



## Keep the momentum going...

It has been quite a thrilling academic session thus far in the Department of Epidemiology. With so many captivating courses, seminars, student activities & centennial events occurring it has been a whirlwind and we are happy to continue moving forward in order to make this academic session one of our best yet! Best of luck with the rest of the fall semester to all.

## Inaugural Cutter Symposium

The 2013-2014 academic year marks the celebration of 100 years of making a difference in the world at HSPH. Throughout the past century, the Department of Epidemiology has embodied exceptional ideals and tirelessly pursued our mission to enrich the lives of people around the globe through innovative research and scientific discoveries. This year the department will hold the **1st Cutter Symposium** on **November 8th**. The theme of this inaugural Cutter Symposium will focus on the history and contributors to the field of epidemiology and its future directions.



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Department of Epidemiology

## 1st CUTTER SYMPOSIUM

Celebrating 100 Years of Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health

Friday, November 8, 2013  
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Snyder Auditorium: Kresge G1

## Writing Seminar for Epi Students

On **December 4th**, the Department of Epidemiology will hold the first of a new quarterly seminar series for students. This particular seminar will be a skill building workshop for scientific writing presented by Kathy Brenner, Writing and English Language Support Specialist. She will be focusing on the **IMRaD** scientific writing structure. This will provide an interactive venue for students to work on their written and oral communication skills with peers.

For other academic writing improvement opportunities, please take a look at these [HSPH courses](#) led by Donald Halstead.



*Epi students at a recent department event*

## Department Recognition

**“Movember”** is an international effort that seeks to raise funds and awareness for men’s health—prostate and testicular cancer in particular— from the sponsorship of various teams who grow “Mo’s” during the month of November to support this excellent cause. This year, one of the greatest champions of Movember is **Meir Stampfer**, who vowed to shave his iconic mustache if the Epi Department’s Movember team, BellissiMo, reached this year’s fundraising goal. [Read the story](#) on Meir and BellissiMo from The Harvard Crimson.

### Movember Events:

- The Cancer Epi group is hosting a [BellissiMo fundraiser](#) at the Back Bay Social Club (876 Boylston Street) on Wednesday, **November 13** from 6:30 pm — 11:00 pm.
- There will be a bake sale, raffle and male Mo fashion show in the Epi Library on Monday, **November 18** from 9:30 – 11:30.



## Department Recognition Cont...

### Marc Lipsitch opposes gain-of-flu experiments

- At a recent panel discussion, Dr. Lipsitch presented his talk "Transmissibility Gain-of-Function Experiments with High-Pathogenicity Avian Influenza: Interesting Science, but Not Worth the Risk of An Accidental Pandemic." Follow the link for the talk's [slides or video footage](#).

### David Christiani's ERC Grant Funded

- The [Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health](#) has been awarded a five-year, \$1.8 million per year grant from the CDC and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Read the full story [here](#).

### A. David Mazzone Disparity Research Award

- Lisa Signorello was awarded the A. David Mazzone Disparity Research Award to study "Chronic Stress and Racial Disparities in Prostate Cancer." This two-year award is administered through DF/HCC, which will also provide funding for Jennifer Rider. Unnur Valdimarsdottir will serve as a Consultant on this grant.

### Prostate Cancer Awareness Day

- Lorelei Mucci's group exhibited a poster summarizing the team's work on Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the State House on September 12.



Epi student Sarah Markt with the Prostate Cancer Prevention Research poster

### Opportunity to Mentor a Wentworth Student

- A great opportunity has opened up through the [Wentworth Institute of Technology](#). Department of Applied Mathematics Chair, Amanda Hattaway, and our own Department of Epidemiology professor, Alec Walker have teamed up to form a mentor program for juniors and seniors at Wentworth. These students will be paired with professional, technical staff members in the Epi Department. To become involved, [learn more information here](#).



## Epi Seminar Series

- Nov. 5th**— *Is Religion Really for Cooperation? A View from Parent-Offspring Conflict Theory*, **Michael McCullough, PhD**. Kresge 213 at 4:30pm
- Nov. 6th**— *Preventing HIV among young women in Sub-Saharan Africa: is cash the answer?* **Audrey Pettifor, MPH, PhD** hosts this fascinating discussion in Kresge 502 at 12:30pm
- Nov. 19th**— *The life course burden of PTSD*, **Karestan C. Koenen, Ph.D**, Kresge 502 at 12:30pm
- Nov. 20th**— *Population studies on placental weight: lessons to learn about human adaptability*. **Anne Esklid, MD**, Kresge 907 at 4:00pm
- Dec. 11th**— **Isha Argawal and Juan Wu**, Kresge 502 at 12:30pm



Dr. Caroline Buckee

### "The CNN 10: Thinkers"

- Dr. Caroline Buckee** has been recognized as one of [CNN's Top 10 Thinkers](#). This title goes to visionaries in the fields of science and technology who are shaping our future through their innovations that create positive changes in the world. Buckee is recognized in this category for her ground breaking research using cell phone data to track and fight malaria in Africa. Read the full story from [CNN.com here](#).



## Epi Student and Postdoc Accomplishments!

- Congratulations to Shanshan Li, recent HSPH graduate and postdoc working with Eric Rimm. Her thesis paper “Better diet quality and decreased mortality among myocardial infarction survivors” was [published](#) in JAMA Internal Medicine and was featured in HSPH news online.
- Rebecca Graff was awarded with a Scholar-in-Training Award for the AACR International Conference on Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research.
- Yuko Kurushima, a PhD student from the Osaka University Graduate School of Dentistry in Japan, is visiting Lorelei Mucci and her team during the fall to work with the Nordic Twin Study (NorTwinCan) data. She is studying oral conditions and oral cancers.
- For an extensive list of recently published papers from the CCDD website please visit their [publication webpage](#).

## Epi Social Events!

Thank you to all who attended the Department of Epidemiology “Scarioke” event this week! It was so much fun spending a lively afternoon socializing with great company, enjoying spooky treats and listening to the fabulous singing voices of our talented students, faculty and staff members as we all celebrated the fall season.



*Epi students enjoying the 2013 Scarioke event*

## In other Epi news...

### Rose Traveling Fellowship

- Reminder: Proposals for the [Rose Traveling Fellowship](#) are due by **November 1st** to Coppelie Liebenthal (cliebent@hsph.harvard.edu)

### Employment and Research Opportunities

- [Postdoctoral Position in Nutrition Policy](#)
- [Bunge Fellowship in Global Nutrition and Chronic Disease Prevention](#)
- Department of Epidemiology [Opportunities](#) webpage

### What's Up in Cancer Epidemiology Event

- Several fellows and faculty members took part in the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center “What's Up in Cancer Epidemiology” event on October 3, sharing updates on research going on across institutions and across cancer sites.



*Julie with alums Mara Meyer and Kathryn Penney*

### Congratulations Julie Kasperzyk!

- Research Associate, Julie Kasperzyk, was recently married. On behalf of the Department of Epidemiology, we wish her the very best as she begins this wonderful new chapter in her life.

## Celebrating HSPH's Centennial Year

The 2013-2014 academic year is a fantastic time to become involved in the department and the many exciting activities around HSPH. To be a part of the legacy visit...

- [HSPH Centennial Events webpage](#)
- 100 Years at HSPH -the history of HSPH and [highlighted achievements](#) of the school
- Enrich your HSPH experience and [join an extracurricular activity](#) or the [alumni community](#)