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The latest news about our SPH community



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## SPH in the News

[Vaginal ring may cut HIV infection risk if used consistently](#) - *AIDS.gov*; cites research by **Elizabeth Brown** (Biostat) and **Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi)

[What runners and cyclists need to know about our air pollution](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi)

[Labor unions are boons for community health, study finds](#) - *NewsBeat*; quotes **Jenn Hagedorn** (HServ), **Amy Hagopian** (GH, HServ) and **Noah Seixas** (DEOHS)

[Delayed care faulted in immigrants' deaths at detention centers](#) - *New York Times*; quotes **Marc Stern** (HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Leo Morales (HServ)**, who grew up speaking

Spanish, learned to read English in the 5th grade through comic books. In a [KUOW profile](#), he also talks about a school project that stood out: learning how a sewage treatment plant works. Yes, it smelled. But Morales says it taught him the world was full of mysteries waiting to be solved.

## On the Calendar

**Jul 22, 11:00 am**  
[Webinar: Health Equity in the Well-Woman Exam](#)

**Jul 25, 8am-4:15pm**  
[Surviving & Thriving during the Research Years](#)

## Congrats!



**Jonathan Fintzi** (Biostat) won the oral competition and **Joshua Keller** (Biostat) was runner-up for the written category of the 2016 WNAR (Western North American Region of The International Biometric Society) [Student Paper Competition](#). **Adam Brand**, **Arjun Sondhi** and **Qian Zhang** (all Biostat) were also cited for their excellent submissions.



The Group Health Foundation awarded PhD student and Group Health Research Institute employee **Julie Richards** (HServ) the \$3,000 Ethel Taylor Endowed Scholarship.



**Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ) was named vice chair of the UW's new Population Health Council, which will develop [a 25-year vision](#) for improving health around the world. Other SPH-affiliated faculty named to the panel: **Jurgen Unutzer** (GH, HServ), **Sallie Sanford** (HServ), **Judy Wasserheit** (GH, Epi), **David Eaton** (DEOHS), **Jane Simoni** (GH), **Clarence Spigner** (HServ, GH) and **India Ornelas** (HServ).



**Marilyn Hair** (DEOHS) received the [Jeannie Peeper Presidential Lifetime Leadership Award](#) for her contributions to Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva patients and families.



Three Epi grad students were selected for this summer's Public Health Epi Scholars Program. **Emily Begnel**, **Megan Suter** and **Cameron Haas** are taking part in 10-week paid internships in applied epidemiology research at Public Health - Seattle & King County. The students were selected from a pool of applicants from 15 universities. Find out [what they're working on](#).



## Making a Difference



Each week, **Julie Beschta** (GH) jumps on the train after work to go to the Boys and Girls Club at Rainier Vista to provide after-school tutoring support for elementary and middle school students who live in nearby low- and mixed-income housing communities in South Seattle. The Youth Tutoring Program, run by Catholic Community Services, relies on volunteers throughout the school year and summer. "I love spending time with the kids," Beschta says. "Most come from immigrant and refugee families so it's a nice way to support the kids' education and their families, many of whom are new to the US. They are also my neighbors, so it is fun to get to know them better!"

## Around the Water Cooler

Dean **Howard Frumkin** and SPH leadership

**Aug 1-3**

[Summer Institute for Public Health Practice](#)

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

### Student Survey

University District Street Medicine, which addresses health care needs of the homeless, is seeking input from SPH students to better characterize service learning and inter-professional collaboration in Health Sciences.

Deadline to answer [this short survey](#) is Aug. 1.

### Jobs

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

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have called for the UW to disengage from the prison industry. They sent [a memo](#) to President **Ana Mari Cauce**, Provost **Gerald Baldasty** and Board of Regents Chair **William S. Ayer** after an active group of students, staff and faculty had raised this issue.



HIHIM post-baccalaureate certificate student **Adele Kroeger** was appointed to the AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association) [Student Advisory Committee](#) for a one-year term.



ICYMI: We recorded the 2016 Stephen Stewart Gloyd Endowed Lecture, given by **Sanjay Basu** of Stanford University. Watch [Optimizing the Effects of Social Safety Nets on Public Health](#).



Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting & Expo in Denver Oct. 29-Nov. 2. Early-bird [registration](#) ends Aug. 11.



**Peter Johnson** and **June Spector** (both DEOHS) are featured in this [WholeU piece](#) about posture. Johnson, who has collaborated with Logitech and Microsoft to design keyboards and mice, shared tips for setting up an ergonomic workspace. He also recommended switching sitting positions and moving around. Spector echoed the importance of getting out of the chair. "Above all," she says, "inactivity ... is probably not the best idea."



## Featured by the ASPPH

[Certain Immigrant Communities May Be at Risk for Future Outbreaks:](#)

**Elizabeth Wolf** (MPH '14, Epi), **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi)

[Traumatic Brain Injury not Linked to Alzheimer's:](#)

**Paul Crane, Eric Larson** (both HServ)

[Professor Appointed to NIH Review Panel on Infectious Diseases:](#)

**Lisa Manhart** (Epi, GH)

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