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SPH in the News

[How a hotline helped control dengue outbreaks](#) - *The Atlantic*; quotes **Elaine Nsoesie** (GH)

[Patients in 'immediate danger,' but state didn't stop pain doctor for years](#) - *The Seattle Times*; quotes **Gary Franklin** (DEOHS, HServ)

[Should marijuana be legal?](#) - *WalletHub*; quotes **Janet Daling** (Epi)

[The truth about having a safe mixed HIV status relationship](#) - Q and A with **Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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Who Knew??



[Neil Abernathy \(HServ\) takes macro photos](#) of the iris of the

human eye. He shoots through a refractive prism, which separates out the colors, and blows up the image so it looks like a painting. You might not know exactly what you're looking at, but you see rainbows and different colors.

On the Calendar

Aug 11, 10am

[HPRC Seminar: Peggy Hannon "HPRC Workplace Health Promotion Projects Update"](#)

Aug 21, 9am-1pm

[Free Photo Day sponsored by The Whole U](#)

Aug 22, noon

[Building Cancer Research Capacity in LMIC: The Role of Peer Mentoring](#)

Congrats!



MPH alumna **Patricia García** (Epi '98), an affiliate professor of global health, was sworn in last week as the [new Minister of Health](#) for Peru. She previously served as dean of the School of Public Health at Peru's top medical college, Cayetano Heredia University.



PhD student [Kelsey Grinde](#) (Biostat) is among the recipients of the 2016 Graduate Research Fellowships awarded by the National Science Foundation to individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant research achievements.



Audrey Brezak (incoming MPH student, Epi) attended the International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa, last month as one of two [U.S. Youth Ambassadors](#). Brezak, who works at Fred Hutch, presented her team's research on HIV transmission among men who have sex with men and transgender women in Lima, Peru.



David Masuda (HServ) gave a 10-minute oral abstract presentation at the inaugural CLIME Together Symposium for Excellence in Health Professions Education in June about a novel teaching format called [lightning labs](#). His presentation was recognized by the 70+ people in attendance as a "highlight of the day."



Catherine Karr (DEOHS, Epi) and **Sheela Sathyanarayana** (DEOHS) led a successful application for funding from the US EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection for a two-year Pediatric Environmental Health Fellow. The fellowship will begin in July 2017.



Making a Difference



For [Jane Vaccaro](#) (MPH '16, DEOHS), the 2015 wildfire season—the worst in Washington state history—underscored the unique impact disasters have on tribal communities. Vaccaro (pictured front, left), who

was a nurse for several decades, went to work with the [Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council](#) as part of her practicum. She consulted with tribal representatives about establishing and maintaining Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units, groups of volunteers trained to respond to natural disasters and emergency situations. She developed a toolkit to guide tribes through the process of starting MRC units and presented on the topic at the 12th Annual Joint Northwest and National Tribal Emergency Management Council Conference hosted by the Kalispel Nation. "The practicum really drove home what we can learn from the tribes," says Vaccaro, "as well as the relevance of the work we are doing in DEOHS."

Aug 23, noon

[Hot Topics in Practice Webinar](#)

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

Jobs

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

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Around the Water Cooler



Melissa Mugambi and **Bryan Weiner** (both GH) are new strategic hires who will address the School's emerging challenge in public health implementation science. Mugambi comes to us from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Weiner spent 17 years at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health.



SPH alumna **Mahlet Takele** (BS '16, HIHIM), originally from Bahir-Dar, Ethiopia, plans to use her degree to strengthen health systems and eliminate health disparities. She was [profiled](#) in one of many stories featured in the [spring/summer 2016 edition](#) of *SPH Connect*.



Rachel Shaffer and **Steven Gilbert** (both DEOHS) highlight outdated lead exposure regulations and call for updated workplace standards in [a recent op-ed](#) for *The Seattle Times*. "It's time to take action and give our workers and their families the protection they deserve," they wrote.



Congrats to Epi students **Darcy White Rao** (and her new husband Anup Rao) and **Vivian Lyons** (and her new husband Tanner Means) on their recent nuptials! See their [wedding photos](#) on the new Department of Epidemiology Facebook page.



Featured by the ASPPH

[Climate change puts Europe at risk for dengue epidemic;](#)
Kristie Ebi (GH, DEOHS)

[Second opinions on breast biopsies reduce misdiagnoses;](#)
Joann Elmore (Epi)

[Vaginal ring may be highly effective against HIV;](#)
Elizabeth Brown (Biostat), **Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi)

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