



NewsCatcher

The latest news about our SPH community



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SPH in the News

[Neighbors hope to derail Vancouver oil terminal](#) - Oregon Public Radio; quotes **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi)

[UW-led panel drives new NIH back-pain research standards](#) - HSNewsBeat; cites committee co-led by **Richard Deyo** (HServ)

[Should transgender inmate have been denied vaginal stent, vibrator?](#) - Indianapolis Star; quotes **Marc Stern** (HServ)

[Adopting clean-fuels standard is a public-health imperative](#) - Seattle Times; op-ed co-written by **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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Who Knew??



Tristan Victoroff (MPH '10, Public Health

Genetics) volunteered to be bitten by malaria-infected mosquitoes when he was a grad student. He got headaches and overwhelming fatigue. "I thought I could put up with a little discomfort to be involved in something pretty dynamic," Victoroff, now a CDC epidemiologist, [told The Seattle Times](#). "I never felt so bad that I regretted it."

On the Calendar

Jan. 28, 9am-5pm
[Public Health Genomics Symposium](#)

Jan. 29, 12:30-1:20pm
[The Role of the University Food Bank in Promoting Food Justice](#)

Jan. 29, 12:30-1:20pm
[Understanding Vaccine Effects in Populations](#)

Feb. 3, 7-8:30pm
[Cleaning Up the Duwamish River: What's Next?](#)

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

Congrats!



Noah Simon (Biostat) was named to [Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in science](#) for his work on algorithms to understand Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis and various cancers.



The American Medical Informatics Association honored **Anne Turner** (HServ) for her leadership role as the Vice Chair of the Scientific Program Committee.



David Grossman (HServ) [was appointed vice chair](#) of the US Preventive Services Task Force, the agency that makes evidence-based recommendations on services such as health screenings.



Luann D'Ambrosio and the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice [received a three-year grant](#) to evaluate a Snohomish County program that encourages and measures fifth-graders' fitness.



John Kissel (DEOHS) was a member of an Institute of Medicine committee that [issued a report](#) on whether US Air Force Reserve personnel could have been exposed to harmful levels of dioxin. The Reserve members worked inside C-123 aircraft used to spray herbicides during the Vietnam War.

Making a Difference



Pam Roque (pictured), **Liz Guzy**, **Marilyn Hair** and **Heather Fowler** (all DEOHS) spent the morning of Jan. 14 in north Seattle at Hazel Wolf K-8 School taking part in the annual STEM Career

Day. Pam introduced environmental health and led a hands-on activity about dose-response. The students learned to use pipettes and were quick to recognize that a large dose of toxins in a small body (represented by 6 drops of blue food coloring in a 10ml beaker) would be really bad, Marilyn says. Pam and Heather told the 6th-8th graders how they became interested in science and encouraged them to follow their passions as they decide on a career.

Around the Water Cooler



SPH is now listing updated opportunities for grants from private foundations. We are [including the link](#) in the left-hand column of this and future NewsCatchers.



UW law professor **Mary Fan** is seeking a PhD in epidemiology. Using epi methods, she hopes to better understand what legal interventions work – or don't. [Read more](#) about the new field of "epicrim."



Donna Denno (GH, HServ) wrote a *Seattle Times* op-ed, "[We're failing teenagers when it comes to sexual health](#)." She was also lead author of a paper in a special supplement of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*. **Annie Hoopes**

Awards Deadline

Jan. 31 is the deadline for nominations for [two new SPH honors](#): The Making a Difference Award and The Communicating Public Health to the Public Award.

Opportunities

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

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(MPH student and Global WACH certificate student) was a co-author. Global WACH [held a launch](#) for the supplement.



Gary Goldbaum (Epi) has dealt with mudslides, disease outbreaks and other public health challenges since taking the helm of the Snohomish Health District in 2007. Find out more in [this month's Close Up](#).



Michael Chung (GH, Epi) and **Ann Downer** (GH, HServ) traveled to Dublin to present posters about the Department of Global Health's E-Learning program, which they co-chair. They were attending the GET Health Conference, a global education and technology health summit.



Junior **Marlena Norwood** (Public Health) studied this fall at the Anthropology Department and Institute for Global Health at University College London. She chronicled her travels in a blog with great photos: [Marlena's Adventures in Europe](#).



Jonathan Nagata (DEOHS) is featured in our [new video](#), "Protecting Forests to Ensure the Quality of Our Drinking Water."

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