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SPH in the News

[New task force to tackle heroin epidemic in Seattle, King County](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ)

[Following Flint, unanswered questions about Washington's lead poisoning](#) - *Crosscut*; quotes **Steven Gilbert** (DEOHS)

[Disparity in life spans of the rich and poor is growing](#) - *New York Times*; quotes **Christopher Murray** (GH, Epi)

[Panel undecided on screening all kids for autism](#) - *Health*; quotes **David Grossman** (HServ)

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Who Knew??



Undergrad Vy Tran (Env. Health) makes candles out of

recycled coffee grounds. It started as a school project. Now she sells the candles in Seattle stores and online. A portion of the revenue goes to support coffee farmers in Latin America. Check out [the website!](#)

On the Calendar

March 8, 1-3pm
[UW Organizational Excellence Showcase 2016](#)

March 10, 12:30-1:20pm
[Air Pollution and Environmental Justice: Can We Address Both?](#)

March 16, 10-11am
[Flint and Lead: The Water/Public Health Connection](#)

Congrats!



Affiliate Professor **Michelle Williams** (Epi), who taught here from 1992-2011 as a professor of Epi and GH, was [named new dean](#) of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, starting in July.



A study led by **Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi) on a vaginal ring that lowered HIV rates in African women received widespread media coverage, from [The Seattle Times](#) to [The New York Times](#). Co-authors included **Elizabeth Brown** and **Barbra Richardson** (both Biostat).



Junior **Michelle Chan** (PHM) has won a Libraries Student Employee Scholarship of \$1,000. She was one of 12 winners recognized at a reception on Wednesday.



The 2015-16 Tobacco Studies Scholars are grad students **Juliet D'Alessandro**, **Nick Fradkin**, **Elizabeth Medeiros** (all HServ), **Manali Vora** (Epi), and **Vasundhara Sridharan** (Psych). [Read more.](#)



PhD student **Shirley Chang** (DEOHS) won the Colgate-Palmolive Award for Student Research Training in Alternative Methods from the Society of Toxicology. She will learn a new in vitro technique at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill this spring.



David Flum (HServ) was named UW Medicine's associate chief medical officer, responsible for initiatives to deliver the most patient-centered, effective and efficient care possible.

Making a Difference



More than a dozen undergrads in the Public Health Major have been canvassing Seattle neighborhoods to give seniors information on fire safety. The students partnered with the Seattle

Fire Department and King County Emergency Medical Services for their capstone project -- a course taught by **Deb Hinchey** (HServ) that requires 50 hours of individual community service. "We have gone out nearly every other weekend (sometimes with Seattle firefighters) and knocked on doors of residents over 65 years old," says senior **Alexandria Mann** (pictured, center). "These records are gained from voting precinct data. If the seniors are willing to let us in, the firefighters install smoke and CO alarms while we teach them how to do CPR and call 911." The students' efforts -- and this photo -- were featured in a recent Seattle Fire Department newsletter. At left is Senior **Aileen Isakharov**.

Around the Water Cooler

Top EPA Administrator **Gina McCarthy** will address "Protecting the environment, protecting public health: The EPA Mission" on March 9, from

March 17, 3-5pm
[Delivering Health Care Throughout the World, From Battlefields to Shipboard, to Hospitals](#)

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

SPH Service Day

Students, faculty and staff will come together to give back to the community on Saturday, April 9. [Sign up now](#) for a project: the Longfellow Creek Restoration Project in West Seattle or the Food Lifeline Food Bank in Shoreline.

Opportunities

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

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10:45-11:30 am, in the Petersen Room of Allen Library. Before her talk, which is open to all UW, she will discuss environmental health, focusing on children, climate change, air, and communities, with selected faculty from DEOHS.



Deepa Rao (GH) was scheduled to speak at the White House March 3-4 during a meeting on HIV stigma. [Read more](#).



Tania Busch Isaksen (DEOHS) organized the Healthy Choices Fair in January at the Environment and Adventure Middle School in Kirkland. Among the speakers were MS student **Jill Falman** (Environmental Health) and alumna **Alex Kossik** (PHM). Their talk was on "The Science of Poop."



King Holmes' (GH, Epi) impact is highlighted in this feature, [Building sustainable health systems, one doctor at a time](#), about **Kassahun Desalegn Bilcha**, founder and director of the King Holmes Continuous Professional Development Center in Ethiopia.



The [latest issue](#) of *SPH Connect* features stories on new scholarship winners, gun violence research led by **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** and **Fred Rivara** (both Epi), an endowment honoring **William "Bill" Dowling** (HServ), and more.

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