

National Public Health Week 2011



National Public Health Week 2011, which takes place April 4 - 10, centers on the theme "Safety is NO Accident: Living Injury-Free." Accidental injuries, including car crashes and burns, rank among the top 10 causes of death for people ages 1 - 44 and all injuries account for 12% of annual health care spending-up to \$69 billion per year, according to the American Public Health Association (APHA), which has organized the annual public health awareness week since 1995. Harvard School of Public Health has made key contributions to public and workplace safety and injury prevention over the past few decades, in areas ranging from drunk driving to gun control. [Read more](#)

New video series: Why Public Health?



Looking for some inspiration? [Watch "Why Public Health?"](#), a new series of videos in which HSPH students talk about why they chose to enter the field.

HSPH students simulate international aid negotiations

Fourteen HSPH students participated in an innovative extracurricular exercise on March 25, joining with students from other Harvard graduate schools, Boston University, and Tufts University, to simulate the high-level negotiations behind the funding of international aid packages. Representing delegations from the Malawian government and stakeholders such as the World Health Organization and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, the students spent the afternoon hammering out an aid agreement earmarked to help the country meet targets for improving maternal and child health. [Read more](#)



Harvard on the Move updates schedule



Due to popular demand, [Harvard On the Move](#) has adjusted start times for the Longwood community and has added two different distance options for the weekly walks.

Schedule - Spring 2011
WALK on Tuesdays at **12:30 PM**

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Event highlights

[How Stratification, Sensitivity, and Stress Diminish Child Health and Development](#)

April 12
4:00-6:00 PM
Kresge G2

Dean's Distinguished Lecture
[Science, the Private Sector, and the Public Good](#)

Speakers:
Gerald L. Chan,
CEO, Morningside Group

[Gökkhan S. Hotamisligil](#)

[Dean Julio Frenk](#)

April 13
4:00-5:00 PM
Kresge G3
Reception to follow

RUN on Wednesdays at **5:00 PM**

WALK on Thursdays at **12:30 PM**

RUN on Sundays at **10:00 AM** in Cambridge (followed by a FREE "Yoga for Runners" class at 11:30 AM)

Walks include both 30- and 50-minute options.

All Longwood events meet on the pathway in the Harvard Medical School quad, near Longwood Avenue, in between the two white marble benches. Routes center around the Fens.

Cambridge events meet outside on the steps of the Malkin Athletic Center (MAC, 39 Holyoke Street). Routes center around the Charles River pathway. The walks last just under an hour and are between 2-3 miles in length. The runs include short, medium, and long lengths.

For more information, visit the Harvard on the Move [Facebook page](#), join the [mailing list](#), or [email](#) with questions.

Crises responders seek to bridge gaps in emergency response

In recent days, the reporting on the horrific events unfolding in Japan has shifted from the technical response to issues such as the critical role of leadership and resilience in the aftermath of a disaster. What would happen in the U.S. if there was a similar disaster? Harvard's [National Preparedness Leadership Initiative](#) is working to prepare leaders for just such a circumstance. [Read more](#)



Around the School

Video series: *Decision-Making: Voices from the Field*

Former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson spoke to students on March 30 about leadership in sensitive international missions.

[Watch video](#)



Reimagining South Sudan: A Symposium on the Future of a New African Country

April 14, 4:00-6:30 PM

Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge ([map](#))

In an historic referendum on January 9, 2011, nearly 99% of voters in southern Sudan cast their ballots in favor of secession from the North. After two decades of conflict, what happens next? Sponsored by Harvard's [Committee on African Studies](#) and Committee on Ethnic Studies, the event features expert panelists including Harvard Humanitarian Initiative Director [Michael VanRooyen](#), as well as individuals who survived the war.

The Forum at Harvard School of Public Health



[Watch videos of recent webcast events](#)

One HARVARD



HSPH students joined others from across the University for [One HARVARD](#), an April 2 event hosted by the Office of the President and Provost. It was designed to promote a diverse and inclusive graduate community by welcoming newly admitted students to Harvard.

New and noteworthy

[Faculty member John McDonough cites 10 reasons for optimism about health reform implementation](#)

(Kaiser Health
News)

[New report outlines
ways aid workers
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(Harvard
Humanitarian
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[Overweight adults
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