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The latest news about our SPH community



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SPH in the News

[The three passions of Howard Frumkin](#) - *U Penn Medicine*; an extensive profile of our dean and his work in environmental health

[Kids' fast food consumption on the decline](#) - *Reuters*; cites research by **Colin Rehm** (PhD, Epi '14) and the Center for Public Health Nutrition

[Turning to big, big data to see what ails the world](#) - *New York Times*; features **Christopher Murray** (GH, HServ)

[The new science of crime](#) - *The Daily*; cites research by **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi)

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Who Knew??



Several DEOHS faculty members are part-time vintners: **David Kalman, Elaine Faustman, Steve Gilbert and Janice Camp, and Terrance Kavanagh.** They're part of a group known as Chaos winery. **Marc Stifelman** (a toxicologist at EPA and DEOHS alum) and others take part. We love the delicious irony of toxicologists making their own wine.

On the Calendar

April 17, 6-9pm
[All-SPH Alumni Reunion](#)

April 21, 6:30pm
[Thirty Years of the Obesity Epidemic and Counting](#) - Shiriki Kumanyika

April 30, 6:30pm
[Advice from America's Doctor](#) - Regina Benjamin

May 15, 3-6pm
[SPH Excellence Awards](#)

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

Congrats!



PhD candidate **Anjuli Wagner** (Epi) is the School's [2015-16 Magnuson Scholar](#) for her work on improving ways to find HIV-positive children in Kenya who slip through the cracks.



Ann Downer (GH, HServ), founding director of I-TECH, won the UW's [2015 Distinguished Contributions to Lifelong Learning Award](#). She was cited for her "enormous impact on utilizing eLearning to save the lives of millions of people with HIV infection."



Three Epi grad students have won prestigious F31 research fellowship grants from the National Institutes of Health: **Griffith Bell, Michael Tesauro Young** and **Sarah Tyler Roberts**. [See their research topics.](#)



Paul Clark, a second-year student in the Masters of Health Informatics and Health Information Management program, was selected as a finalist, making him a fellow, in the Presidential Management Program under the Health Administration Discipline.



PhD student **Ju Young (Julie) Park** (DEOHS) received the Best Presentation Award at the Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting from the Korean Toxicologists Association in America specialty section.



Judith Wasserheit (GH, Epi) was inducted into the [Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars](#) for research that has had a "major influence on HIV prevention policy and programs around the world."

Making a Difference



MPH student **Jamie Bachaus** (Nutrition) and Assistant Professor **Jennifer Otten** (HServ) co-authored a report on the journey our food takes from "farm to fork" for the President's Council on

Fitness, Sports & Nutrition. The study looks at how the food system affects our nutrition and health, and lists things we can do to support a healthier system. "The notion that producing more food will make fewer people food-insecure is false," Bachaus [told Health Sciences' NewsBeat](#). "We produce way more food than we need in America. The affordability of healthy food, and how much food we waste that could be feeding hungry people: Those are the real issues."

Around the Water Cooler



Howard Frumkin (OD, DEOHS) spent two weeks at the Bellagio Center in Italy thanks to a fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation. He is editing the third edition of his textbook, *Environmental Health: From Global to Local*.



Jennifer Nelson (Biostat) at Group Health Research Institute uses big data from electronic health records to monitor the safety of new

Gloyd Lecture Online

A video of the 2015 Gloyd Lecture, *Public Health as Social Justice: Lessons from Harlem to Harare*, delivered by SPH Distinguished Alumna Mary T. Bassett, [is now online](#).

Opportunities

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

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drugs and vaccines. Read about her work and other stories in the [latest edition of SPH Connect](#).



For SPH's Day of Service, 18 students, faculty and staff spent about 4 hours working at the West Duwamish Greenbelt with Nature Consortium. They removed 4,500 sq. ft. of Himalayan blackberry and English Ivy. At UW Farm, about 30 undergrads and staff planted an assortment of veggies. [See photos on Facebook](#).



Vicky Yan (OD) is our new manager for funding and student affairs programs. She comes to us from the Foster School, where she was community initiatives program manager in undergraduate diversity services.



Trisha Comsti has joined Maternal & Child Health as its public information specialist, replacing **Deborah Shattuck**, who has retired. Trisha recently worked at Tulane University, where she also earned her MPH. She has worked in Maryland for PATH and in Washington, DC, for the World Food Program USA.



About 50 students picked up an estimated 8,000 cigarette butts as part of Huskies Kick Butt Day. "There's no better way to promote public health," says grad student **Nick Fradkin** in [this lively SPH video](#).

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