



# NewsCatcher

The latest news about our SPH community



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## Got News?

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## SPH in the News

[To vegan or not to vegan?](#) - KING 5; interviews **Judy Simon** (HServ)

[Sugar vs. high-fructose corn syrup: Is one sweetener worse for your health?](#) - CBS News/HealthDay; quotes **Mario Kratz** (Epi)

[When the cure causes cancer later on](#) - KING 5; interviews **Norm Breslow** (Biostat)

[Global diabetes rates are rising as obesity spreads](#) - New York Times; quotes **Theo Vos** (GH)

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## Who Knew??



**Graduating PhD student Trevor Peckham**

(DEOHS) once worked for James Dahlgren, a medical doctor who was the primary expert in the chemical-dumping case made famous by the *Erin Brockovich* movie. Read more about Trevor and fellow Omenn Award-winner Peter Cherutich in the [June Close Up](#).

## On the Calendar

**July 14, noon-1pm**  
[The One Health Approach to Public Health Challenges in the Pacific Northwest](#)

**Aug 3-6**  
[Summer Institute for Public Health Practice](#)

**Aug 3, 8:30-10:15am**  
[Duwamish Superfund Health Impact Assessment](#)

**Aug 4, 8:30-10:15am**  
[Violence and Injury Prevention Data and Strategies](#)

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

## Your Feedback

## Congrats!



This year's winner of the \$2,000 Remak Scholarship is **Jenny Lohmiller**, an MS student in Environmental Health. She's working with a group in South Africa on a new diagnostic technique for tuberculosis.



**Branko Kopjar** (HServ), director of our executive MPH program, recently became a fellow of the American College of Epidemiology.



**Betty Bekemeier** (HServ) and colleagues won the Public Health Systems Research [Article of the Year Award](#). The study linked increased spending on maternal and child health services with reduced rates of infant mortality.



Five SPH students [won training awards](#) from the UW's Institute of Translational Health Sciences for its year-long multidisciplinary pre-doctoral research training program: **Sarah Beth Barnett** (HServ), **Laura Blonar** (HServ), **Stephanie Kovacs** (Epi), **Tara Ness** (Epi) and **Brianne Rowan** (GH).



Last year's *Northwest Public Health* magazine themed around the Affordable Care Act won a 2015 [APEX award](#) for publication excellence. Also, the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice's online toolkit on using text messaging for public health won an award for Electronic Media - Education & Training.



## Making a Difference



U.S. Air Force reservists who did not serve in Vietnam, but suffer from conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure, are now eligible for disability benefits, thanks in part to an Institute of

Medicine report co-authored by Professor **John Kissel** (DEOHS). Previously, personnel who did not serve in Vietnam were presumed not to have been exposed to Agent Orange (and related chemicals) and hence not eligible for benefits. The reversal in policy was announced in June by the Department of Veterans Affairs and approved by the White House Office of Budget and Management. The IOM report found that reservists would have been exposed to potentially harmful residues of Agent Orange while they worked inside repatriated C-123 aircraft that had been used during the Vietnam War to spray millions of gallons of herbicides. About 2,000 military reservists flew or worked in C-123 aircraft from 1969 to 1986. Before the IOM report, the VA had generally denied their disability claims.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi) has been named Vice Chair of Global Health. He will explore new and expanded departmental initiatives, work with faculty on career development and promotion, and assist Chair **Judith Wasserheit** in refining administrative processes to make them more transparent and efficient.

Please take a few minutes to respond (if you haven't yet) to a [brief survey](#) about the SPH Excellence Awards, held May 15. Your feedback will help the School plan future events.

### Opportunities

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

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The Health Promotion Research Center (HServ) has been named the coordinating center of the new CDC [Healthy Brain Research Network](#).



Students in **Deb Hinchey's** (HServ) honors class created a [BuzzFeed post](#) to urge folks, in a humorous way, to be better informed about what they post and share on social media.



Dean **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS) moderated a panel at last week's White House Public Health & Climate Change Summit.



Affiliate Professor of Global Health **Ann Kurth** (PhD, Epi '03) [was named](#) Dean of the Yale School of Nursing.



**Jeff Duchin** (Epi) [was named health officer](#) for Public Health - Seattle & King County after serving in the post on an interim basis.

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