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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](#) »

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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.

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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.

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