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SPH in the News

[Turning the tide on HIV](#) - *The Daily*; quotes **Jared Baeten** and **Connie Celum** (both GH, Epi)

[Safe gun storage may keep kids alive, but laws vary by state](#) - *Chronicle of Social Change*; quotes **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi)

[Kids' jewelry sold at JC Penney, Dillard's tested off the charts for toxic metals](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Steven Gilbert** (DEOHS)

[Obama announces new moves to fight opioid and heroin abuse epidemic](#) - *CNN*; quotes **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

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Who Knew??



Senior Cassi Flint (PHM) was on an episode

of the game show 'Let's Make a Deal' several years ago. She ended up with a 'Zonk' in the form of a purse covered in jelly beans. She pretended to be excited and showed it off to the audience. "The host, Wayne Brady, pulled a crisp hundred from his suit jacket and handed it to me as a consolation prize of sorts," Cassi says.

On the Calendar

April 8, 5:00pm
[Samuel E. Kelly Distinguished Faculty Lecture](#)

April 9, 8:30am
[SPH Day of Service](#)

April 12, 3:30pm

Congrats!



PhD student **Sylvia Badon** (Epi) is the School's 2016-17 Magnuson Scholar. She will receive \$30,000 to fund her research on how a woman's lifestyle during pregnancy affects her child's health.



Four SPH students made the inaugural "[Husky 100](#)" list for making a difference on campus and in their communities: **Hanna Dinh** (MHA), **Marlena Norwood** (PHM), **Alice Popejoy** (PH Genetics) and **Tiffany Woelfel** (HServ).



IHME's **Rafael Lozano** (GH, HServ) was honored with a 2015 Carlos Slim Health Award for Lifetime Achievement in Research for his commitment to improving health in Latin-American populations.



PhD student **Rosa Avila** (HServ) was selected as a 2016 NCHS (National Center for Health Statistics)/*AcademyHealth* Health Policy Fellow.



David Masuda (HServ) won the Distinguished Teaching Award for Innovation with Technology, part of the UW's annual [Awards of Excellence](#).

Making a Difference



A team of SPH students will soon be able to help investigate outbreaks in the Seattle area. Fourteen members of the **Student Epidemic Action Leaders (SEAL)** team are being

trained in a new course this spring led by **Janet Baseman** (Epi, HServ). While gaining practical skills, students will also be providing service to the community. "During the Chipotle outbreak, we had a lot of people to interview, and I would have loved to have students involved," said **Scott Lindquist**, the state's communicable disease epidemiologist. Epi Chair **Victoria Holt** said the program will strengthen offerings related to public health practice, while "the SEAL team experience will be invaluable for our students who are considering careers as epidemiologists in practice settings." [Read the full story.](#)

Around the Water Cooler



Michelle Sarju has been named director of the Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute, replacing **Bud Nicola** (HServ), who is retiring. Sarju is the deputy director of Open Arms



Perinatal Services and has two decades of experience in maternal and child health. [Read the Q and A.](#)



The Department of Biostatistics is one of the key players in [a new MS in Data Science](#) that will begin in Fall 2016. The program targets working professionals and offers evening classes.

[Epi Seminar: Gun Violence Research](#)

April 13, 5:00pm

[Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story](#)

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

MPH Practicum Event

Faculty, staff and others can talk with MPH students about their public health research projects at the [MPH Practicum Symposium](#) April 21 from 4-6 pm at Intellectual House.

Opportunities

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

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Getting up from a chair once posed a challenge for **Steven Gilbert** (DEOHS). Now he walks more than five miles a day. [Find out](#) how deep brain stimulation has helped him cope with Parkinson's disease.



The College of the Environment featured **Leah Litwak** (Nutritional Sciences minor) in [a multimedia piece](#) on her work at local farmers' markets.



Steve Berard (HServ) is the new program manager for the MPH, MS and PhD programs. He joins us from UW Medicine Pathology. **Angela**



Cross (HServ) is the new student services counselor for the eMPH and in-residence MPH and MS programs. She has worked at UW, Washington State University and Federal Way High School.



A memorial walk was held April 6 - National Walking Day - in honor of **Catherine Shen** (OD), late director of communications for SPH. Participants took her favorite route to the south and west of campus.

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