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## SPH in the News

[Life expectancy falls by 5 years for Syrian men, new analysis finds](#) - *The New York Times*; quotes **Ali Mokdad** (GH, Epi, HServ)

[Could Amazon reviews keep you from getting sick? Researchers analyze text to predict food recalls](#) - *GeekWire*; quotes **Elaine Nsoesie** (GH)

[Oregon schools face a plethora of environmental concerns](#) - *Oregon Public Broadcasting*; quotes **Sheela Sathyanarayana** (DEOHS)

[Proposed ban on assault-style weapons 'makes sense'](#) - *KNKX*; interviews **Frederick Rivara** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Kate McGlone West (PH Genetics)** lived in Fairbanks for six years in a cabin

without running water. She coached high school diving, worked at Planned Parenthood of Alaska and studied changes in the boreal forest over time. Her research now focuses on the ethical implications of genetic and genomic research. Visit her [website](#).

## On the Calendar

**Sept. 20, 8-9am**  
[AIDS Clinical Conference: Renal Disease and HIV](#)

**Sept. 23, 1-2pm**  
[Violence Journal Club with Ali Rowhani-Rahbar](#)

**Sept. 27, 10am-2pm**  
[Public Health Petting Zoo](#)

**Oct. 3-5**  
[Washington State Public Health Association Annual Conference](#)

*We'll keep you busy: take a look*

## Congrats!



Senior Fellow **Kenneth Mugwanya** (Epi, GH) won the UW Graduate School's 2016 Distinguished Dissertation Award (Biological Sciences). His work on pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention "has been a tremendous collaboration between Epidemiology and Global Health," said **Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi). Nominators also include **Grace John-Stewart** (Epi, GH) and **Andy Stergachis** (GH, Epi, HServ).



**Curt Klaassen** (DEOHS) received the 2016 International Union of Toxicology Merit Award, which is bestowed once every three years.



**Steven Reed** (GH) was selected by the Washington Global Health Alliance for its 2016 Pioneer of Global Health [Award for Impact](#). A panel of judges, chaired by **Craig Rubens** (GH), said Reed "doesn't shy away from the tough, complicated diseases."



The School's Health Promotion Research Center received \$900,000 from the CDC to fund two special interest projects. Principal Investigators **Peggy Hannon** (HServ) and **Allison Cole** from



UW Family Medicine will evaluate the implementation of an intervention for colonoscopy screening. PI **Rachel Winer** (Epi) will test strategies to promote the HPV vaccine in East African communities in WA.

## Making a Difference



Volunteers from [University District Street Medicine](#) have assisted 400 homeless individuals in the past year, according to MPH student **Sara Marquis** (HServ), who hits the streets

with UDSM to provide first aid and connect the homeless with community resources. She is one of many students from UW's health sciences schools who provide care and counseling to the underserved population. "Going on outreach allows me to better understand how our administrative efforts affect patient care," she says. Marquis manages a database of local community programs that can be used to track resources and make patient referrals. She also coordinates data collection and reporting with undergraduate "scribes" to better anticipate the needs of the patient population. Other SPH student volunteers include **Leon Chan** (MHA), **Mary Kathleen Steiner** (HServ) and **Giannina Ferrara** (PHM).

## Around the Water Cooler



SPH students and professors will work with the city of Auburn on projects that address health and well-being. **Jennifer Otten** (Nutr, HServ) leads the new [Livable City Year](#) program alongside **Branden Born**, a professor of urban design and planning.

at the [SPH Events Calendar](#).

## SPH Day of Service

On Oct. 29, SPH students, faculty, staff and others will partner with Seattle/King County Clinic to produce a large-scale, free health clinic at Key Arena. Students must register with the [SKC Clinic](#) and [SPH](#). See a [video](#) of last year's clinic, which served more than 1,000 patients a day.

## Jobs

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

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**Randall Kyes** (GH) recently led his [100th field course](#), in Thailand. "I believe so much in the importance of traveling abroad," Kyes said. "It's real immersion."



MPH student **Linda Oseso** (Epi) has had big dreams: find the cure for HIV and compete in the Olympics. She now plays a unique role in the fight against HIV/AIDS and holds Kenya's record for the women's hammer throw. Learn more about Oseso in a [recent Close Up](#).



A [memorial service](#) for **Catherine Shen**, former SPH communications director, will be held at 4:30 pm on Sat., Oct. 1, at the Center for Urban Horticulture.



PhD student **Allison Meisner** (Biostat) and her sister, Master's student **Julianne Meisner** (Epi), summited Mt. Rainier last month. It took the pair three days and was their second attempt to reach the top of the 14,416-foot peak.



## Featured by the ASPPH

[New delivery strategy reduces HIV transmission;](#)

**Jared Baeten** (GH, Epi)

[ACA waiver offers "broad leeway" to develop alternative frameworks for health insurance;](#)

**Aaron Katz** (HServ, GH), **Samantha Hatzenbeler** (HServ)

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