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SPH in the News

[Lead poisoning in WA boy traced to sheepskin rugs](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes

Catherine Karr (DEOHS, HServ)

[Panel iterates dangers of the Zika virus and potential for U.S. outbreak](#) - *UW Daily*; quotes **Jeffrey Duchin** (Epi) and **Paul Yager** (GH)

[Bullying is a 'serious public health problem,' report says](#) - *CNN*; quotes **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Withholding recess is banned in 10 states. But it's common in Seattle](#) - *KUOW*; quotes **Pooja Tandon** (DEOHS)

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Who Knew??



[Jay Vornhagen \(GH-Pathobio\) plays the French horn](#) as

a member of the official band of the Seattle Sounders Football Club, the Sound Wave. He has played the French horn for nearly 16 years. Jay also does outreach with the band, playing for a community of special needs children at Camp Long every season, as well as for the Special Olympics.

On the Calendar

May 19, 5-6:30pm

[Stephen Gloyd Lecture](#)

May 20, 11am-6pm

[UW Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)

May 26, 4-6pm

[Third Annual SPH Undergraduate Symposium](#)

Congrats!



This year's winners of the Omenn Awards for Academic Excellence are PhD student **Jean Morrison** (Biostat) and MPH/MSW student **Farah Mohamed** (GH). Jean's work spans a range of topics in public health genetics, focusing on health outcomes in multi-ethnic and non-white populations. Farah frames every public health problem through the lens of social justice.



Tory Brundage (OD) received the Anderson-O'Connell Award for Outstanding Staff Service for his outreach and advising work in the Public Health Major. Read a complete list of this year's winners of the [SPH Awards of Excellence](#).



Daniele Meñez (Public Health Major) [was elected](#) president of the ASUW board of directors. "Whatever issues the students are passionate about is what we are going to tackle first," she said.



Daniela Witten (Biostat) received the [Ray Carroll Young Investigator Award](#), given every two years by Texas A&M to a statistician who has made important contributions.



Paul Nevin (MPH, GH '15) won the Society of Professional Journalists' [National Mark of Excellence Awards](#) for feature photography (large school division). Paul took photos in Kenya as part of a project documenting efforts to save mothers' lives.

Making a Difference



Undergrad **Daniele Meñez** (PHM) and staff member **Alexandra Kossik** (DEOHS) were recognized at the SPH Excellence Awards for their community service and volunteer work. Daniele serves as a liaison for Pacific Islanders on the UW campus in her role as director of the ASUW Pacific Islander Student Commission. She works to ensure the campus is a positive place for students to challenge themselves to grow and succeed. Alexandra, a research scientist, has raised money and recruited athletes for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She's also been a Girl Scout troop leader, and finds ways to incorporate public health principles into the organization's activities (think food safety when camping).

Around the Water Cooler



Reminder: Race and equity work groups will begin meeting tomorrow on increasing student, staff and faculty diversity, and other topics. Here are [dates and times](#). For more background, look for Race and Equity Updates on the [SPH Diversity page](#).

PhD student **Heather Fowler** (DEOHS) will offer an overview of the history of backyard poultry

Jun 2, 4:30-6:30pm
[Global WACH End of Year Event: "The Next Big Thing: Adolescent Health"](#)

[SPH Events Calendar](#)

SPH Graduation

William Foege (Epi) – who was instrumental in the successful campaign to eradicate smallpox – will speak at the [SPH Graduation Celebration](#) on Wed., June 8, at Hec Ed Pavilion (Alaska Airlines Arena). The formal ceremony runs from 3pm to 4:30pm, followed by an all-school reception at the Don James Center (Husky Stadium).

Focus Group

SPH 590 invites all students to join a discussion about student debt sponsored by the Economic Opportunity Institute. The student-led focus groups will take place at UW South Campus Center, Room 309, on May 24 and 25 at 5pm. Questions? Contact dimitrij@uw.edu

Jobs

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

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ownership, and how to stay safe around birds, [during a talk](#) at Town Hall Seattle at 6 pm Friday, May 20.



Several students from DEOHS took part in the [Paws-on Science](#): Husky Weekend at the Pacific Science Center. UW scientists and students shared cutting-edge research with thousands of adults and children through hands-on science activities.



David Townes (GH) was featured in a Q and A with [UW Medicine Insight](#). He is a public health and medical technical advisor to the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID, and a medical epidemiologist for the CDC.



Undergrad **Lauren Mittelman** (PHM) is interviewing people and compiling stories for The Vulnerability Collective, a series of 100 anonymous true stories about resilience, struggle and vulnerability written by UW community members. [See story](#) in *The Daily*.

Featured by the ASPPH

[Labor unions offer opportunity for public health innovation;](#)
Jenn Hagedorn, Amy Hagopian (HServ)

[Serosorting can be effective HIV prevention strategy;](#)
Christine Khosropour (Epi)

[Professor chairs National Academies' report on bullying;](#)
Fred Rivara (Epi), **Megan Moreno** (HServ)

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