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## SPH in the News

[Lung screening may not push smokers to quit](#) - *New York Times*; cites research by **Steven Zeliadt** (HServ)

[Schools, birth control, and parental consent](#) - *The Atlantic*; cites research by **Kelly Gilmore** (MPH, HServ-COPHP '14)

[What's killing us? It's mostly our own bad habits](#) - *NBC News*; quotes **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ)

[The local health effects of WA's wildfires](#) - *Crosscut*; quotes **Catherine Karr** (DEOHS, Epi)

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## Who Knew??



**Stephen Bezruchka** (GH, HServ) is co-author of a

[guide book, \*Trekking Nepal\*](#). He wrote the first edition of the guide in 1972, after trekking far and wide in the Himalayan country. He returned to help set up a community health project and later developed a remote teaching hospital, where he supervised Nepali physician training. These days when he's in Nepal, Bezruchka spends most of his time teaching population health concepts. "Nepal has been one of my greatest teachers," he says.

## On the Calendar

**Sept. 28, noon-1pm**  
[Developing Collaborative Research Programs in China: Past, Present and Future of the China Initiative](#)

**Oct. 1, 12:30-1:20pm**

## Congrats!



PhD student **Heather Fowler** (DEOHS) is the recipient of a \$100,000 Bullitt Foundation Environmental Fellowship Award that will boost her plans to tackle issues in sustainable dairy farming. [Read more.](#)



**Eric Larson** (HServ) and **Gail Jarvik** (Epi) received a [\\$3.4 million grant](#) from the NIH under the Electronic Medical Records and Genome (eMERGE) project. They will lead a group that uses sequencing to study preventable diseases such as inherited colorectal cancer, high triglycerides, and high neutrophil count in 2,500 individuals.



**Robert (Bob) Martin** (GH) has been named recipient of the American Society for Microbiology's 2016 Hologic Joseph Public Health Award for exemplary leadership and service.



MPH student **Vivian Lyons** (Epi - Maternal & Child Health) has won an SPH Endowed Fellowship worth \$5,000. Her thesis focuses on whether arrests have an impact on intimate partner violence.



PhD student **Brittany A. Weldon** (DEOHS) received a [Pacific Science Center Science Communication Fellowship](#) that involves skill-building workshops and support to develop a program for the Center's "Scientist Spotlight."

## Making a Difference



U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy highlighted [a mall-walking guide](#) produced by the Health Promotion Research Center as part of his Step it Up! campaign -- kicked off Sept. 9 -- to promote walking and walkable communities. "This excellent resource explains how malls can provide sheltered indoor places, free from crime, traffic, and extreme temperatures, which allow people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the health benefits of walking," Murthy wrote in the latest issue of *Public Health Reports*. "Malls also generally have accessible bathrooms, water fountains, resting spots, and security guards, and are easy to navigate by foot or wheelchair." The program resource guide -- listed on the Surgeon General's website and on the CDC's -- was written by **Basia Belza** (HServ) and others at HPRC, Group Health Research Institute and the CDC's Healthy Aging Research Network.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Victoria Breckwich Vásquez** (DEOHS) is working with Latino forestry workers in southern Oregon to improve their safety. The director of community engagement and education for the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center is featured in [this month's Close Up](#).

[Managing the Health Risks of Climate Variability and Change](#)

**Oct. 6, 5:30-8pm**  
[Health Sciences Common Book and Service Learning Kickoff](#)

**Nov. 21-24**  
[The 5th Seattle Symposium in Biostatistics](#)

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

### Alumni Nominations

Know an SPH alum with a demonstrated record of achievement in public health? You can nominate that person for the School's Distinguished Alumni Award. Nominations must be received by Sept. 30. [Click here](#) for the nomination form.

### Opportunities

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

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**Daniela Witten** (Biostat) was interviewed in [The Whole U's Faculty Friday](#) on her work using algorithms to dig through DNA data.



Global health organizations in WA have a huge impact on the state, with more than 12,600 global health jobs at an average salary of \$71,129. Read more in the [Washington Global Health Alliance study](#).



The Department of Global Health has formed a fundraising team for the [End AIDS Walk](#) in Volunteer Park. Students and faculty from other departments are welcome to join for the walk or 5k run on Sept. 26.



**Jonathan Nagata** (MS, Environmental Health '15) won a fellowship through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education to work for the EPA's Water Security Division in Wash., D.C. Nagata says [an SPH video](#) on his work protecting forests to ensure the safety of drinking water "tipped the scale in my favor."

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