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## SPH in the News

[Concussed kids who get active early seem to recover better](#) - *MedPage Today*;

quotes an editorial by **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[My favorite fanatics of 2016](#) - *GatesNotes*; **Bill Gates** highlights **Ana Mari Cauce** and mentions the School of Public Health

[Hospital leaders in Washington scramble to save key piece of Obamacare](#) - *Seattle Times*; quotes **Aaron Katz** (HServ, GH)

[Why are so many Americans dying young?](#) - *The Atlantic*; **Christopher Murray** (GH, HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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## Who Knew??



**Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi) wrote a book that briefly

made the *New York Times*' best-seller list. "Over the Counter Pills That Don't Work," published by Pantheon in 1983, was the result of research he did for the Public Citizen Health Research Group while taking a year off from his studies. Learn more about the interim dean in [a recent Close Up](#).

## On the Calendar

**Jan. 11, 12:30-1:30pm**  
[Kenya Research and Training Center Seminar with Marielle Goyette](#)

**Jan. 12, 12:30-1:20pm**  
[Food Equity and Population Health Seminar: "Achieving Food Sovereignty"](#)

## Congrats!



**Patricia Garcia** (GH, MPH '98, Epi) and **Bernice Dahn** (MPH '05, HServ) are the School's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awardees. Garcia and Dahn, the health ministers of Peru and Liberia, respectively, will give [a joint lecture](#) about the impact of a public health education on Feb. 7 at 7:30 pm in Kane Hall.



The Department of Global Health will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a day-long symposium, [Global Health: Next Decade, Next Generation](#), Feb. 8 at the HUB. Among the headliners: **Margaret Chan**, director-general of the WHO, **Peter Piot**, director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Garcia and Dahn.



**Scott Meschke** and Professor Emeritus **John Kissel** (both DEOHS) were appointed to [a new council](#) for the National Occupational Research Agenda of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The panel will address immune, infectious and dermal disease prevention.



**Nancy Tovar-Garcia** and **Teresa Mata-Cervantes** (both PHM) are the 2016-17 recipients of the Double Eagle II Endowed Scholarship. Raised in Wenatchee, the first-generation students are motivated to break down health literacy barriers among Hispanics.



Four SPH students [received scholarships](#) from the Tobacco Studies Program to pursue research and gain broader understanding of the global tobacco epidemic. They are **Jacob Delbridge** (HServ), **Katherine Garcia-Rosales** (Epi), **Hena Parveen** (HServ, COPHP) and **Manali Vora** (Epi).

## Making a Difference



This academic year, 240 students bring their fresh perspectives to an array of societal challenges, from refugee resettlement to homelessness. These students are part of the public health capstone course, a pioneering program at SPH that combines learning goals and community service to enhance student intellectual growth and the common good. So far, students have dedicated more than 20,000 cumulative hours supporting projects that strengthen local communities and provide services to vulnerable populations. "We fill so many different needs," says **Deborah Hinchey** (HServ). "Students are filling positions that help keep the doors open, they're interacting with people in need, helping clean bathrooms and showers." The work teaches humility and helps students better understand the communities they seek to serve. Read [the full story](#) in *SPH Connect*.

**Jan. 19, 12:30-1:20pm**  
["The Couple Dynamics of Water and Health in Botswana and Namibia" with Kathleen Alexander](#)

**Jan. 27, 9am-4pm**  
[Climate and Health Conference: "Protecting Population Health from Climate Variability and Change"](#)

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

### Health Equity Event

Join community leaders and social justice advocates for a day of dialogue on Friday, Jan. 20, from 10 am to 6:30 pm at Hogness Auditorium. The event includes presentations by Washington Supreme Court Justice **Mary Yu** and **Ben Danielson**, medical director of the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic. Don't forget to [RSVP](#).

### Jobs

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

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## Around the Water Cooler



**Victoria Holt** (Epi) will [retire from the UW](#) effective Aug. 1, and will continue to serve as Chair of the Department of Epidemiology until that date.



**India Ornelas** (HServ) [tells the story behind](#) the School's new core competency addressing the effects of racism on public health in a feature article for the Office of the Provost in partnership with the Race & Equity Initiative.

SPH has announced up to six new two-year, master's fellowships worth \$10,000 a year to [attract and retain students](#) with diverse experiences and perspectives.



A story about a Nutritional Sciences course on coffee was our most popular piece of the year. Check out what else made the list of the [top 10 SPH stories](#) of 2016.



In a new memoir, **Anne McTiernan** (Epi, PhD '82, Epi) chronicles her journey to adulthood after being emotionally starved as a young child and then struggling with food, body image and weight fluctuations for more than a decade. Learn more in [a Q&A with McTiernan](#).

## Featured by the ASPPH

[NIH grant provides long-awaited data on hormonal contraceptives and HIV:](#)

**Renee Heffron** (GH, Epi)

[Researcher studies health impacts of climate change in Pacific island countries:](#)

**Kristie Ebi** (GH, DEOHS)

[Targeted testing for the children of HIV-infected adults is effective and scalable:](#)

**Anjuli Wagner** (GH, MPH '12, PhD '15, Epi)

[Faculty member receives Partners in Health grant for implementation science in Liberia:](#)

**Bradley Wagenaar** (GH, PhD '15, Epi)

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