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SPH in the News

[Uncovering the female body's secret protection against HIV](#) - *PBS NewsHour*; quotes **Scott McClelland** (Epi, GH) and **Alison Roxby** (GH)

[The price of Zika? About \\$4 million per child](#) - *Wired*; quotes **David Pigott** (GH)

[Students join project to track air quality in Yakima Valley](#) - *The Seattle Times*; cites **Catherine Karr** (DEOHS, Epi)

[As temperatures rocket, cities fight heat waves](#) - *E&E Publishing*; quotes **Tania Busch Isaksen** (DEOHS, HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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Who Knew??



Senior **Anna Beebe** (PHM) lived almost half her life in the Caribbean, Argentina and the Czech Republic. Her parents were international schoolteachers. [Learn more](#) about her and why she likes cows and weeding.

On the Calendar

Sept. 8, 5:30-7pm
[Global Sustainability Development: The Role of Science, Technology and Innovation](#)

Sept. 9, 8am-3pm
[At the Edge of Amazing Community Health Summit](#)

Sept. 10, 11am-3pm
[Seattle Children's Research Institute Science Block Party](#)

Sept. 19-20
[Conference on Health](#)

Congrats!



Joel Kaufman (DEOHS, Epi) was [named interim dean](#), effective Sept. 24. "He is exactly the right leader who can sustain the excellence that characterizes the School of Public Health," said UW President **Ana Mari Cauce** and Provost **Gerald Baldasty**.



Patrick Heagerty (Biostat) was named the School's first Gilbert S. Omenn Endowed Chair in Biostatistics. **Timothy Thornton** (Biostat) is the first Robert W. Day Professor in Public Health.



The new endowed appointments are funded by former Dean **Gil Omenn** (DEOHS) and **Martha Darling**. Day (HServ) was the School's second dean, Omenn the third. [Read more](#).



Megan Ingram (OD) was honored at University Advancement's annual Fiscal Fling with a [UW Advancement Star Award](#).



Peggy Hannon (HServ) was appointed to the [James W. Mifflin University Professorship](#), which provides \$25,000 of support per year for five years. She directs the Health Promotion Research Center.



Magaly Blas (GH) won the "Women in Science" award from Peru's National Council of Science and Technology, UNESCO and L'Oréal Peru.

Making a Difference



Twenty-seven UW students are in London to take part in a four-week exploration seminar called [Dark Empire: Race, Health and Society in Britain](#). Led by **Clarence Spigner** (HServ, GH), the seminar examines the well-being of minorities in Britain, who make up 14 percent of the population. Instructors lead students through important conversations about ethnicity, class and politics, in hopes that "they learn by being out of their comfort zone," says **Tory Brundage** (PHM, OD), pictured. The students leave with five credits and, more importantly, a new perspective on race and diversity issues. MPH student **Eric King** (HServ) says his understanding of racism shifted thanks to the course structure and diverse student body. "It allowed me to dig deeper into the complexities and sophistication in which racism operates," he says.

Around the Water Cooler



Cynthia LeRouge (HServ) has been named associate director of the Master of Health Informatics and Health Information Management (MHIHIM) program.

Cory Morin (GH) is a new acting assistant professor and core faculty member at the Center

[Benefits of Climate Change Mitigation Policies and Technologies](#)

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

Diversity Committee

The SPH Diversity Committee is seeking new members from SPH staff. Email [Laura Rutledge](#) if you want to serve or would like to nominate someone. Include title, department and a brief statement on how you or the nominee can contribute to creating a diverse environment. Deadline is Sept. 9.

Jobs

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

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for Health and the Global Environment (CHaNGE). He joins us from NASA, where he designed [a risk map](#) to forecast the potential spread of Zika in the U.S.



Graduate student adviser **Rory Murphy** (DEOHS) [retired this summer](#) after 17 years with the UW. "I'll miss working with students. It keeps me young," said Murphy, who is looking forward to traveling more.



Sara Lindstroem (Epi) is a genetic epidemiologist from Sweden whose career began in engineering and physics. "I realized that physics wasn't really for me...statistics was real math; you could apply it to real problems," Lindstroem explains in [a Q&A](#).



Read about transgender health, the "well-woman visit" and more in the latest edition of [Northwest Bulletin: Family and Child Health](#), produced by the School's Center for Excellence in Maternal and Child Health.

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[Faculty member leads study using open-source malaria data;](#)
Wesley Van Voorhis (GH)

[School funds underrepresented students for environmental health research;](#)

June Spector (DEOHS), **Lianne Sheppard** (DEOHS, Biostat), **Rebecca Christ** (DEOHS), **Gabino Junior Abarca** (Env. Health)

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