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## SPH in the News

[Battling the epidemic: UW grad's fight against Ebola](#) - *The Daily*; profiles **Karin Huster** (MPH '13), mentions **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ) and **Katie Wakefield** (GH)

[State may update distracted driving laws](#) - *KING 5*; interviews **Beth Ebel** (Epi, HServ)

[Common over-the-counter medicines linked to dementia in new study](#) - *ABC News*; cites research by **Eric Larson** (HServ) and colleagues

[Rates for sexually-transmitted diseases decline as partners get free antibiotics](#) - *Seattle Times*; cites research by **Matthew Golden** (Epi) and colleagues

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## Who Knew??



**Valentine's Day is nearly upon us**, so it's time for an SPH

meet-cute story. **Megan Ingram** (OD) met her husband, Bobby, through a mutual friend in a dimly lit bar. He sported a full beard. They hit it off and he later asked Megan to meet at a café. "I walked right past him and he had to call me back," Megan says. "He had shaved off his beard and I had not recognized him! I sat down and the rest was history."

## On the Calendar

**Feb. 9, 12-2pm**  
[Brown Bag Lunch: Activism, Solidarity, and Structural Competency in the Health Professions](#)

**Feb. 9, 2-4pm**  
[Film Screening: Food Chains](#)

**Feb. 9, 7-9pm**  
[Common Book Series: Keynote with Seth Holmes - Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the Pacific Northwest](#)

## Congrats!



**Marilyn Roberts** (DEOHS, GH) was selected by the Pacific Science Center for its Science Communication Fellows program. She and her lab were also [featured by KING 5](#) on research about drug-resistant MRSA at fire stations.



The UW's Palliative Care Center for Excellence, directed by **Randy Curtis** (HServ), was endowed with a \$10 million gift from the Cambia Foundation. The center will provide care, conduct research, and educate physicians, students and staff across four schools, including SPH, Curtis says.



**Jairam Lingappa** (GH) is the new Department of Global Health representative on the UW Faculty Senate. One of the first issues he's dealing with is how to better manage classroom space.



Affiliate Professor **Valery Feigin** (GH) was awarded the World Stroke Organization President's Award for outstanding achievements in stroke research.



Three SPH graduate students have been named Tobacco Scholars in the Tobacco Studies Program: **Nick Fradkin** (HServ), **Biraj Karmacharya** (Epi, GH) and **Elizabeth Medeiros** (HServ).



**Vasundhara Sridharan** (Psychology) also received a scholarship. The students pursue opportunities for education and training in tobacco prevention, research, treatment and policy. [Read more about the winners.](#)



## Making a Difference



The COPHP program led the One Night Count of the homeless in Fremont this year. Team members included students **April Wilson**, **Sigolène Ortega**, **Anastasia Mallillin**, **Nalani Yoko** and faculty member **Ian Painter**, along with staff from the Recovery Café, David Uhl and Teresa Perillo. This one-night count showed a 21 percent increase from last year's numbers in King County. Meanwhile, junior **Emily Kohring** (Public Health) volunteered to survey homeless people at the related Everyone Counts Project. "Addressing homelessness in Seattle is an important public health issue for me, and one that I may go on to work with in my career," Emily says. "This project is especially important because institutions like Virginia Mason will go on to use our data to garner funds for homeless services for the entire year."

## Around the Water Cooler



**Bruce Weir** (Biostat) was recently appointed Associate Director of the School's Institute for Public Health Genetics.



What's it like to get bitten by 200 mosquitoes? You can see in [this KING 5 video](#) featuring **Stefan Kappe** (GH) of Seattle Biomed. He's now

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

### Revised Tuition Rates

Tuition increases will be lower than previously proposed, Dean Howard Frumkin has announced. For more information, [see this web page](#).

### Opportunities

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

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leading a trial that could lead to a new vaccine strategy for malaria.



**James Krieger** (HServ) is founding executive director of Action for Healthy Food, a new center that promotes healthy eating. He was formerly chief of chronic disease and injury prevention at Public Health- Seattle & King County.



**Libby (Elizabeth) Singer** (OD) is the new Advancement Coordinator. A UW graduate, she joins us from Childhaven, the childhood trauma treatment center in Seattle.



Sandboarding in Peru. Visiting Machu Picchu. Touring the Panama Canal. Find out what **Susan Glenn** (PH '14) is experiencing as a Bonderman fellow in her [Bonder{wo}man blog](#).

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