



The Latest from the SPH March 2019



Maryland SAFE Center Joins the School of Public Health

The UMD Support Advocacy, Freedom, and Empowerment (SAFE) Center for Human Trafficking Survivors will become part of the School of Public Health this month. Its new home recognizes the interconnected nature of human trafficking to other forms of violence and systemic inequities. The center's efforts to fight human trafficking will benefit from the multi-faceted, holistic approach that is central to public health.

[Learn more.](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Outsmarting Viruses

The CATCH the Virus study is using wearable "smart" devices to help understand what makes us contagious. [Learn more.](#)



Unhealthy Air May Be Hurting Kids' Brains

Environmental health researchers recommend policy solutions to reduce air pollution exposures. [Learn more.](#)



Running Fast Isn't Necessarily Linked to Stress Fractures

Kinesiology researchers cast new light on conventional wisdom about running injuries. [Learn more.](#)



After Psychiatric Hospitalization, What Next?

Study finds less follow-up at hospitals in minority, poorer communities. [Learn more.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Hemmer (MHA '15)

During her time at SPH, Amanda Hemmer was able to make her dreams a reality. Since graduating, she's paying it forward with her leadership role with the SPH Alumni Network. [Learn more.](#)



Giving Day Raises More than \$43,000 for the School of Public Health

Over 24 hours on Wednesday, March 6, the UMD School of Public Health community came together for our most successful Giving Day to date. Alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students gave a total of \$43,136 through 413 gifts, a more than 30 percent increase in donations from last year and a 25 percent increase in the number of gifts. Thank you to all those who gave! [Learn more.](#)

SPH IN THE NEWS

WASHINGTON POST

Op-Ed: Criminalize Human Trafficking in Maryland

UMD SAFE Center Director Susan G. Esserman with Maryland Senator Susan C. Lee (Montgomery County) and Maryland Representative Wanika Fisher (Prince George's County) implore Maryland legislators to pass a new law that would protect victims of labor trafficking.

MARYLAND MATTERS

Op-Ed: Eliminating the Pesticides Inside Us

Devon Payne-Sturges, assistant professor of applied environmental health, urges policymakers to review the evidence on chlorpyrifos and act to ban the use of the dangerous chemical.

LEADER'S EDGE

The Doctor Is In: A Community-Based Education Program Trains Barbers as Health Advocates

Professor Stephen Thomas, director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity, is interviewed about the center's HAIR program (Health Advocates In-Reach and Research).

SALON

Factory Farms Pollute the Environment and Poison Drinking Water

Saboby Wilson, associate professor of applied environmental health, is interviewed about the regulations surrounding animal waste disposal at big farms.

RUNNERS WORLD

Does Running Faster Put You at Greater Risk of a Stress Fracture?

A study from Kinesiology Assistant Professor Ross Miller, Associate Professor Jae Kun Shim and doctoral students Jessica Hunter and Gina Garcia is highlighted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR 28** **Gold Public Health Innovation Award Competition**
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Friedgen Seminar Room (SPH 2236)
- APR 2** **Public Health Research @ Maryland**
Health and Well-Being for All: Working Together Across Sectors
8:30 am - 3:30 pm | Adele H. Stamp Union, UMD
- APR 3** **Public Health Grand Rounds: Economics and the Food Energy Water Nexus with Dr. Bruce McCarl**
10:30 am - 11:45 am | Friedgen Seminar Room (SPH 2236)
- APR 5** **Flint Water Crisis Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion: Nor Any Drop to Drink**
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Friedgen Seminar Room (SPH 2236)
- APR 11** **Health and Well-Being in Latino Immigrant Families**
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | Friedgen Seminar Room (SPH 2236)
- APR 24** **Teach-In on Activism to Prevent Gun Violence**
4:15 pm - 6:00 pm | UMD Edward St. John Building (RM 1224)

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