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SPH in the News

[Population Health Initiative provides grants to support interdisciplinary faculty projects](#) - *The Daily*; mentions the School of Public Health

[Water shutoffs causing public health emergency](#) - *The Detroit News*; quotes **Wendy Johnson** (GH, HServ)

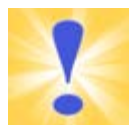
[Does the world's top weed killer cause cancer?](#) - *Bloomberg Businessweek*; quotes **Lianne Sheppard** (DEOHS, Biostat)

[NRL scientists find high prevalence of antibiotic resistance in Kenya](#) - *Infection Control Today*; cites research by **Judd Walson** (GH, Epi) and **Patricia Pavlinac** (GH)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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Who Knew??



Nikki Eller (HPRC, MPH '17, HServ) can play a mean "Stairway to

Heaven" on the harp. She's played since age six and has performed with the Seattle Youth Symphony Junior

Congrats!



Interim Dean **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi) and **Howard Frumkin** (DEOHS) are among [13 new members](#) elected to the Washington State Academy of Sciences. **Shirley Beresford** (OD, Epi, HServ), who was inducted in 2015, was elected to the academy's board.



Gov. **Jay Inslee** appointed MPH student **Peder Digre** (GH) as the student representative for the [Washington Student Achievement Council](#).



Sanjit Kaur and **Hannah Modin** (both MHA) were chosen to serve as co-president and treasurer, respectively, for the [UW Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School Chapter](#) for 2017-18.



Northwest Public Health [won an APEX 2017 award of excellence](#) for the magazine's 2016 issue, "Digging Deeper to Solve our Hardest Health Issues."



Six staff members of the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center, housed in the Department of Epidemiology, presented their research at the 2017 Alzheimer's Association International Conference in London last month. [See a Facebook photo](#) of **Lilah Besser**, **Merilee Teylan**, **Fang Han**, **Mark Bollenbeck**, **Duane Beekly** and **Kristen Schwabe-Fry** with Director **Walter Kukull**.

Making a Difference

The Department of Biostatistics hosted one of its largest and most diverse batches of participants at this year's [Summer Institutes](#). More than 900 people from 28 countries and

Orchestra and Seattle Rock Orchestra Social Club, among others.

On the Calendar

Aug. 7-9

[TOPMed Analysis Workshop](#)

Aug. 7, 6:30-7:30pm

[UW Farm Talk and Tour](#)

Aug. 16 & 17, 7pm

[Enlightened Aging Book](#)

[Reading and Signing](#)

Oct. 5, 3:30-5pm

[2017 Norm Breslow Memorial](#)

[Lecture](#)

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

Distinguished Alumni

Know an alum with a demonstrated record of distinguished service and achievement in public health? [Nominate them](#) for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award before Aug. 31.

Jobs

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

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44 U.S. states and territories converged at the UW in July to learn new skills and strategies to approach big data, statistical genetics, infectious diseases and clinical research. "The connection and collaboration is one of the most impressive things," said **Norma Rodriguez-Malave**, a post-doc in the Center for Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics at Cedar Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. "It's great to have a place where the best of the best come together to move science forward in a positive way. It's what we need right now." Rodriguez-Malave, originally from Puerto Rico, was among 470 people who received scholarships to attend. [See photos from the program.](#)

Around the Water Cooler



Jennifer Otten (DEOHS, Nutr) and **Daniela Vega** (PHM) are featured in [a great video](#) about the UW's inaugural Livable City Year program with the City of Auburn. Otten is co-director of the program and Vega was part of a group that [studied potential food rescue programs](#) for the city's school district.



Heather Fowler (PhD '17, DEOHS) is taking on a new role as director of public health research for the National Pork Board in Iowa. [Find out what she's looking forward to most](#) in a recent *Close Up*.



David Citrin (GH), founding co-director of the UW's Nepal Studies Initiative, was [recently named an editor](#) of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies' flagship journal, *HIMALAYA*.



A [column in NerdWallet](#) citing research by **Adam Drewnowski** and **Anju Aggarwal** (both Epi, Nutr) appeared on 235 news sites, including the *Huffington Post* and *USA Today*, reaching a potential audience of more than 215 million people. [Read about the study.](#)



Anjali Wagner (GH, Epi) and **Irene Njuguna** (Epi) presented exciting research at the 2017 International AIDS Society's Conference on HIV Science in France last month. See [Wagner](#) and [Njuguna](#) in action.



Featured by the ASPPH

[Three in five gun owners receive firearm trainings: Fewer learn about suicide prevention:](#)

Ali Rowhani-Rahbar (Epi)

[Native American casinos linked to lower rates of childhood obesity:](#)

Jessica Jones-Smith (HServ, Epi, Nutr)

[Johns Hopkins, Washington lead effort to create reporting guidelines for One Health epidemiological studies:](#)

Peter Rabinowitz (DEOHS, GH, Epi)

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