



# NewsCatcher

The latest news about our SPH community



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## Got News?

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## SPH in the News

[Are journalists lowballing the number of Iraqi war dead?](#) - *Columbia Journalism Review*; quotes **Amy Hagopian** (GH, HServ)

[Pope Francis, science and government are reframing climate change](#) - *Seattle Times*; op/ed by **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[Low-fat milk is scarce in poor neighborhoods](#) - *Reuters*; quotes **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[Evidence from ivory DNA identifies two main elephant poaching hotspots](#) - *UW Today*; cites research by **Lisa Brown, Cathy Laurie** and **Bruce Weir** (all Biostat)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Lauren Brackenbury** (HServ) loves to take part in

"cosplay," or costume playing. She began making costumes (mostly from anime series) in 2008 when she got her first sewing machine, and learned technical skills at the Reed College Theatre Department's Costume Shop. [See this photo](#) of Lauren and her boyfriend as Saber Lily and Rider from the anime *Sword Art Online*. She won an award at DragonCon 2011 for her [Princess Aura costume](#) from *Flash Gordon*.

## On the Calendar

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

**Aug. 5, 3:30-5pm**  
[Public Health Leaders Forum](#)

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

## Congrats!



**Jeff Harris** was named new chair of Health Services, effective Aug. 1. He has served as vice-chair of the department and director of the Health Promotion Research Center. He takes over from **Larry Kessler**, who will remain on faculty.



**Steven Macdonald** (Epi) received the [Pumphandle Award](#) "for outstanding achievement in the field of applied epidemiology" from the Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists.



PhD student **Sheldwin Yazzie** (DEOHS) received a GO-MAP Dissertation Fellowship for autumn and winter of the 2015-2016 academic year.



Thirty graduate students and trainees received travel awards through the Department of Global Health. Find out [who's going where](#).



PhD student **Megan Cartwright** (DEOHS) was chosen to write for *Slate* this summer as a Mass Media Fellow with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Read her article on the [parasites lurking in swimming pools](#).

## Making a Difference



The first 50 students have graduated from an innovative pharmacy assistant training program in Malawi. They will work in rural health centers, dispensing life-saving medication and managing

inventory. Graduates are expected to make an almost immediate impact, allowing health workers to devote more time to patient care. The program was a collaboration between the UW Global Medicines Program (based in the Department of Global Health and affiliated with the School of Pharmacy), the Malawi Ministry of Health, USAID, the Malawi College of Health Sciences and Seattle-based NGO VillageReach. "This visionary program addresses one of the most critical issues facing many countries—shortages of qualified pharmacy workers," said **Andy Stergachis** (GH, Epi, HServ), director of the Global Medicines Program. [Read more](#). (Photo: VillageReach)

## Around the Water Cooler



The latest issue of [SPH Connect](#) is out, featuring stories about global mental health, an endowed fellowship in honor of **Patricia Wahl** (Biostat), and other news and updates. Pictured: **Deepa Rao** (GH), co-director of the UW Global Mental Health Program.



The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice will celebrate its 25th anniversary from 5-7 pm Aug. 5 at the Vista Cafe in the Foegen building. The center will host a buffet while [honoring alumni](#) and community innovators. [RSVP here](#).



**Sara Mackenzie** (HServ) brought award-winning author Sherman Alexie to the six-week Public Health class she is co-teaching to Upward Bound

## Northwest Public Health

Have a comment or suggestion on the 2015 issue of [Northwest Public Health](#)? Fill out a [reader survey](#) by July 31 to enter a drawing to win a \$100 gift card.

## Opportunities

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

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students from local high schools. They discussed Alexie's "The Absolutely True Dairy of a Part-Time Indian." [See photos on Facebook.](#)



Cycling past Theo Chocolates on her way from Ballard to the UW can be an "indescribable joy to the senses," says **Sarah Nelson** (PH Genetics) in the Whole U's [Lessons from Bike Month](#). She also reveals the spot where her fiancée proposed to her two years ago.



How much do you know about population health? [Take this quiz](#), on BuzzFeed, designed by students of **Stephen Bezruchka** (GH, HServ) as part of a community engagement exercise.

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