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## SPH in the News

[Sorry, but your loofah is probably really nasty](#) - Yahoo! Beauty; quotes **Marilyn Roberts** (DEOHS, GH)

[Maternal mortality rate in U.S. rises, defying global trend, study finds](#) - New York Times; quotes **Nicholas Kassebaum** (GH)

[Aerial spraying: Should Miami Beach residents worry about this anti-Zika effort?](#) - WLRN; quotes **Richard Fenske** (DEOHS)

[School lunches: Let's get packing](#) - Seattle's Child; quotes **Anne-Marie Gloster** (Nutr, Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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## Who Knew??



**Carey Farquhar** (GH, Epi) is an avid long-distance trail runner. She recently took part in the Cascade Crest 100-mile endurance run and finished in 30 hours. [Learn more](#) about Farquhar and her vision as the new associate chair for academic programs in the Department of Global Health.

## On the Calendar

**Oct. 13, 12:30-1:20pm**  
["Nature Contact: A Strategy for Environmental Health?"](#) - Howard Frumkin

**Oct. 17, 3:30-5pm**  
[SustainableUW Festival: Changing Global Health Ecosystems](#)

**Oct. 20, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Peter A. Breyse Memorial](#)

## Congrats!



Alumna **Kelly Walters** (MPH '16, GH) won the Graduate School's 2016 Distinguished Thesis Award in Biological Sciences for her work on treatment-seeking behavior and delay among Ugandan children with severe malaria.



PhD student **Alfred Osofi** (Epi), who works with the Kenya Research and Training Center (GH), received a [Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award](#) (K43) to study gestational diabetes and hypertension.



**Anne Turner** (HServ) is among [23 new fellows](#) who will be inducted into the American College of Medical Informatics at a Nov. 13 ceremony in Chicago.



A team led by **Catherine Karr** (DEOHS, Epi) was awarded [nearly \\$5 million](#) from the NIH to study stress, air pollution and child development. The grant is part of a \$157 million, seven-year initiative called Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes, or ECHO. **Sheela Sathyanarayana** (DEOHS) is a co-principal investigator.



PhD candidates **Lauren Schwartz** and **Emily Deichsel** (both Epi) won pre-doctoral research [fellowship grants](#) (F31) from the NIH. Schwartz plans to use the prestigious award to study the rotavirus vaccine's effectiveness against severe diarrhea. Deichsel plans to study the relationship between maternal health and diarrheal disease among HIV-exposed, uninfected infants.

## Making a Difference

**6.5 million** people work at approximately 252,000 construction sites across the nation. **1 in 5** worker deaths were in construction in 2014.



Forty people are ready for jobs in construction this year, thanks to an 11-week program that provides skills training to adults in King County—most of whom have overcome adversity. Experts at SPH help ensure that students from the Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Education (PACE) program have "safer, longer careers in a construction trade," says **Butch de Castro** (DEOHS). He oversees the Worker Training Program that provides workplace health and safety training for PACE. In an industry rife with job hazards, SPH is "committed to reducing work-related injuries... through education," he adds. PACE, sponsored by the Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council, satisfies the need for skilled workers and gives people an opportunity to make steady paychecks and pay their bills. [Watch a compelling video about the program's impact.](#)

## Around the Water Cooler

**Tracy Woodman** (GH) was named deputy director of [Health Alliance International](#). She previously served as executive director of the

[Lecture: "The Effects of Night Shift Work on Health" - Steven A. Shea](#)

**Oct. 22, 10am-5pm**  
[2016 Conference on Housing Justice](#)

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

### Bone Marrow Drive

[Alexes Harris](#) from UW Sociology, a highly respected colleague of SPH, is taking part in a bone marrow registry drive at Garfield High School in Seattle on Oct. 29 from 10am-2pm. Harris was recently diagnosed with a rare blood cancer. "I want to make my cancer matter," Harris [wrote](#). RSVP [here](#).

### Jobs

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

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SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training Fund.



**Tory Brundage** (OD) entered the PhD program in educational leadership and policy studies at the UW. He'll continue to work as a part-time student adviser for the [Public Health Major](#).



Join Interim Dean **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi) and other faculty, students and staff for an all-School [Town Hall meeting](#) at 3:30 pm Oct. 19 at Hogness Auditorium. Among the highlights will be an update on the UW's Population Health Initiative.



**Sean O'Hogan** (Biostat, OD) and his husband spent 10 months in Juchitán de Zaragoza, Oaxaca, Mexico, to provide an indigenous experience for their adopted children, who share similar biological Latin heritage.



Nearly 600 people turned out for this year's Public Health Petting Zoo to learn about SPH and cuddle with pigs, bunnies and chinchillas.



**Christine Khosropour** (Epi) gave birth to Julian Gary Schmidt on Sept. 3. "Big J" weighed 8lbs 14oz and was 21 inches long.

## Featured by the ASPPH

[Study details how Zika damages fetal brain;](#)

**Michael Gale Jr.** (GH), **Lakshmi Rajagopal** (GH), **Jay Vornhagen** (Pathobiology), **Blair Armistead** (Pathobiology)

[Breastfeeding reduces hospitalization among HIV-exposed infants;](#)

**Kristjana Ásbjörnsdóttir** (GH), **Jennifer Slyker** (GH, Epi), **Grace John-Stewart** (GH, Epi)

[Professor plays key role in report of cost-effective health care;](#)

**Anirban Basu** (HServ)

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