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SPH in the News

[Republican health plans could have devastating consequences for your teeth](#) - *The Washington Post*; op-ed by **Donald Chi** (HServ)

[Healthy Huskies: Making wellness visible and accessible to the UW](#) - *The Daily*; quotes **Micia Vergara** (PHM)

[How the U.S. is taking the lead on preventing lead poisoning](#) - IAPHS Blog; written by **Rachel Shaffer** (DEOHS)

[LEEP rather than freeze to prevent cervical cancer](#) - *MedPage Today*; interview with **Sharon Greene** (Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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Who Knew??



Elizabeth "Betz" Halloran (Biostat, Epi) was featured in

the March 2006 issue of *Vogue* magazine as a trailblazer and power player. The story noted Halloran's work on models of intervention in a flu pandemic as well as her stylish wardrobe. "I was wearing Manolo Blahniks way before *Sex in the City* made them popular," [she once said](#).

On the Calendar

March 27, 12-1pm
[Hot Topics in Practice Webinar: Prison Outreach in Alaska](#)

March 30, 5:30-7pm
[Fighting a Global Health Threat Locally](#)

Congrats!



A team of MHA students recently [won second place](#) and \$1,500 each at the [11th Annual Health Administration Case Competition](#) in Birmingham, Alabama. Students were **Benjamin Chao, Samantha Clark** and **Abraham Doolhoff**. **Jared Skretvedt** was the first-year observer.



PhD candidate **Marissa Baker** (DEOHS) recently won an [award for young exposure scientists](#) from the International Society of Exposure Science. She'll be honored in North Carolina in October.



Jared Baeten (GH, Epi) was [recently named co-principal investigator](#) of the Microbicide Trials Network. He will join **Sharon Hillier** in guiding the MTN's research agenda.



Alumna **Cheryl Dietrich** (MPH '16 Epi), former research assistant for the Strategic Analysis, Research & Training Center, is an [ASPPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellow](#). She's working with the CDC to reduce the burden of HIV and tuberculosis in South Africa.



The Health Promotion Research Center will scale up a program to treat depression in older adults, thanks to a [grant from the AARP Foundation](#). The three-year, \$750,000 grant to boost the PEARLS program will be led by **Lesley Steinman, Norma Coe** (HServ), **Miruna Petrescu-Prahova** (HServ) and **Mark Snowden**.

Making a Difference



Lessons in homelessness were brought home this winter quarter when nearly 60 homeless individuals moved to campus as part of Tent City 3. About 300 UW students took part in courses connected to the tent city, including a course on program evaluation offered by the School's Department of Health Services. Nine graduate students worked to answer one overarching question: Was the tent city's stay on campus successful? "People at the UW grew through the experience, lost some of that original stigma and created relationships, which then had a ripple effect in the community," said MPH student **Kira McCoy** (COPHP), who conducted the evaluation with **Jessica Bielenberg, Celia Goetz, Khanh Ho, Ryann Martinek, Daniel Otter, Stephany Ospina, Hena Parveen** and **Toni Sarge** (all COPHP). [Find out what the students learned](#).

Around the Water Cooler



The [UW is No. 2](#) on Peace Corps' 2017 list of top volunteer-producing colleges and universities. Alumna **Nicole Peltzer** (BA '14, PHM), currently a volunteer in Nepal, [credits her classes in public health](#) and "a singularly memorable professor."

March 31, 8:30am-6pm

[Benjamin Rabinowitz Symposium in Medical Ethics: Race, Health and Justice](#)

April 6, 12:30-1:20pm

[Bridging Cancer Prevention Research Gaps with Johanna Lampe](#)

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

Population Health

The Population Health Initiative is seeking feedback on potential project ideas and areas of focus. Take 15 minutes to [fill out the survey](#) before it closes on Friday, March 17.

Jobs

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

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When he's not working on nonparametric regression methods, PhD student **Brayan Ortiz** (Biostat) trains in Muay Thai and boxing. He chose SPH because, [he says](#), "something special was going on at the UW."



Certificate student **Isatou Jallow** (Global WACH), an attorney from Gambia, was profiled in *NWLawyer*, a publication of the WA State Bar Association. [Learn how she overcame](#) homelessness, displacement and disability, and what she wants to do after the UW.



In January 2014, Seattle made history when it became the first major city in the U.S. to adopt a \$15 minimum wage. With the nation watching, UW researchers, including **Jennifer Otten** (DEOHS, Nutr), studied the law and its effects. [A new multimedia story](#) highlights the impact of the Seattle Minimum Wage Study.

Featured by the ASPPH

[Study finds home cooking cheaper and healthier;](#)

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

[Professor authors report on federal program's contributions to global change research;](#)

Kristie Ebi (GH, DEOHS)

[Celebrating 30 years of CDC's prevention research solutions to combat health disparities;](#)

Jeffrey Harris (HServ), **Peggy Hannon** (HServ)

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