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## SPH in the News

[Americans are finally eating less](#) - *New York Times*; cites work by **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ)

[Why it's so hard to ignore your phone while you're driving](#) - *The Herald*; quotes **Beth Ebel** and **Gary Goldbaum** (both Epi, HServ)

[When it comes to equal access to healthy food, WA has room to improve](#) - *KUOW*; interviews **Donna Johnson** (HServ, Nutritional Sciences)

[The science behind Agent Orange and its lasting effects](#) - *HSNewsBeat*; interviews **John Kissel** (DEOHS)

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## Who Knew??



**Judith Wasserheit (GH, Epi) got a cadaver** for her

13th birthday. Her mother was chair of special anatomy at the first Podiatric Medical School in the US. "We'd go up to the morgue on weekends and my mother would guide me in dissecting this cadaver," said Wasserheit, chair of Global Health, who was featured in the [July Close Up](#). "I would come home and stink of formaldehyde."

## On the Calendar

**Aug. 9, 9am**  
[A Run/Walk to Benefit Water, Wealth & Health Project](#)

**Aug. 12, 12:30-1:30pm**  
[Kenya Research and Training Center Weekly Seminar](#)

**Aug. 13, 10-10:50am**  
[HPRC Seminar: The UW Latino Center for Health](#)

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

## Congrats!



PhD student **Kristjana Ásbjörnsdóttir** (Epi) won the International AIDS Society Lange-Van Tongeren Young Investigator Award. Her research on HIV-infected infants and their response to antiretroviral therapy outscored more than 2,500 other abstracts.



The newest members of the Washington State Academy of Sciences include **Shirley Beresford** (OD, Epi, HServ), **Dedra Buchwald** (Epi) and **Eric Larson** (HServ), director of Group Health Research Institute. The three will be inducted in September for their outstanding scientific achievement and work to bring "the best available science to bear on issues within the State of Washington," the academy says. They are among [24 newly elected members](#); half are on faculty at the UW.



Health Services PhD student **Rosa Avila** was recently awarded a National Institutes of Health Diversity Fellowship Grant for her project, "Reducing Child Health Disparities with Health Policies: Is Health Reform Enough?"



**Jane Pouzou** and **Victoria Balta** (both DEOHS) each received \$1,500 in research support from the Russell L. Castner Endowed Student Research Fund. Pouzou is a PhD student; Balta is pursuing an MPH. Castner, a Shoreline dentist, earned a degree in Environmental Health in 1971.



IHME [was named](#) the Outstanding Global Health Organization for 2015 by the Washington Global Health Alliance. The agency was cited for its large-scale impact on policy. It will be honored at WGHA's annual awards event on Oct. 8.

## Making a Difference



Students in a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) course teamed up with the Seattle Department of Transportation and the city's Department of Planning and Development to conduct an HIA of the Delridge Multimodal Corridor Project in West Seattle. The project aims to transform the area crossed by busy roads into safer and healthier public spaces. Offered spring quarter, the course is taught by **Andrew Dannenberg** and **Edmund Seto** (both DEOHS) and **Fritz Wagner** from the Department of Urban Design and Planning. Students learn the principles behind an HIA and how to conduct one. The students came mostly from the School of Public Health, College of Built Environments, and Evans School of Public Policy.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi) was appointed to the National Institutes of Health AIDS Clinical Studies and Epidemiology Study Section. Members review grant applications submitted to the NIH.

**Bill Daniell** (DEOHS) was appointed to the [King](#)

## PH Major, OSA Reports

Enrollment in the undergraduate Public Health Major continues to grow, reaching 427 for fall 2016. Find out more about the incoming class and other highlights in this [annual report](#) for the major. You can also read about key accomplishments of the SPH Office of Student Affairs in this [year in review](#) report for 2014-15.

## Opportunities

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

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[County Board of Health](#). Members set county-wide policies and regulations to protect and promote the health of King County residents.



PhD student **Anjuli Wagner** (Epi) presented research on identifying HIV-positive children in Kenya who "slip through the cracks" during a [10-minute talk](#) at the International AIDS Society meeting in Vancouver, B.C.



**Sean O'Hogan** (Biostat, OD) and his family will spend 10 months in rural Mexico starting Aug. 15. They'll live in Juchitán de Zaragoza in southern Oaxaca village, where Sean's husband, Don, stayed when he was an exchange student 35 years ago.



The redesigned [SPH website](#) is now live, with a look developed with input from the departments and following new UW brand guidelines. [DEOHS](#) is using the same overall design, as will some other departments and centers when they redo their sites.



Watch a [new, short video](#) on the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice and its mission of bringing the latest teaching and research to the field. The Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

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