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SPH in the News
Floss or brush first? - New York Times; quotes Philippe Hujoel (Epi)
Health officials warn of spring swimming dangers - KING 5; interviews Tony Gomez (HServ)
Nepal earthquake: What we lost at the epicenter - Huffington Post; blog post by Mary Anne Mercer (Hserv, GH)
Hold your horses! Equine guest attends class - HSNewsBeat; cites Peter Rabinowitz (DEOHS, GH) and Heather Fowler (DEOHS)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »
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Who Knew??
Graduating PhD student Leila Zelnick (Biostat) counts playing the mbira among her many hobbies. The mbira, or thumb piano, is made up of metal keys on a wooden board. Leila has played since 2007, but spent a month in Zimbabwe last year studying with master mbira players (see photo of her on our Facebook page). Leila will join UW Nephrology and the Kidney Research Institute to continue her research in kidney and cardiovascular disease.

Making a Difference
Elementary school students in Seattle don’t get enough time to finish their lunch, according to research from our Nutritional Sciences students.

On the Calendar
June 23, noon-1pm Hot Topics: Ending the Tobacco Epidemic
June 24-25 Future of Occupational Health Symposium
June 24, 12:30-1:30pm Kenya Research and Training Center Weekly Seminar
June 28-July 2 Summer Institute in Statistics for Clinical Research

We’ll keep you busy: take a

Congrats!

Nearly 500 students graduated from the School last week, including 51 with PhDs, 268 with master’s degrees and 175 with undergraduate diplomas. Check out photos from the Graduation. You can also watch the address to SPH grads from Gates Foundation CEO Sue Desmond-Hellmann as well as PhD Omenn Award winner Peter Cherutich’s talk.

Incoming PhD student Janeth Sanchez (HServ) won a $10,000 Grayston-Day Fellowship from SPH. Janeth is currently living in Clint, TX, where she works as a National Outreach Network Community/Cancer Health Educator at the National Cancer Institute.

Health Alliance International (GH) was one of 12 global organizations to win a Recognition Prize as part of USAID’s “Turning Data into Action Award.” HAI was honored for its mobile phone health project with expectant mothers in Timor-Leste.

Winners of the 2015-16 SPH Endowed Fellowships ($5,000 each) are MPH student Victoria Balta (DEOHS) and PhD student Monisha Sharma (Epi). Victoria is working on a project to develop a protocol for processing and testing geoduck samples for viral and bacterial contamination. Monisha’s dissertation focuses on evaluating strategies to expand HIV testing and links to care in sub-Saharan Africa.

Around the Water Cooler
William Daniell (DEOHS) is serving on the Green Duwamish Watershed Advisory Group to devise a strategic plan to coordinate projects and programs to improve the health of the entire watershed.
look at the SPH Events Calendar.

Opportunities

Check out the SPH job listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

Missed an issue of NewsCatcher? Find it in the Archive (UW netID required).

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Jeff Harris and Tao Kwan-Gett (both HServ) are on the interim leadership council for King County’s Accountable Community of Health. The county received a $100,000 grant to build healthier communities through a collaborative regional approach.

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