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The latest news about our SPH community



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SPH in the News

[What if Americans ate like South Africans and vice versa?](#) - NPR; quotes **Corey Casper** (Epi, GH)

[Appendicitis: Should you have antibiotics alone or surgery, too?](#) - Forbes; cites *New England Journal of Medicine* article by **David Flum** (HServ)

[Doctors already seeing links between climate change and patients' health](#) - *Grist*; op/ed co-authored by **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[University grades are mixed on research for the poor](#) - *New York Times*; student-led group gives UW a B+ for global health research

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Foundation Funding Opportunities »

Who Knew??



Web developer Nancy Eckert (DEOHS) is a regional

celebrity in the [Ingress community](#). Ingress is a GPS-based multi-player game that consists of establishing "portals" at places of cultural significance and linking them to create virtual triangular "control fields" over geographical areas, according to Wikipedia.

On the Calendar

May 21, 3:30-4:45pm
[An Epidemiologist's Life on the Edge](#)

May 21, 4pm-6pm
[Second Annual SPH Undergraduate Symposium](#)

May 28, 12:30-3pm
[DEOHS Student Research Day](#)

May 28, 5-7pm
[Racing to Achieve Food Security in a Changing Climate: Running in Place](#)

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

Congrats!



This year's Omenn Awards for Academic Excellence went to PhD student **Peter Cherutich** (GH) and master's student **Trevor Peckham** (DEOHS). Peter is the first graduate of the PhD program in implementation science and a leader in Kenya's HIV-control efforts. Trevor is earning an MS in Environmental Health and an MPA. [See SPH awards photo gallery](#).



Mary Anne Mercer (GH, HServ) won the inaugural SPH Communicating Public Health to the Public award for her clear and compelling blogs in *The Huffington Post*. A team of eight COPHP alumni won the first Making a Difference award for research that led Seattle to retime traffic signals for pedestrian safety.



Kevin Schuda (Epi) won the School's Anderson-O'Connell Award for outstanding service.



Farhiya Mohamed of The Somali Family Safety Task Force won the Community Service Award, chosen by the Student Public Health Association. See the complete list of winners for this year's SPH [Excellence Awards](#).



The 2015 [Global Healthies awards](#) went to **Chung Dang** (GH-Pathobiology), **Biraj Karmacharya** (Epi, GH), **Marita Mann** (Pharmacy), **Nicole Ide** (GH) and **Michelle Lam** (GH). Three of the projects were based in Nepal and mentored by **Annette Fitzpatrick** (Epi).



Janice Camp (DEOHS) received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. She is now emeritus principal lecturer.

Making a Difference



Two graduate students recently completed five-month research projects to help King County keep people in better health and out of jail. The projects were the first domestic assignments

under the newly expanded Strategic Analysis and Research Training program (START). **Anne Althaus** (HServ) studied government-funded prevention initiatives around the country to learn what factors led to their approval by voters. [Her research](#) will help King County officials prepare their own proposal to voters to support early childhood investments. Doctoral student **Phillip Hwang** (Epi) worked on the Familiar Faces project, which aims to reduce recidivism. [He researched](#) how housing, medical coverage, mental illness, and substance abuse relate to incarceration. *Pictured: Anne (left) and Phillip (right) with **Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett**, director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, which houses the domestic START program.*

Around the Water Cooler



Everyone in the world should have access to 44 surgical procedures, according to a new book, [Essential Surgery](#), produced by the Disease

SPH Graduation

Sue Desmond-Hellman, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will speak at the [SPH Graduation Celebration](#) on Wednesday, June 10, at Hec Ed Pavilion (Alaska Airlines Arena). The formal program runs from 11am to 1:30pm, followed by an all-school reception until 3pm.

Opportunities

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

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Control Priorities Newtork (DCP3) in Global Health. Editors and authors include **Dean Jamison, Charles Mock, Andy Stergachis, Carol Levin, Theo Vos, Hideki Higashi** and **Joseph Babigumira**.



The *South Seattle Emerald* profiled COPHP student **Jenn Hagedorn** as a "15 Under 30" millennial who is a [catalyst for change](#) in the Seattle area.



Coloring isn't just for kids. **Ardith Feroglia** (OD) [tells the Edmonds newspaper](#) how SPH students use crayons to de-stress during Color-a-Thon Thursdays. It's part of a growing international trend.



SPH did well in the recent Whole U Scavenger Hunt, themed on the best-selling *The Boys in the Boat*. The "SPH Folks" team of **Jessica Citronberg, Brad Wagenaar** and **Willa Brenowitz** won the Seattle short course. See [a great photo](#) of the Epi staff team with Dubs (the Husky mascot) in the main blog post. [The Student Affairs' team](#) (OD) appears on Facebook.



Time to get snapping for the annual [DEOHS photo calendar contest](#). Submissions are due June 5.



Cigarettes are one of the deadliest products ever known to man. Watch our [latest SPH video](#) to see how the Tobacco Studies Program aims to create a tobacco-free world.

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