow Constantine's "kitchen cabinet" to make recommendations for the [local food economy](#).



**Anne Lund** (Epi) is the UW Nutrition Seat alternate. Earlier this year, Otten [co-authored a report](#) for the King County Farms and Food Roundtable on ways to preserve farmland in King County while boosting market and distribution opportunities for local farmers.



Bubble and squeak? Cheesy beans-on-toast flavored crisps? Read **Tory Brundage's** (OD) [blog on life in London](#) and check out some of his photos during the two weeks he assisted



**Clarence Spigner** (HServ, GH) in the UW study-abroad seminar, "Dark Empire: Race, Health and Society in Britain."



Send us photos of yourself/family enjoying the summer in a healthy way (camping, hiking, gardening, etc.). We'll share them in a slideshow at the upcoming SPH All-Hands meeting in October. Please email them to [sphnews@uw.edu](mailto:sphnews@uw.edu).

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