Congrats!

PhD student Allison Meisner (Biostat) placed first in a student paper competition sponsored by the American Statistical Association’s Medical Devices and Diagnostics Section. She’ll present her winning paper at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings in Baltimore this summer.

Health Alliance International has received an award from USAID to help establish a national tuberculosis program in Mozambique. The two-year project, called Vital Strategies, is headed by James Cowan (GH).

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation received a historic $279 million gift from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Director Christopher Murray (GH, HServ) recently discussed the gift and presented an IHME tool to track world health data via Facebook Live.

PhD student Brittany Weldon (DEOHS) received an honorable mention during the 2016 Epidemiology in Occupational Health Conference in Barcelona. Her abstract on urinary microRNA profiles as biomarkers of occupational pesticide exposure was a finalist for the Best Abstract Student/New Researcher award.

MPH student Gabriel Cortez (COPHP) is the 2016-17 Rattlinggourd Scholar. Cortez, a descendent of the Navajo tribe, is interested in evaluating public health interventions within Native American communities.

Making a Difference

Seattle and King County leaders accepted the recommendations of a local opioid task force, which includes opening the nation’s first safe injection sites. People from SPH have supported the effort on the frontlines. Joel Kaufman (OD, DEOHS, Epi) endorsed the recommendations in a Jan. 17 letter to the county Board of Health, saying, “In King County alone, more than 200 people lost their lives in 2015 to heroin or prescription opioid abuse – creating a serious public health issue.” Undergrad Courtney Large (PHM), a needle exchange volunteer, spoke in person before a Jan. 19 board meeting. “We give people clean needles and then send them into alleyways to overdose,” she said. The board later voted unanimously to endorse the task force’s recommendations. Caleb Banta-Green (HServ) is a member of the task force and Jeffrey Duchin (Epi) is chair. Still, this week, COPHP students testified in front of the Senate Health Care Committee against a bill that would ban safe injection sites by removing local authority to establish them. Read more.

Around the Water Cooler

SHP teamed with Al Gore, the APHA, Harvard and others to revive a climate change summit
Patricia Garcia

Feb. 16, 12-1 pm
"Navigating the Complexity of Weight and Health" with The Whole U

Feb. 21, 3:30-5 pm
"Social Capital and Disaster Resilience: Lessons from the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami" with Ichiro Kawachi

Feb. 22, 10:30 am-1 pm
Roundtable Discussion of Income Inequality in Washington State

We’ll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.

DGH Livestream

If you missed an opportunity to RSVP for the Department of Global Health’s 10-year anniversary symposium, don’t fret! The event will be livestreamed, while more than 800 people are scheduled to attend in person at the Husky Union Building.

Jobs

SPH job listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

NewsCatcher Archive

Featured by the ASPPH

State DOH/SPH report: No unusual cancer rate among WA soccer players; Cathy Wasserman (Epi), Tania Busch Isaksen (DEOHS) Hypertension a hidden chronic condition among adults in suburban Nepal; Biraj Karmacharya (GH, PhD ’15 Epi)

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