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Event Highlights

PQG Conference on Whole Genome Sequencing Analysis

November 3-4
Joseph B. Martin Conference Center

Caregiving and Sibling Warfare

November 8
11:00 AM-Noon
Harvard Medical School, Building C, Cannon Room

Fall Social

November 17
3:00-4:00 PM
Kresge Cafeteria

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Live webcast 12:30 PM today: Health care and the election

In this Nov. 3 [Forum](#) webcast, experts will explore how the upcoming presidential election could shape U.S. health care policy for years to come. A [recent analysis of polls](#) revealed broad political divisions on key health care issues.



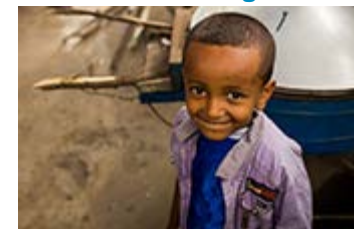
Real-world public health

Several students recently spent the summer working on a range of issues, including malnutrition, unregistered children, and maternal health policy.



Racism and health

Systemic racism has deep consequences for health, said [David Williams](#), Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health, during a recent Diversity Dialogue event.



Study identifies top risk factor for stunting

About 25% of the developing world's child stunting is associated with poor growth in the womb, such as pre-term birth and low birth weight, according to a new study.

VA psychiatric hospitals fall short on quality measures

In the news

Comparing procedure costs impacts patients' health facility



A study led by Morgan Shields, SM '16, finds that hospitals run by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs are failing to ask patients important questions about their psychiatric history.

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[Attending religious services may benefit health](#)

[Sugary beverage taxes good for public health, reduce health care spending](#)

Around the School



Peter Berman receives lifetime achievement award from APHA

[Peter Berman](#) (right), professor of the practice of global health systems and economics, has received the 2016 Carl Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award in

International Health from the American Public Health Association (APHA). The award honors public health visionaries and leaders who have shaped the direction of international health and/or the development of the APHA.



Reproductive justice in the United States

Monica Simpson, executive director of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, outlined the four principles of reproductive justice and explained at a recent

seminar why she became an advocate in the field.

Navigating the Affordable Care Act

Open enrollment for people buying insurance through the Affordable Care Act began November 1. [Katherine Swartz](#), professor of health policy and economics, discussed premium hikes and her advice for those shopping for insurance.

Student launches site to improve accountability in global health and development

Ethically questionable practices by global health and development organizations—such as creating a false impression of success on days that donors visit—are not being captured by traditional accountability measures, according to Abraar Karan, MPH '17.

Register for Global Health at Harvard reception

Harvard President Drew Faust will speak at the Harvard Global Health Institute (HGHI) on Thursday, November 10 as part of the Global Health at Harvard reception. Faculty, researchers, and staff are invited to attend to learn more about HGHI's work. The event runs from 4:30-6:30 PM. [Register here.](#)

Benefits Open Enrollment for 2017 has begun

Benefits Open Enrollment for 2017 began November 1 and will run through November 16. This is your annual opportunity to review and make changes to your Harvard benefits, including Medical, Dental, Vision Care, Supplemental Life Insurance, Long-term Disability, Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) and Health Savings Account (HSA). You have until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 16 to make your selections.

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