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SPH in the News

[The mystery of the wasting house-cats](#) - *The New York Times Magazine*; quotes **Peter Rabinowitz** (DEOHS, GH, Epi)

[Dangerous drug linked to increasing overdose deaths](#) - *Q13 Fox*; cites report by **Caleb Banta-Green** (HServ), **Jeff Duchin** (Epi) and **Kathy Lofy** (HServ).

[Increasing vegetation through education](#) - *UW Daily*; cites research by **India Ornelas** (HServ) and **Shirley Beresford** (OD, Epi, HServ)

[Americans lose when funds for global health research are cut](#) - *The Seattle Times*; op-ed authored by **Jennifer Slyker** (GH, Epi)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »](#)

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Who Knew??



Cory Morin (GH) was a gymnast in high school and competed for West Point in college. He even

Congrats!



This year's winners of the Omenn Awards for Academic Excellence are PhD student **Heather Fowler** (DEOHS) and MPH student **Irene Njuguna** (Epi). Fowler's research focuses on the risk of infectious disease transmission between humans and animals, as well as the occupational risks faced by veterinary workers. Njuguna is a research scientist in Kenya, studying incentives to increase pediatric HIV testing and treatment.



Mary Saucier (DEOHS) received the Anderson O'Connell Award for Outstanding Staff Service for her 13 years of expert grant coordination and support of academic instruction.



Pirie Hart (GH) received this year's Staff Community Service Award for his volunteer firefighting (including inspections and safety education) for Snohomish County Fire District 1. See [a complete list](#) of this year's SPH Awards of Excellence winners.



Anne Lund (Nutr, Epi) won the 2017 Washington State [Outstanding Dietitian of the Year](#) award. Three others affiliated with the Nutritional Sciences Program also won awards: **Ben Atkinson**, **Katie Farver** and **Judy Simon**.



Eight SPH students were among the 13 inaugural Graduate Student Conference [Travel Award winners](#) announced by the UW Population Health Initiative: **Laura Chambers** (Epi), **Yu-Chi "Rachel" Chang** (DEOHS), **Anqi Cheng** (Biostat), **Flavia Kapos** (Epi), **Hana Mohamed** (GH), **Elizabeth Oestreich** (IPHG), **Kathryn Peebles** (Epi) and **Keshet Ronen** (Epi).

Making a Difference

Sepideh Dibay, a 4th-year PhD student

qualified for the 2003 NCAA Championships on the high bar and pommel horse. Morin still practices gymnastics today. He often works out with the UW Men's Club Gymnastics Team.

On the Calendar

May 20, 11am-3pm

[Husky Help & Hope Walk 2017 - Walk for Suicide Prevention and Awareness](#)

May 23, 6:30-8pm

[Africa After Ebola: A Panel Discussion](#)

May 24, 4-6pm

[Livable City Year Spring Celebration Event](#)

June 2, 7:30-8:30pm

[Stephen Stewart Gloyd Endowed Lecture: US Rep. Pramila Jayapal](#)

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

Race & Equity Meeting

Join us for [a follow-up conversation](#) on race, equity and inclusion from 2-3:30pm, May 25 in T-439. Consultants will present results of their fact-finding at SPH and make recommendations to advance racial equity and inclusion.

Jobs

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

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(Nutr), won this year's SPHA Student Community Service Award. Her service efforts started with a humanitarian trip to Iraq in 2011 to aid orphans. They continued here with agencies such as Solid Ground and the International Rescue Committee, where she helped ensure refugees had access to healthy nutrition. Dibay has worked on policy proposals to decrease sugar consumption and has held leadership roles in the Nutritional Sciences Program, SPH and the Student Public Health Association.

Around the Water Cooler



The new population health facility [will be located](#) at the western entrance to campus, demonstrating "the centrality of this initiative to our University," UW President **Ana Mari Cauce** said. Cauce also [shared reflections](#) on the Population Health Initiative to mark its one-year anniversary.



David Grossman (HServ) [was appointed](#) chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a volunteer panel of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine. He's also a senior investigator at Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute.



The UW will partner with the City of Tacoma for next year's [Livable City Year program](#), an effort co-led by **Jennifer Otten** (DEOHS, Nutr). Last year, the UW and SPH teamed with the City of Auburn.



Elizar Mercado (OD) is our new multimedia content specialist. He joins us from Seattle University, where he studied film and did outreach for the Campus Ministry. Check out [his first SPH video](#) on the MPH Practicum Symposium, featuring **Sara Marquis** (HServ), **Kali Turner** (DEOHS) and **Kelsey McGuire** (HServ).



COPHP faculty member **Bill Daniell** (DEOHS) took part in the recent [350.org](#) actions at Chase Bank to protest investments in climate-changing enterprises.

Featured by the ASPPH

[Air pollution may lower levels of 'good' cholesterol, increase risk of heart disease;](#)

Griffith Bell (PhD '16 Epi), **Joel Kaufman** (OD, DEOHS, Epi)

[Researcher highlights importance of antibiotic for preventing spread of malaria;](#)

Grace John-Stewart (Epi, GH)

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