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The latest news about our SPH community

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SPH in the News

Why the pain drug that killed Prince can be especially dangerous - *Scientific American;* quotes **Gary Franklin** (DEOHS, HServ)

Patient trial validates Wearable Artificial Kidney concept - *HSNewsBeat;* cites research by **Larry Kessler** (HServ)

Digital disabilities — text neck, cellphone elbow — are painful and growing - *Washington Post;* quotes **Debra Milek** (DEOHS)

Want a better higher education system? Raise taxes - *The Seattle Times;* op-ed co-authored by **Aaron Katz** (GH, HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Foundation Funding Opportunities »

Who Knew??

Ann Warner Smith, the new administrative coordinator for the Chair's Office of Health Services, has played and coached roller derby for six years. She played as Annie Warhead for the Rat City Roller Girls and has coached at least five undefeated seasons with her daughter's teams for the Seattle Derby Brats.

On the Calendar

June 21, 12-1pm
Hot Topics in Practice Webinar: Reducing Sugar Consumption

June 22, 6:30-8:30pm
Rock Star Women in Science

June 27, 7:15-9am
2016 Birnbaum Lecture:

Congrats!

Nearly 350 graduating students and more than 2,000 family and friends attended the SPH graduation celebration last week at Alaska Airlines Arena. See our graduation page with photos, Facebook album and speech by **William Foege** (Epi).

HIHIM undergrad **Luke Nishiko** was the School's gonfaloniere, carrying the School banner at UW Commencement at Husky Stadium on June 11.

MPH grad **Maria Artunduaga** (GH) received $25,000 in funding to lead the nascent collaboration between the UC Berkeley Bioengineering department and the Global Health Sciences program at UCSF. The grant is sponsored by the Gilead Foundation.

The Women's Health Initiative at Fred Hutch received a five-year extension and nearly $50 million in funding. Principal investigator of the WHI's Clinical Coordinating Center is **Garnet Anderson** (Biostat).

An additional three SPH students were featured on the "Husky 100" list for making a difference on campus and in their communities: **Terra Hoy** (incoming PH Major), **Alec Sullivan** (GH Minor) and **Dominic Tran** (GH Minor). The Husky 100 recognizes undergraduates and grad students whose passion, leadership and commitment inspire others to share their own Husky Experience. Previously announced Husky 100 members in this space were **Alice Popejoy** (PHG), **Marlena Norwood** (PHM), **Tiffany Woelfel** (HServ) and **Hanna Dinh** (MHA).

Making a Difference

More than 2.7 billion people live in areas at risk of the Zika virus and UW researchers are helping to lead the way to stop the virus from spreading. A team from **Michael Gale Jr.'s** (GH) lab was recently featured on Q13 Fox for work on the Zika virus. Researchers are trying to figure out how the virus blocks immune cells in the body and, more importantly, how it spreads from a pregnant mom to her fetus. U.S. Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), while on a trip to Harborview Medical Center to support $1.1 billion in emergency funding for the Zika virus, asked what was being done in Seattle. The Department of Global Health surveyed faculty and learned of more than a dozen projects underway. (*Photo: Steve Ringman/The Seattle Times*)

Around the Water Cooler

Jesse Jones-Smith is a new strategic hire who will address the School's emerging challenge of

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obesity, food, physical activity and health. She is an associate professor in Health Services and a core member of the Nutritional Sciences faculty. She comes to us from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Frederick Rivara and **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (both Epi) spoke passionately about their gun violence research with UW Medicine's *Pulse*. This podcast episode explores gun violence statistics in the U.S. and how the researchers hope their ongoing study of an intervention at Harborview Medical Center will prevent future violence.

The 2016 issue of Northwest Public Health explores how social determinants impact health. See pieces by Center Director **Betty Bekemeier** (HServ), **Stephen Bezruchka** (GH, HServ) and more in the School's annual magazine, produced by the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice.

PhD student **Rachel Shaffer** (DEOHS) was featured on NPR as a "cool communicator of science" Her blog, Rachel Talks Tox, was also highlighted.

PhD student **Kelsey Schmidt** (Nutritional Sciences) competed in the Miss USA 2016 contest earlier this month in Las Vegas. The reigning Miss Washington USA can be seen practicing the trapeze and strolling through the UW campus in this pageant video.

Featured by the ASPPH

Mapping Wealth and Diet Quality;
 Adam Drewnowski, Anju Aggarwal (Epi)

Faculty Member Named President of American Society for Nutrition;
 Marian Neuhouser (Epi, Nutritional Sciences)

Collaboration Leads to Major Malaria Discovery;
 Joseph Smith (GH)

Faculty Member Receives $2.5 Million NIH Grant for Obesity Prevention;
 Linda Ko (HServ)

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