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SPH in the News
Fatal accidents as a global health crisis - New York Times; cites research by IHME

Gunshot victims have high risk of being shot again - KPLU; cites research by Ali Rowhani-Rahbar (Epi)

Are patients considering death with dignity getting all the information they need? - Seattle Weekly; quotes Helene Starks (HServ)

Pollutants differ on the farm, but still play role in asthma - HSNewsBeat; cites research by Catherine Karr (DEOHS, Epi)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »
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Who Knew??
Meghann Seiler recently left her job as manager of a research program in DEOHS to open a restaurant on Capitol Hill. She and her husband started Zhu Dang, which serves “updated Chinese food with a Northwest vibe.”

Making a Difference
A group of SPH students, faculty and staff produced a white paper to accompany proposed state legislation to regulate and tax e-cigarettes. The paper cites a tripling of e-cigarette use among high school students between 2011 and 2013. It also notes the potentially harmful chemicals contained in e-cigarettes and suggests that higher prices would reduce consumption. Co-authors of the report were Amy Hagopian (HServ), Rep. Gerry Pollet (HServ), the chief House sponsor of the bill, MPH students Elizabeth Medeiros and Nick Fradkin, Joy Hamilton Gilroy (MPH ’10), Abigail Halperin (HServ) and Patricia Atwater (staff, HServ). COPHP and other UW students traveled to Olympia recently to lobby for e-cigarette regulations, while Halperin, Atwater and Fradkin are organizing expert testimony for a House committee hearing on the bill.

Around the Water Cooler
Carey Farquhar (Epi, GH) will assist Steve Gloyd (GH, HServ, Epi) in his role as Associate Chair for Education and Curriculum in the Department of Global Health.

Sonora Rae Stampfly (PH ’14) was quoted by UW Today in a piece on UW reclaiming the nation’s top spot for Peace Corps volunteers. She began Peace Corps service in Tanzania in early February.

Former Dean Gil Omenn (DEOHS) was recently elected to the board of directors of Galactin Therapeutics Inc.

Brit Exworthy (OD) has a new role as Manager for Experiential Learning. She focuses on the MPH practicum and developing other experiential and service learning opportunities for graduate and
local public health jobs and opportunities.

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A memorial fund has been created for Wayne Katon (HServ), a pioneer of collaborative mental health care who died March 1. He will be posthumously honored with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the American Psychiatric Association.