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## SPH in the News

[Seattle scientist still pushes to lift funding ban on gun-violence studies](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Creating a culture of walkability on a college campus](#) - *The Daily*; quotes **Andrew Dannenberg** (DEOHS)

[We can expect more outbreaks like Zika as the climate changes](#) - *Huffington Post*; quotes **Kristie Ebi** (GH, DEOHS)

[Precision medicine: Teasing out ethical Q's around patient info](#) - *HSNewsBeat*; interviews **Malia Fullerton** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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## Who Knew??



**Public Health Major Julia Yen** and fellow undergrad Josh

Kong met through mutual friends in the Vietnamese Student Association. They were featured in a #UWLoveStory post promoted on Valentine's Day. See [the full post](#).

## On the Calendar

**Feb. 23, noon-1pm**  
[Hot Topics Webinar: Stakeholder Engagement for Suicide Prevention](#)

**Feb. 24, 4:30-6pm**  
[Climate Change Adaptation Financing and Health](#)

**Feb. 25, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[The California Environmental Health Tracking Program](#)

*We'll keep you busy: take a*

## Congrats!



Nominees for this year's UW [Distinguished Staff Award](#) include **Julie Brunett** (GH), **Shelly Tonge-Seymour** (I-TECH) and **Kevin Schuda** (Epi). They'll be recognized at a university-wide reception on March 1.



MCH student **Priya Patel** was one of 10 people in the U.S. selected to join the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's [Trainee Ambassador](#) leadership skills and mentoring program.



It was a sweep for PhD student **Brittany Weldon** (DEOHS). She received the Risk Assessment Specialty Section Perry J. Gehring Best Graduate Student Abstract Award and the Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section Student Award from the Society of Toxicology (SOT). She also won best abstract from the International Society for Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology. Weldon and PhD student **Anna Engstrom** (DEOHS) received travel awards to attend the annual meeting of the SOT.



**Sarah Gimbel** and **Pamela Kohler** (both GH) are co-directors of the new [UW Center for Global Health Nursing](#), within the School of Nursing. The center will launch March 10 and partner with local, national and global nursing organizations and academic institutions to improve health and address disparities.



## Making a Difference



**Betty Bekemeier, Sara Mackenzie, Jack Thompson** and **Amy Hagopian** (HServ) traveled to Olympia with more than 30 SPH students for the Washington Public Health Association's

"Public Health Legislative Day." Thompson is chair of the WPHA. They met with various lawmakers and officials, including Secretary of Health **John Wiesman** (HServ). Students learned how to frame arguments around e-cigarettes, raising the minimum age to buy tobacco to 21, the suicide prevention bill, and Medicaid suspension for incarcerated people. They saw clinical faculty member **Gerry Pollet** (D-Seattle) on the House Education Committee, ran into **Noah Seixas** (DEOHS) testifying in support of a bill to study injuries to janitors in commercial buildings, and saw COPHP alumna **Sierra Rotakhina**, now with the Board of Health.

## Around the Water Cooler



COPHP student **Emily Turk** [wrote about her efforts](#) documenting the health effects of toxic vapors on Hanford nuclear site workers. She received a grant from the Northwest Public Health Training Center.

**Marlena Norwood** (PHM) shared her love of biostatistics and epidemiology in [The Power of](#)

look at the [SPH Events Calendar](#).

### Sustainability Survey

The UW Sustainability Office is conducting a [quick survey](#) to help the six Health Sciences Schools become more green.

### Opportunities

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

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[Numbers](#) in The Johns Hopkins University *imagine* magazine. The issue was devoted to the growing popularity of undergraduate public health programs.



**Howard Frumkin** (OD, DEOHS) and WA Secretary of Health **John Wiesman** (HServ) wrote letters to key US House and Senate leaders, urging reconciliation of two bills that would modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, a 40-year-old chemical safety law.



**Jorge "Coco" Alarcon**, a landscape architect student earning a GH certificate, is on a team studying the links between green spaces and mosquito-borne illnesses such as Zika. He's working on a project in a floating slum in Peru. See [the article and slideshow](#).



**Peggy Hannon** (HServ) researches workplace wellness programs and cancer screening. She also sings in the Rainier Chorale. Read more in [this month's Close Up](#).

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