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SPH in the News

[More than 10 percent of world's population is obese, study finds](#) - *The New York Times*; quotes **Ashkan Afshin** (GH) and **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi, Nutr)

[Kidney-on-a-chip to travel to International Space Station](#) - *HS Newsbeat*; features research by **Edward Kelly** and **Ken Thummel** (both DEOHS)

[Billions to face 'deadly threshold' of heat extremes by 2100, finds study](#) - *Carbon Brief*; quotes **Kristie Ebi** (GH, DEOHS)

[City council passes soda tax, exempting diet drinks](#) - *The Stranger*; quotes **James Krieger** (HServ)

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Who Knew??



Elizabeth Kirk (Epi, Nutr) is an assistant coach for the U.S.

Women's National Rugby Team and will travel to Ireland in August for the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup. Kirk recently

Congrats!



[Ninety-five percent](#) of the School's job-seeking graduates are employed soon after graduation, according to a survey of 2014-15 alumni.



UW President **Ana Mari Cauce** gave [a shoutout](#) on Twitter to **Daniele Mempin Meñez** (PHM), departing ASUW president, for her speech at the 2017 UW Commencement Ceremony.



Noel Weiss (Epi) gave [the prestigious Cassel Lecture](#) at the 50th annual meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) last month in Seattle. Also, **Anjum Hajat** (Epi) won third place in an SER poster session for her research on the association of air pollution and stress.



PhD candidate **Ann Nguyen** (HServ) received a \$40,000 [R36 dissertation grant](#) from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to study how physician integration can help hospitals achieve success.



June Spector (DEOHS) [was voted onto](#) the board of directors of the Washington Poison Center.



Eleven UW graduate students, including nine from SPH, received [Thomas Francis, Jr. Global Health Fellowships](#) from the Department of Global Health. They will gain practical field experience in countries such as South Africa, Cambodia, Peru and India. SPH fellows include **Kristina Bajema** (Epi), **Rebecca Brander** (Epi), **Caitlin Cassot** (GH), **Katherine Garcia-Rosales** (Epi), **Jahn Jaramillo** (GH), **Michael Light** (GH), **Shadae Paul** (GH), **Manahil Siddiqi** (HServ) and **Carlie Sulpizio** (GH).

took on a full-time role as senior lecturer and associate director of the Nutritional Sciences Program.

On the Calendar

July 10, 4-5:30pm

[Environmental Justice Studies in the Anthropocene with David Pellow](#)

July 12, 12:30-1:30pm

[Kenya Research and Training Center Weekly Seminar with Elisabeth Vodicka](#)

July 13, 8am-5pm

[2017 Institutional Review Boards Conference](#)

July 18-19

[Essentials for Healthy Housing Practitioners](#)

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

SPH Graduation Video

Relive your favorite SPH graduation moments with [this awesome video](#), and share it with your families and friends. Also, view and download [photos from the event](#) online.

Jobs

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

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Making a Difference



SPH students are shining a light on the lack of health insurance options for students enrolled at the UW. A recent study conducted by MPH students in HSERV 590 (Public Health Leadership, Planning and Advocacy Skills),

with support from Hall Health, showed that 6.6 percent of the 3,284 students surveyed reported not having health insurance or not knowing if they did. The most common reason for lack of coverage? Students can't afford it. **Noelia Flores, Sharon Hwee, Darragh Kerr** and **Bridget Whelan** (all HServ) [hope their findings](#) will motivate UW administration to design a University-wide student health insurance plan. "At the very least, they need to extend health insurance to undocumented immigrant students because they have no route of getting health insurance at all," Kerr said.

Around the Water Cooler



The UW's Population Health Initiative seeks applications from faculty members for [population health pilot research grants](#) of up to \$50,000 each. Project ideas should address at least one of the [UW's grand challenges](#). Applications are due July 28.



Construction on the new population health building is set to begin in February 2018. Seven to eight stories will house office space and common areas such as classrooms, lounges, bike storage and possibly a childcare facility. [See here](#) for building updates.



Ali Rowhani-Rahbar and **Fred Rivara** (both Epi) led an SER panel on [cutting-edge gun violence research](#), featuring experts from academic institutions such as Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania.



Betty Bekemeier's (HServ) career path has taken her from teaching nursing in remote areas of Papua New Guinea to directing the School's Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. She discusses the future of public health practice in [a recent Close Up](#).



MPH student **Gabriel Cortez** (COPHP) [presented a poster](#) at the 16th Annual Symposium of Native and Indigenous Scholarship at the UW. This year's theme was "Stories of Resistance from Indigenous People."



PhD candidate **Sarah Nelson** (IPHG), also a research scientist in the Department of Biostatistics, recently presented her dissertation work at the 4th annual ELSI (Ethical, Legal and Social Implications) Congress. She also blogs about her research. Check out her piece on [direct-to-consumer genetic tests](#).

Featured by the ASPPH

[NWCPHP builds open access online portal for emergency preparedness training material;](#)

Susan Allan (HServ)

[Study finds bullied students more likely to report access to a loaded gun;](#)

Maayan Simckes (Epi), **Megan Moreno** (HServ), **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar** (Epi), **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

[Anti-gay laws hinder HIV prevention efforts, PEPFAR misses ample opportunity;](#)

Amy Hagopian (HServ, GH), **Deepa Rao** (GH), **Aaron Katz** (HServ, GH), **Sallie Sanford** (HServ), **Scott Barnhart** (GH)

[SPH develops cost effective, fast method to study chemical exposure in zebrafish;](#)

Evan Gallagher (DEOHS), **Margaret Mills** (DEOHS)

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