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SPH in the News
Can Twitter and Yelp really help spot a salmonella outbreak? - Washington Post; quotes Elaine Nsoesie (GH)
Coke's skewed message on obesity: Drink Coke. Exercise more - New York Times; features a letter from James Krieger (HServ)
What does it take to eradicate a deadly disease? - PATH blog; cites research by Scott Meschke (DEOHS)
High-risk medical devices backed by few studies - Fox News/Reuters; quotes Bruce Psaty (Epi, HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »
Foundation Funding Opportunities »

Who Knew??
Alison Laing (DEOHS) grew up in multiple places overseas. The daughter of a diplomat, she was born in Singapore and lived in Sri Lanka, Fiji, Taiwan, Beijing and Hong Kong. After graduating from high school in Beijing, she studied at the UW, where she now works at the Institute for Risk Analysis and Risk Communications.

On the Calendar
Sept. 15 Inland NW State of Reform Health Policy Conference
Sept. 25, 11am-5pm SPH Incoming Graduate Student Orientation
Sept. 29, 11am-2pm Public Health Petting Zoo (Dawg Daze event)

Congrats!
Erica Lokken (MS, Epi ’15) received the 2015 Distinguished Thesis Award in the Biological and Life Sciences Category from the UW Graduate School. Erica is an RA in the START program (GH) and will be a new PhD student (Epi) this fall.
Lianne Sheppard (Biostat, DEOHS) will join the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency. She will provide advice on technical issues around ambient-air-quality standards.
Irene Njuguna (GH) received a CIPHER Award from the International AIDS Society to conduct a study on financial incentives to improve pediatric HIV testing in Kenya. A medical doctor collaborating with the UW, she will begin her MPH training in Epi this fall.

Several Health Services students won $2,000 scholarships from the WA state chapter of the Health Information and Management Systems Society: Ryan Sterling (PhD student, pictured), Ji Won Kang (MHIHIM), Kathleen Nguyen (MHIHIM) and Marie Rempola (MHIHIM).

UW landed two major grants from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. Adjunct professor David Flum (HServ) received nearly $13 million to lead a 10-hospital study on whether antibiotics are as effective as surgery in treating appendicitis. John Fortney (HServ) will lead an $11.8 million, three-state clinical trial comparing mental health approaches in rural clinics.

Making a Difference
COPHP student Cait Lang wrote the problem-based learning units featured in a story on the Kent School District website. Cait has been working for the Washington Alliance for Better Schools. As a curriculum specialist, she developed two problem-based learning units for elementary age students - one on public health and the built environment, and another on ecosystems and water use as a public health issue. “The units she developed really engaged students in thinking about the built and natural environment and how they influence the health of individuals and communities,” said Senior Lecturer Gita Krishnaswamy (HServ-COPHP), associate director of the alliance. Photo: Kent School District

Around the Water Cooler
Bruce Weir (Biostat) is the new Director of the School's Institute for Public Health Genetics, which will begin accepting students again for 2016.

Erica MacArthur is the new part-time
Oct. 1, 3:30-5pm
Joint Biostatistics-Statistics
Introduction Seminar

We’ll keep you busy: take a
look at the SPH Events
Calendar.

SPH Strategic Plan

The School is updating its
strategic plan. Leaders from
across SPH took part in a
recent all-day summit and
half-day planning retreat to
select six priorities for the
next two years. To read
more, visit this Catalyst link
(UW net ID required).

Opportunities

Check out the SPH job
listings page for national and
local public health jobs and
opportunities.

Missed an issue of
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communications manager for Epi. She most
recently worked for The Wallace Center at
Rochester Institute of Technology.

Joel Kaufman (DEOHS, Epi) was invited to serve
as a member of the Cardiovascular and Sleep
Epidemiology Study Section for the National
Institutes of Health Center for Scientific Review
for a four-year term.

Second-year MPH student Eva Hom (HServ) is in
New Zealand on UW’s Exploration Seminar,
“Empowering Healthy Communities,” and doing
service-learning with Maori communities. Eva will
be doing her final research project on healthy
housing and fuel poverty. Follow her blog,
Coffees & Kiwis.

Stephen Schwartz (Epi) was appointed to the
National Cancer Institute’s Board of Scientific
Counselors – Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology.

Devina Wijaya (OD) received a scholarship to
study in Rome this fall and recently passed her
exam for U.S. citizenship. She is studying
sociology in the UW’s evening program.