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## SPH in the News

[\(At least\) 6 steps you can take to help prevent cancer](#) - *Seattle Times*; op/ed by **Jeffrey Duchin** (Epi)

[Time to treat tobacco like alcohol?](#) - *Crosscut*; quotes grad student **Nick Fradkin** (HServ)

[On climate change, are university researchers making a difference?](#) - *The Chronicle of Higher Education*; quotes **Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS)

[We've neglected diseases like the Zika virus for too long](#) - *Time*; an "Ideas" piece by **Marilyn Parsons** (GH)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Bruce Weir (Biostat) was an expert witness** for the

prosecution in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, first in the criminal and later in the civil case. He is an expert on forensic genetics and statistical probability.

## On the Calendar

**Feb. 9, 4:30-6:20pm**  
[The Chronic Disaster of Mental Health in Nepal: Strengthening Health Systems Before and After the Earthquake](#)

**Feb. 10, 10am-2pm**  
[UW Safety, Sustainability, and Preparedness Expo](#)

**Feb. 11, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Food in Social Networks](#)

**Feb. 18, 1-5pm**  
[Public Health Genomics Symposium](#)

## Congrats!



**Judd Walson** (GH, Epi) is heading [a new project](#) with the Natural History Museum in London to test mass drug strategies to rid the world of soil-transmitted helminths, better known as intestinal worms. They've won funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



**Tashina Robinson** and **Linda Oseso**, both graduate students in Epidemiology, have been selected as delegates to the 2016 [CDC Millennial Health Leaders Summit](#) in Atlanta. They'll spend two days in intensive training on how to prepare for careers as health equity leaders.



**Timothy A. DeRouen**, professor emeritus of Biostat, GH and Oral Health Sciences, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Dentistry degree by Khon Kaen University in Thailand.



Several SPH undergrads won awards in the inaugural [Global Health Business Case Competition](#), a forum for how businesses can help solve global health problems.



Interdisciplinary UW teams pitched programs to combat and prevent childhood pneumonia in Uganda. **Ryan Kouchakji** (EH) and **Isabella Stokes** (PH) were on the team that won second place, while **Maghara DePaoli** (PH) was on the third-place team.



## Making a Difference



Graduate students in a DEOHS class don hard-hats, safety glasses, and steel-toed boots as they visit local industries to learn about creating safer workplaces.

The class, *Environmental Health 564: Recognition of Health and Safety Hazards in Industry*, is taught by **Marty Cohen** and **Noah Seixas**. Over the fall quarter, the instructors took students to a foundry, a lead-acid battery manufacturer, a large cabinet shop, a construction site, and a steel plant. The class highlights the multi-disciplinary aspects of occupational health and is popular with budding industrial hygienists, doctors in occupational medicine, and industrial engineers. "It was much more than I could have learned from just reading a textbook and going to lectures," said student **Stephen Birch**. Read [the full story](#) and see a photo gallery.

## Around the Water Cooler



**Adam Drewnowski** (Epi) was a panelist for last week's "A White House Conversation on Child Hunger in America." See [what he had to say](#) about the dietary gap between rich and poor and the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**Kristie Ebi** (GH, DEOHS) took part in the recent climate change summit in Paris, where 191 countries agreed to keep average global

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

### New Jim Crow Teach-In

A day-long teach-in linked to the Health Sciences Common Book, *The New Jim Crow*, is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Ethnic Cultural Center and Kane Hall. [Find out more](#) about the events, including panel discussions and a movie.

### Opportunities

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

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temperature increase to "well below" 2 degrees C. [Read a Q and A](#) with her.



COPHP students, alumni and faculty took part in Seattle's [One Night Count](#) of the homeless early Friday. The overall tally in King County was up 19 percent over last year. See [team photo](#) on Facebook.



**Michael Gale Jr.** (GH) is director of the UW's new [Center for Innate Immunity and Immune Disease](#). It seeks to be a leader in finding therapies to regulate the body's defense system and fend off a wide variety of diseases.



**Barb McLaughlin** recently joined Epi as the grants manager. She comes to SPH with a decade's worth of experience at the UW, including seven years in the Department of Immunology.

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