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SPH in the News

[Embedding traffic signals in sidewalks for smartphone users](#) - *Washington Post*; references research by **Beth Ebel** (Epi, HServ) and **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Climate change far more than an environmental issue](#) - *USA Today*; quotes **Howard Frumkin** (DO, DEOHS)

[High levels of lead found in water at 2 Tacoma schools](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Daniela Witten** (Biostat)

[Why your salmon fillet could be full of cocaine](#) *Vice*; cites UW research (DEOHS)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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Who Knew??



Elizabeth Sharpe (DEOHS) loves great writing -

and produces it herself. She penned [a powerful piece](#) for *The Seattle Weekly* about sex workers and the down-and-out - and an Aurora Avenue day shelter that provides them resources and a community. Her reporting was done while in an online narrative journalism course.

On the Calendar

May 6, 3-5pm
[Preparing for the Emerging Zika Virus Epidemic](#)

May 6, 4:30-6:30pm
[Global Health Trivia Night](#)

May 13, 3-6pm
[SPH Excellence Awards](#)

May 17, 1:30-4pm
[DEOHS Student Research](#)

Congrats!



The winners of this year's Grayston Day Fellowships—and recipients of \$10,000—are incoming MPH student **Shadae Paul** (GH) and MHA student **Amanda Chin** (HServ). As a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Fiji, Shadae developed health education and wellness promotion activities. She plans to pursue both an MPH and MPA. Amanda is not only an MHA student, but she is also the primary earner for her parents and three younger siblings.



MPH student **Elizabeth Medeiros** (HServ) received the inaugural Grayston Society Choice Award for her research on a lung cancer screening study and the tobacco industry's influence. Her poster was part of the MPH Practicum Symposium.



Miriam Alvarado (MPH, GH '13) won a prestigious [Gates Cambridge Scholarship](#). She will study the impact of the government's tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in Barbados.



Patrick Heagerty (Biostat) was approved for a \$1 million [funding award](#) from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. He and his colleagues will study evaluation methods needed to ensure that reproducible learning occurs within health care delivery systems.



Hanne Thiede (Epi) received the 2015 Noreen Harris Award for Excellence in Public Health Epidemiology. The 2014 winner was **Sharon Hopkins** (MPH, Epi '89).

Making a Difference



UW President **Ana Mari Cauce** invited the UW community and its partners to develop a long-range vision for improving health and well-being across the planet. "We have an opportunity to help people live longer, healthier, more productive lives - here and around the world," Cauce said. The ultimate goal is to reduce health disparities, tackle the challenges of sustainability, and inspire the next generation of decision-makers. "Our aspiration is nothing less than to change the world," she said. The plan to create a 25-year vision would start with the formation of a new Population Health Leadership Council. In [her speech](#), Cauce singled out research by PhD student **Lu Chen** and Research Professor **Christopher Li** (both Epi) on disparities in breast cancer treatment and diagnosis. She also highlighted a project led by **Jennifer Unger** (GH) that uses text messaging in Kenya to link new mothers with health professionals to decrease infant mortality.

Around the Water Cooler

"Social justice and public health are intertwined," UW Regent **Rogelio Riojas** (MHA '77) said

[Day](#)

May 20, 11am-6pm
[Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)

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

Gloyd Lecture

Sanjay Basu, a primary care physician and epidemiologist at Stanford University, will deliver this year's Stephen Stewart Gloyd Endowed Lecture on May 19 at 5 pm. He will discuss the effects of social safety nets on public health. Add [this event](#) to your calendar!

Opportunities

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

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during his [Distinguished Alumni Award lecture](#). Riojas, who received the School's highest honor, talked about his efforts to improve access to health, education and housing for the poor, especially people of color.



More than 100 people attended this year's MPH Practicum Symposium to meet with 45 students and view 65 research posters. [See photos](#) from the event, held at UW's Intellectual House.



Dean **Howard Frumkin** issued [a statement](#) after meeting with student activists on prison divestment. Meanwhile, nearly 150 people signed up to serve on work groups stemming from the recent SPH forum on race and equity.



COPHP students presented a poster at the UW's Teaching and Learning Symposium last month. COPHP has had a Committee on Oppression and Racism in Education (CORE) for three years. See the program's [anti-racism webpage](#).



Victoria Breckwich Vasquez, director of community engagement and education (Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center, DEOHS), serves on the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Featured by the ASPPH

[Study addresses widely used drugs for surviving cardiac arrest](#)

Susanne May (Biostat)

[No evidence of price increases after Seattle's initial minimum wage increase](#)

Jennifer Otten (Nutritional Sciences, HServ)

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