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## SPH in the News

[Obesity and hunger are twin crises - Take Part](#); quotes **Ashkan Afshin** (GH)

[Four world capitals plan to ban diesel vehicles](#) - *Christian Science Monitor*; quotes Interim Dean **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi)

[The new safe sex: How one HIV drug is changing lives](#) - *Crosscut*; features **Joanne Stekler** (Epi)

[As opioids ravage the US, teen students show steady decline in use](#) - *US News & World Report*; quotes **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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## Who Knew??



**Suzanne Yates** (HServ) worked as a weekend DJ for a Top 40

radio station in Northern California before finding her place in higher education, where she has remained for a decade. She recently joined the Department of Health Services as a student services counselor supporting graduate programs.

## On the Calendar

**Dec. 28, 12:30-1:30pm**  
[Impact of Household Air Pollution on Respiratory Illness in Early-Treated HIV-Infected Kenyan Infants](#)

**Dec. 31, 12 pm**  
[Peach Bowl: UW Huskies vs Alabama Crimson Tide](#)

**Jan. 5, 4-5pm**  
[Pathobiology Seminar Series](#)

## Congrats!



**Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi) is [the new director](#) of the UW/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), effective Jan. 1. After 30 years as CFAR director, **King Holmes** (GH, Epi) will transition to a co-director role.



PhD student **Marissa Smith** (DEOHS) was [recently awarded](#) a Science to Achieve Results, or STAR, fellowship from the EPA. She'll receive up to \$132,000 over three years to research the chemical toxicity of consumer products and household dust.



**Rachel Ceballos** (HServ) won the [2016 Aetna Award](#) for Excellence in Research on Older Women and Public Health at the APHA annual meeting in Denver. The award recognized her study of African-American breast cancer patients after active treatment.



Senior **Micia Vergara** (PHM) was recognized for her leadership role in suicide prevention on the UW campus. She received the inaugural [Emerging Leader Award](#) from Forefront, a social impact organization housed in the School of Social Work.



Several SPH-affiliated faculty made the list of 2016's ["Highly Cited Researchers"](#) by Clarivate Analytics: **Christopher Murray** (GH, HServ), **Mohsen Naghavi** (GH), **Bruce Psaty** (Epi, HServ), **Ross Prentice** (Biostat), **John Crowley** (Biostat), **Alan Lopez** (GH), **Michael Brauer** (GH), **Michael Gale Jr.** (GH) and **Brian Saelens** (HServ).

## Making a Difference



In the U.S., 50 percent of women are sexually harassed in the workplace. In agriculture, that number jumps to 75 percent. A first-of-its-kind awareness and prevention

video on sexual harassment is being developed by a team led by **Victoria Breckwich Vásquez** (DEOHS) in the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (PNASH). The video "is a vital step" in addressing sexual harassment as an occupational health hazard for female farmworkers, according to Vásquez. Available in English and Spanish, the video will be distributed to farms for use in health and safety trainings. "It joins other efforts to prioritize agricultural worker health and safety," Vásquez says. In September, the PNASH team held the first-ever sexual harassment forum at Yakima Valley College. [Watch a great video](#) about the project.

## Around the Water Cooler

**Sara Mackenzie** (OD, HServ, PHM) is stepping down as assistant dean for undergraduate

[with Joshua Woodward](#)

**Jan. 10, 7:30-9:30pm**  
[Privilege and Education with](#)  
[UCLA's Pedro Noguero](#)

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

### ITHS Program

Applications are open for a one-year, mentored research training program at the Institute of Translational Health Sciences. The program provides skills training, career development opportunities and team science skills to work effectively within translational science teams. It's open to pre-doctoral public health students who meet the eligibility criteria. [Apply by Jan. 16, 2017](#).

### Jobs

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

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education to focus on her roles as director of the Public Health Major and senior lecturer in health services.



**Elizabeth Sharpe** (DEOHS) is taking a new job as assistant director of communications for UW-IT. She has been with department for more than eight years and with the UW for almost 15 years.



The Department of Biostatistics [recently hosted](#) the 2nd Seattle Symposium on Health Care Data Analytics, attracting 200 attendees who explored innovative methods for using big data in health research. **Patrick Heagerty** (pictured), **Andrea Cook** and **Jennifer Nelson** (all Biostat) took part.



**Amelia Vader** (GH) and **Kyle Davidson** (MPH '14, COPHP) welcomed Gabriel Thomas into the world at 2:55 am on Dec. 8. Gabriel weighed in at 8 lbs 3 oz. "We are exhausted and in love," Amelia says.



**Steven Gilbert** and PhD student **Rachel Shaffer** (both DEOHS) were recently interviewed on KEXP's Mind Over Matters about Washington state occupational lead standards. [Tune in](#) to hear the sustainability segment.



For World AIDS Day, **Jennifer Slyker** (GH, Epi) [wrote an op-ed](#) reflecting on what needs to happen to prevent adolescent AIDS deaths and to foster an AIDS-free generation. **Scott**



**Barnhart** and **Joanna Diallo** (both GH) also [authored an op-ed](#) about the global health industry and the fight against AIDS. It was featured in *Humanosphere*.



## Featured by the ASPPH

[Steven Zeliadt wins best paper of the year award from Veterans Affairs unit:](#)

**Steven Zeliadt** (HServ)

[Researcher takes part in study on urban planning and public health:](#)

**Andrew Dannenberg** (DEOHS)

[Researchers find homeopathic cold syrup effective for young children:](#)

**Jennifer Jacobs** (Epi)

[Shorter time between bariatric surgery and childbirth increases complications:](#)

**Brodie Parent** (MPH '16, Epi), **Ira Martopullo** (MPH '16, Epi), **Noel Weiss** (Epi), **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi)

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