

## So you want to do disaster relief? Simulation tests the mettle of humanitarian aid workers-in-training



After spending two weeks in the classroom learning the nuts and bolts of humanitarian work, from conducting a rapid health assessment and managing the logistics of a field operation to understanding human rights law and the drivers of gender-

based violence, students discovered how difficult it can be to transfer classroom learning to the field.

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## Around the School



### Forum hosts US Attorney General Eric Holder

US Attorney General Eric Holder discussed youth violence at a recent Forum event with HSPH's [Jay Winsten](#). Watch [on-demand video](#) or read the [Harvard Gazette article](#).

### Alum describes the role of private sector in public health

A public health professional who works in private industry can play as important a role in improving the human condition as those who work in academia, medicine, and similar fields, HSPH alum Gerald Chan said in a Dean's Distinguished Lecture. [Read more](#) or [watch webcast](#).

### Gawande *New Yorker* article on end-of-life care wins National Magazine Award

[Atul Gawande](#), associate professor in HSPH's Department of Health Policy and Management and a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital, has won a National Magazine Award for his story "Letting Go," which appeared in the August 2, 2010, issue of *The New Yorker*. Gawande is a contributor to the magazine. [Read more](#)

## Did you know?

[National Bike to Work Week is May 16-20](#)

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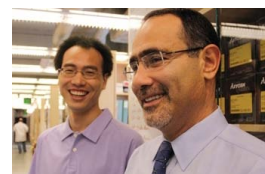
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### Wanted: Your ideas

Dean Frenk invites members of the community to share their ideas on new efficiencies for the operation of the School. All ideas are welcome, no matter how modest or how ambitious. [Submit an idea](#)

### New research sheds light on obesity, metabolic disorders



In a new paper appearing in the May 2, 2011 issue of the journal *Nature*, HSPH's [Gökhan S. Hotamisligil](#) and colleagues report



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their latest findings in their ongoing obesity research. [Read more](#) and [listen to a podcast](#).

## Heat waves tied to climate change could increase urban fatalities



Scientists predict that global climate change will generate more heat waves in the decades ahead, but few studies have quantified the negative health effects of these events. In a new study that looked at how heat waves may impact people living in a major U.S. city, HSPH researchers and colleagues estimate that the city of Chicago, Ill., could have 166 to 2,217 additional annual heat-related deaths in the years 2081-2100. [Read more](#)

## Rapid population growth poses daunting challenges for Africa

The world's population is predicted to reach 10.1 billion by 2100, according to a [United Nations report](#) released May 3. Much of the growth is expected to occur in Africa, where the population could triple to 3.6 billion by the end of the century. The figures for Africa are the most "disconcerting aspect" of the UN report, according to HSPH Prof. [David Bloom](#). He joined four other experts for an online discussion of the report on *The New York Times* website. [Read more](#)

## Experts lay out future of health IT at PHAT conference



[David Blumenthal](#) of Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, who spent two years as the national coordinator for health information technology under President Barack Obama, was the keynote speaker at this year's Public Health & Technology conference. [Read more](#)

### Event highlights

#### ***Quantifying Exposure to Airborne Nano-Particles at Copy Centers in the Boston Area***

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12:30-1:20 PM  
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