Congrats!

The UW Superfund Research Program, housed in DEOHS and led by Evan Gallagher and Zhengui Xia, received a five-year, $10 million award from the NIH to continue studying the effects that environmental pollutants pose to the nervous system. Thomas Burbacher directs the Community Engagement and Research Translation Cores. Clem Furlong is one of the four co-PIs.

The NIH renewed funding for the Northern Pacific Fogarty Global Health Fellows training program, led by the Department of Global Health, with a five-year, $4.5 million grant. Joe Zunt (GH, Epi) directs the program.

Senior Hannah Jolibois (PHM) and MPH student Natalie Hoge (COPHP) were recently awarded Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships from the U.S. Department of Education to study Arabic.

Ali Rowhani-Rahbar (Epi) was elected to the Board of Directors of the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research. Rahbar's recent study on firearm training in the U.S. was featured in several national news stories (Reuters and Mother Jones).

Research Spotlight

We know that connecting with nature is good for our health, thanks to a growing body of evidence. But how do you measure a dose of nature? Led by Howard Frumkin (DEOHS), a team of experts from the UW, Stanford, The Nature Conservancy and others says a robust research effort to answer questions like this has the potential to impact public health. "At a time when health care costs are skyrocketing, our population is aging, the opioid epidemic has reached alarming proportions and
mortality is actually rising for some groups, innovative approaches to prevention and treatment are needed," Frumkin says. "Nature contact may well be one such approach." The team assembled at the UW to map priorities for research on the health benefits of nature contact.

### Around the Water Cooler

**Todd Faubion** (GH) is the new director of Undergraduate Programs at the Department of Global Health. **Charlie Mock** (Epi, GH), who led the program during a period of growth, stepped down this year.

Eighty students from across the state and around the U.S. took part in a free, six-week summer program to prepare underrepresented students for careers in the health sciences. **Sara Mackenzie** (OD, HServ) explains why the program is unique in a new video. **Timothy Thornton** (Biostat) is also featured.

**Marijuana Messages to Youth**

**Henrietta Lacks Event**

The Institute for Public Health Genetics is hosting a screening of the HBO film, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, based on the popular book by Rebecca Skloot. A panel discussion will follow, featuring UW experts working to improve population health through genomic knowledge. [Join us!](#)

**Jobs**

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

**NewsCatcher Archive**

- Study suggests addressing depression during teens could prevent cannabis-use disorder; **Isaac Rhew** (Epi), **Ann Vander Stoep** (Epi)
- Researcher outlines priorities for little-known sexually transmitted infection; **Lisa Manhart** (Epi, GH)
- **Renu Garg** (MPH, Epi), **Gary Franklin** (DEOHS, HServ), **Deborah Fulton-Kehoe** (DEOHS, HServ)

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