

# HPM HIGHLIGHTS

## HPM IN ACTION

- ❖ Kate Baicker co-authored a highly publicized article [The Oregon Experiment - Effects of Medicaid on Clinical Outcomes](#) in the *New England Journal of Medicine* on May 2, 2013.
  - Ashish Jha talks more about the Oregon Study and his viewpoints in his blog [An Ounce of Evidence -Health Policy](#).
- ❖ The Spring 2013 issue of *Harvard Public Health* features Matthew Miller, Deborah Azrael, and Catherine Barber in a [special report](#) about the link between gun access and suicide.
- ❖ Lucian Leape shares his thoughts on [regulations needed to compel safer hospital practices](#) in a May 13, 2013 article in *Health Leaders Magazine*.
- ❖ Congratulations to Heather Palmer who won the Founders Award of the American College of Medical Quality for 2014!

## HPM Teaching Excellence

Several HPM faculty were recognized on May 29, 2013 for their teaching excellence. Arnold Epstein received this year's Roger L. Nichols Excellence in Teaching Award; Ben Sommers received a teaching citation for near perfect student evaluations in his new course on the health care safety net; Matt Miller received a student mentoring award for his devotion and excellence in student advising and mentoring.; and adjunct professor, David Javitch, was recognized for his teaching in Executive and Continuing Professional Education.

## HPM Softball Team

Nine HPM faculty and staff members kicked off the season in the Boston West CoEd Softball League. Team members include, from left to right, Karen Joynt, Ben Sommers, Bethany Maylone, Daniel Liebman, Nandini Sarma, Sidney Le, and not pictured, Josie Fisher, Dan Acuna, and Alec Torres. The team plays every Sunday through August. Although they have won just one game, they are sure their winning spirit will prevail.



## HPM Comings and Goings

### Welcome

- ❖ Ashish Jha's team: Rob Wild, Programmer, Liana Woskie, Project Manager, Paula Smith, Senior Programmer, Prabodh Mishra, Research Assistant, and Maggie Lamond, Coordinator
- ❖ Sara Singer: Julia Kite, Research Assistant
- ❖ Atul Gawande's team: Christopher Kohberger, Executive Assistant, Jane Boatright, Financial Manager, Katharine Hurley, Communications Coordinator, Jenna Ogden, Research Assistant, Thomas Keegan, Project Director, Better Birth Team
- ❖ Ben Sommers: Sarah Gordon, Research Assistant

### Farewell and good wishes

- ❖ Ashish Jha's team: Sidney Le, Programmer
- ❖ Meredith Rosenthal & Kate Baicker: Jacob Robbins, Research Assistant
- ❖ Atul Gawande's team: Marta McCrum, Research Fellow

*Congratulations 2013 graduates! Good luck to you all!*

## Student Spotlight

### HPM Reaches Out

On Friday April 16th, HSPH hosted its first annual “Why Public Health? Youth and Public Health Conference.” Claire Perkins, a masters student and student ambassador working in the HPM Department, and Jason Park from the Biostatistics Department, organized the conference with the help of many amazing student volunteers.

Volunteers included HPMers Suzanne Brundage, Aaron Pervin, Lucas Chartier, Ali Chisti, and Tari Owi. Both Claire and Jason work as student ambassadors through the HSPH Office of Diversity, and they developed this conference as part of their mission to expand outreach to the surrounding community. The day-long event brought in 50 students from local high schools to learn about the field of public health.



**Conference Organizers,  
Jason Park (Biostatistics)  
and Claire Perkins (HPM)**

The conference gave students the opportunity to spend the day at HSPH, interact with public health leaders, and discover how they too could one day become public health professionals. The agenda for the day involved listening to faculty and student speakers, as well as lunch with current students, and an interactive tour of the Longwood Campus. In the morning, David Hemenway, Ian Lapp, and Monica Wang spoke to the students about topics such as “What is Public Health?” and “How Can I Get Involved in Public Health?” In the afternoon, students were able to attend information sessions about the various HSPH departments and fields of public health.

Overall, the response from visiting students was incredibly positive. As one student said, “It was also cool and interesting to see the different things you can do in public health.” There is great interest among the high schools in bringing students again next year. *(written by Claire Perkins, SM2 2014).*

## Staff Spotlight

### HPM Heroes

Congratulations to Arlene Man, Assistant Director of Finance, and Colin Fleming, Program Manager, who were nominated as 2013 Harvard Heroes! Being nominated as a Harvard Hero demonstrates one’s positive impact in the workplace, outstanding performance and contributions above and beyond the norm.

Arlene was recognized for her tireless efforts and commitment to her job. “Arlene is mission driven and amazingly effective. She is able to juggle a series of jobs while still able to prioritize time-sensitive high value items. Arlene has been central to many successful grant applications that we would not have been able to obtain otherwise, because she is dedicated, hardworking, and totally dependable.”

Colin was nominated for his efforts as a part of the School’s green team, Eco-Opportunity, of which he has been a member since October 2011. “Colin exhibited leadership with the Schools *Take the Stairs Campaign* this year after the person who initiated and maintained it for the last four years left HSPH.” Colin worked with IT to get the webpage updated, coordinated a kick-off breakfast, matched teams together, resolved challenges encountered along the way, and coordinated prizes for the climbers. In addition to leading the *Take the Stairs* Subcommittee, Colin also serves on the Bikes and Communications Subcommittee. ***Great work Arlene and Colin!***