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SPH in the News

Obesity substantially ups prostate cancer risk in African-American men - KING 5; interviews Wendy Barrington (Epi)

Blocking smartphone use by teen drivers may reduce crash risks - Reuters; cites research by Beth Ebel (Epi, HServ) and Laura Blanar (HServ)

Climate change may speed asthma spread - Scientific American; quotes Joel Kaufman (DEOHS, Epi)

Why pregnant women in Mississippi keep dying - Washington Post; cites research by IHME

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Who Knew??

MPH student Linda Oseso (Epi) holds the national record for the hammer throw in Kenya. Linda was co-captain of the Kenyan team for the Commonwealth Games in Scotland and the African Championships in Morocco in 2014. The aspiring Olympic athlete and former undergraduate star at UC-Berkeley tossed the 8.8-pound device nearly 200 feet. See a video of her in action.

SPH Excellence Awards

SPH Excellence Awards: Recognizing and Celebrating Outstanding Achievement. The event, from 3-6 pm May 15, is at the Center for Urban Horticulture and is open to the entire SPH community, its friends and family.

On the Calendar

May 11, 4:30-7pm The Global Healthies: Student, Medical Resident

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Around the Water Cooler

Senior Saloni Parikh (Public Health) is featured on the UW’s home page this month. She combines passion for global health and computer science in an HIV research project in Kenya that uses cellphones to track data.

Jennifer Otten (HServ) is part of a UW team studying the impact of the minimum-wage increase in Seattle. Find out more about her work, which includes nutrition and food waste, in the latest SPH Close Up.

View photos from the 2015 Workers’ Memorial Day event honoring those who died from work-related injuries or illnesses. Nancy Simcox (DEOHS) and graduate students Kat Gregersen, Eddie Kasner, Trevor Peckham, Dan Grinnell, and Ryan Bibadi organized the event.
MPH student Paul Nevin (GH) travelled to Kenya, thanks to a fellowship from the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting. His feature story, Seattle group's training program saves lives of moms and babies in Kenya, appeared on page one of The Seattle Times.

Dorian Varga recently joined Health Services as new marketing and student recruitment specialist for the MPH (COPHP, in-residence, eMPH), MS and PhD programs. She joins us from Bioengineering, where she was senior academic counselor.

Devina Wijaya is the new Administrative Coordinator in the Dean's Office. She recently worked for Rod Asher and Associates on Mercer Island, where she was Executive Assistant to the President.

The school’s first-ever alumni reunion in 45 years was a great success, with about 120 attendees. Check out slides and photos from the event at our Reunion Page. Meet several of our alums in these brief video clips.

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