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## SPH in the News

[This is what happens when you don't wash your sheets](#) - *Yahoo! Health*; quotes **Marilyn Roberts** (DEOHS, GH)

[UW research leads to new recommendation against drinking while pregnant](#) - *KING 5 TV*; features **Susan Astley** (Epi)

[Wearable artificial kidney earns FDA fast-track status](#) - *HSNewsBeat*; cites research by **Larry Kessler** (HServ)

[Ferry employees injured with high-powered laser](#) - *MyNorthwest.com*; quotes **Michael Yost** (DEOHS)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**MPH student Dorothy Thomas** (HServ) wrote a novel

last year as part of [National Novel Writing Month](#) (November). "It takes kind of a *Dante's Inferno* approach towards unpacking what it means to no longer be a stranger to someone—what it means to no longer be a stranger to oneself," she says in this [grad student profile](#).

## On the Calendar

**Nov. 21-24**  
[Fifth Seattle Symposium in Biostatistics](#)

**Nov. 23, noon-1pm**  
[Transfusion in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

**Nov. 23, 6-8pm**  
[Health and Wellness Affair: Hollywood Ball](#)

## Congrats!



**Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi) was given the UW School of Medicine's 2015 Alumni Early Achievement Award for his HIV research and outstanding global health work. See [a brief video](#) of Jared talking about his passion to make an impact.



Second-year MHA student **Lauren Brown** received the 2015 Leaders Scholarship from the Medical Group Management Association in the amount of \$2,500.



**Betty Bekemeier** (HServ) [was named](#) new director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. An associate professor in the School of Nursing, she takes over from **Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett**, who continues to teach in Health Services.



*Puget Sound Business Journal* named Affiliate Professor **Garnet Anderson** (Biostat) to its [2015 Women of Influence](#) list.



Several SPH folks won awards at the recent American Public Health Association meeting in Chicago. **Amy Hagopian** (HServ, GH) won the International Health Section's Distinguished Section Service Award. **Bud Nicola** (HServ) took home the Health Administration Section's Excellence in Health Administration Award. And alumna **Tara Bostock** (COPHP '15) received an honorable mention for Outstanding Student Abstract.



## Making a Difference



**Pamela Kohler** (GH, Nursing) leads a new effort to partner UW nurses with graduate nursing students from a Kenyan university. The program is an expansion of the Clinical Education Partnership Initiative, directed by **Carey Farquhar** (Epi, GH), that provides training for more than 30 UW Medicine residents every year. The new partnership is being developed between the UW Schools of Nursing and Public Health, the University of Nairobi, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, and Naivasha District Hospital. It's partly supported by the Global Innovation Fund of the UW's Office of Global Affairs. The program aims to provide UW students with multidisciplinary training, working alongside medical residents and Kenyan nurses. "In resource-limited settings, nurses are about 80 to 90 percent of the healthcare workforce," Kohler says. "A nurse in a rural setting is going to do more than a nurse in a hospital where there are more physicians available. They see a lot and manage a lot." [Read more.](#)

## Around the Water Cooler

**Elaine Faustman** (DEOHS) has been named co-investigator for a new NIH Children's Health Exposure Analysis Resource center housed at

**Dec. 2, noon-1pm**  
[Public Health and Health  
Care for Migrants](#)

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

### Health Innovation

The Foster School of Business is sponsoring a new [UW Health Innovation Challenge](#) for teams of interdisciplinary students to work on new solutions to problems and new approaches to helping people live healthier lives. The grand prize: \$10,000.

### Opportunities

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

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WESTAT, a statistical services company in Maryland.



Ever wondered how IHME estimates the global burden of disease? **Abraham Flaxman's** (GH) [new book](#) details the methodology behind the GBD. He will present on this topic at [a seminar](#) on Nov. 30.



Global Health MPH students **Jessica Farley**, **Sefanit Ghezahegn** and **Sonjelle Shilton** authored a policy resolution on environmental cleanup in Iraq and Afghanistan that was adopted by the American Public Health Association. Read the [press release](#).



**Stacey Holland** (PNASH, DEOHS) was named communications chair for the UW's Professional Staff Organization (PSO) Board of Directors.



The Public Health Major has a new program coordinator: **Karen Heine** (OD), who comes to us from the Mechanical and Materials Engineering department at Portland State University.

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