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## SPH in the News

[Why America still doesn't have any good data on guns](#)  
- WIRED; quotes **Frederick Rivara** (Epi)

[High-tech mammogram tool doesn't boost cancer detection, study shows](#) - Seattle Times; quotes **Diana Buist** (Epi, HServ) and **Joann Elmore** (Epi)

[The 20 best full-fat foods for weight loss](#) - Yahoo! News; quotes **Mario Kratz** (Epi)

[Patient protesters shed light on medical debt's vicious cycle](#) - The Stranger; quotes **Aaron Katz** (HServ, GH)

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## Who Knew??



**Jennifer Otten** (HServ) ran for school office in

junior high and high school with the refrain, "Don't Be Rotten, Vote for Otten." She won. "My mom came up with the campaign slogan," Otten says.

## On the Calendar

**Oct. 20, 3:30pm**  
[State-of-the-School Address](#)

**Oct. 22, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Wet and Wild: A Marine Wildlife Veterinary Perspective on One Health - Lesanna Lahner, DVM](#)

**Oct. 26-31**  
[SustainableUW Festival](#)

**Nov. 5, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Comedy, Economics, and Climate Change](#)

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

## Congrats!



**Victoria Holt** was [named chair of Epidemiology](#). She's been interim chair since **Scott Davis** stepped down earlier this year and has been on faculty since 1991.



Winners of the new SPH Undergraduate Student Assistance Fund are **Jocelyn Castillo, Brian Cedeno-Betancourt, Daysha Gunther** and **Christine Perez Delgado** (Public Health Majors) and **Phillip Milligan** (Health Informatics and Health Information Management). [See photos and read more](#).



PhD student **Allison Meisner** (Biostat) was awarded an F31 pre-doctoral fellowship from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.



**James Kublin** (GH), executive director of the HIV Vaccine Trials Network, [was inducted](#) into the Marquette (Michigan) Senior High School A. Felch Pendill Wall of Excellence.



Several PhD students in the Environmental Toxicology program won awards at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Association of Toxicologists. **Anna Engstrom** tied for first place in student platform presentations, while **Cindy Yanfei Li** won second place. **Brittany Weldon** won first place for student poster presentations. The association is a regional chapter of the Society of Toxicology.



## Making a Difference



SPH alumna **Christy McKinney** (PhD, Epi '06) spearheaded the development of a new feeding cup for preterm newborns and infants with cleft palates, who commonly have breastfeeding difficulties. Working with Seattle Children's Hospital Craniofacial Center and PATH, McKinney (now with UW Oral Health Sciences) developed a low-cost cup with a tiny reservoir that allows infants to feed at their own pace. "If they're born below 35 weeks of age, they don't have a developed suck-swallow breath mechanism and they don't have the maturity to successfully breastfeed," McKinney [told KING 5 News](#). "They need a tool to help them transition from feeding without the breast to feed with the breast." The Neonatal Intuitive Feeding Technology, or NIFTY™ cup, recently received a Saving Lives at Birth Grand Challenge award to conduct validation tests and develop a business strategy. Read more in this [PATH blog](#). Photo by PATH.

## Around the Water Cooler

**Stacey Fauchald** (OD) is the new Assistant Director of Human Resources for the School. She most recently worked for UW Medicine,

## SPH Day of Service

On Oct. 24, SPH students, faculty, staff and others will partner once again with Seattle/King County Clinic to produce a large-scale, [free health clinic](#) at Seattle Center for those in need. Watch [a video](#) featuring **Tao Kwan Gett** (HServ) at last year's event.



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*The (UW) Daily* featured **Jeremy Hess**, new associate professor in DEOHS and Emergency Medicine, in the print version of its back-to-school issue. One of his research areas is climate change and health.



**Wendy Barrington** (Epi) partnered with Mount Zion Baptist Church to raise awareness about breast cancer risk, symptoms, and screening recommendations among African-American women in Seattle under the "Sisters! Can I Get A Witness" Program.



**Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi) was elected chair of the SPH Faculty Council. He was also featured in a podcast by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences on "[Air Pollution and Your Heart](#)." **Barbara McKnight** (Biostat) was elected Vice Chair of the SPH Faculty Council.



[ParticipateInResearch.org](#) is a clinical trials recruitment site built by the Institute of Translational Health Sciences. It's open for UW research teams to post their studies to connect with potential study participants.

## Opportunities

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

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