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## SPH in the News

[How leaving the Paris Accord will hurt our health](#) - *Huffington Post*; quotes **Howard Frumkin** (DEOHS)

[Women's bacteria thwarted attempt at anti-HIV vaginal gel](#) - *The New York Times*; quotes **Nichole Klatt** (Pathobiology)

[Where you live may affect how much you drink, says UW study](#) - *KING 5*; cites research by **Isaac Rhew** (Epi)

[How sharing personal stories may help dismantle addiction stigma](#) - *IAPHS Blog*; PhD student **Amy Edmonds** (HServ)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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## Who Knew??



**Molly Chrisman (OD) sings in a folk band called Green Heron.** The group had [its first gig](#) at Stone Way Café in Wallingford. Chrisman is the new curriculum and accreditation specialist in the Office of the Dean.

## Congrats!



The 2017 graduating class featured a record 643 students, including 45 with doctorates, 300 with master's degrees and 298 with bachelor's degrees. About 3,000 people (including half the graduates) attended the [SPH Graduation Celebration](#) on Sunday.



Senior **Nguyen Huynh** (PHM) was this year's [SPH gonfalonier](#), who led the School's degree candidates during the UW Commencement procession.



[A study](#) by **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi) was selected as the "Best Environmental Epidemiology Paper Published in 2016" by the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology.



MPH students **Jessica Northridge** (GH) and **Jonathan Muir** (Epi) [received Fulbright awards](#) for 2017-18. Northridge is studying access to care for cervical cancer among indigenous women in Peru. Muir is studying intergenerational effects of the Khmer Rouge genocide on child health in Cambodia. Alumna **Margaret Babayan** (BS '15, PHM) is also a grantee.



## Making a Difference



More than a dozen students (and their families) in the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program spent a day last month planting trees and doing urban forest renewal in Genessee Park in south

Seattle. The volunteer group helped to remove invasive blackberries, pulled weeds to allow new trees to grow and cut ivy blocking sunlight to the forest floor. "Working on a project like this makes it possible that the next generation will be able to enjoy trees, even if they live in the heart of Seattle," said **Melissa Moran-Hodge** (MHA), president of the [MHA Student Association](#). The community service event was organized by the association's philanthropy committee, which plans an event every quarter.

## On the Calendar

**June 20-23**

[The Society for Epidemiologic Research 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting](#)

**June 29, 12-1 pm**

[Hot Topics in Practice Webinar: Breastfeeding and Food Justice](#)

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

## SPH on LinkedIn

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## Jobs

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## Around the Water Cooler



The School aims to recruit a leader (who will report to the dean) to focus on enhancing equity, diversity and inclusion at SPH. Additionally, we will initiate a new Center for Anti-Racism and Community Health with support from the Office of the Provost. Interim Dean **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi) [announced this and more](#) at a recent all-School meeting.



**Bryan Weiner** (GH, HServ) focuses on getting "what works" to those who need it most. Read about his work in implementation science [in a Q&A](#) in *Northwest Public Health* magazine and in [a feature](#) on the DGH website.



**Jennifer Siembor** is the new graduate student services coordinator for the Nutritional Sciences Program. Before joining SPH, she worked in the Department of English at the UW College of Arts and Sciences.



**Gretchen Murphy** (HServ) is retiring at the end of the month. She led the Master of Health Informatics and Health Information Management program and has been on faculty since 1991, when the undergrad HIHIM program moved to the UW from Seattle University.



**Dalena Nguyen** (PHM) was one of several students featured in a [Global Affairs story](#) on the UW homepage for her experience studying abroad as part of **Clarence Spigner's** (HServ, GH) Dark Empire class, where she studied how race and ethnicity affects health.



## Featured by the ASPPH

[Faculty member receives \\$729,500 grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation;](#)

**Jennifer Otten** (DEOHS, Nutr)

[New initiative led by SPH researchers expands food environment research in developing countries;](#)

**Anju Aggarwal** (Epi, Nutr), **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi, Nutr)

[Current marijuana users more likely to be continued tobacco users;](#)

**Gillian Schauer** (HServ)

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