

Government-led efforts needed to curb obesity epidemic



Noting that many countries lack basic population-wide data on children's weight and height, HSPH Prof. [Steven Gortmaker](#), lead author of a new paper published in the August 25 edition of *The Lancet*, and co-authors call on governments around the world to launch a coordinated effort to monitor, prevent, and control obesity, and the long-term health, social, and economic costs associated with it.

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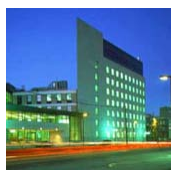
Hot Topics summer lecture series

Technology boosts humanitarian efforts



Given the challenges aid workers face, said [Michael VanRooyen](#), director of the [Harvard Humanitarian Initiative](#) (HHI), it's essential for humanitarian organizations to utilize new technologies that can help with communication, information-gathering, and data analysis. VanRooyen spoke at an HSPH Hot Topics lecture on August 16. [Read more](#)

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Faculty News

[Nancy Kane](#) was selected as this year's winner of the ASPH/Pfizer Award for Teaching Excellence. She will be honored during the [ASPH Annual Meeting](#) reception and award ceremony on October 31.

Renegotiating Health Care: Resolving Conflict to Build Collaboration

[Leonard J. Marcus](#), Barry C. Dorn, MD, and Eric J. McNulty (Jossey-Bass, 2011) Health care today is a complex field rapidly evolving in ways that can spur

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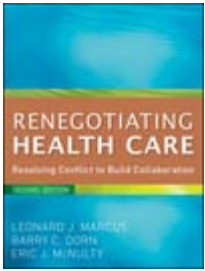
Watch [Live Webcast](#) Tuesday, September 6 at 3:30 PM ET

[Submit questions](#) for the expert participants.

Catch up on past Forum events at www.ForumHSPH.org.

[Herbert Sherman Memorial Lecture: Health Information and the Medical Home](#)

David Bates
Sept. 7
4:00-5:00 PM
Reception to follow



divisive conflict or new opportunities for collaboration and innovation. The [authors](#), all part of HSPH's [Program on Health Care Negotiation and Conflict Resolution](#), tackle health care's critical issues head on with practical, proven techniques for navigating turbulent situations and achieving positive outcomes. [Learn more](#)

Fellows named

Andrew Thorne-Lyman, a doctoral student in the [Department of Nutrition](#), was named a recipient of a Julius B. Richmond Fellowship from the [Center on the Developing Child](#) at Harvard University. He will receive a dissertation grant from the Center to fund independent research during the 2011-12 academic year. Thorne-Lyman is interested in the potential of nutritional interventions during pregnancy and early childhood to improve neonatal and infant health and developmental outcomes. His doctoral research explores the effects of vitamin D and calcium on maternal and child health outcomes, including preterm delivery, preeclampsia, and infant growth and mortality in Tanzania and Denmark.

Two of this year's [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars](#) will conduct research at HSPH. The program, which provides two years of post-doctoral support, emphasizes identifying strategies to reduce health disparities. [Esther M. Friedman](#), will examine the degree to which the resources of broader social contexts--extended kin, friends, and neighbors--influence population health. [Jennifer Karas Montez](#), will investigate the social, psychological, and biological mechanisms that link educational attainment and mortality risk.

Kresge Cafeteria

[The McGovern Lecture: An Anatomy of Addiction](#)

George E. Wantz
Sept. 15
4:00-5:00 PM
Reception to follow
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Medical Education
Ctr., Carl Walter
Amphitheater
[RSVP required](#)

Harvard America-China Health Summit

September 21-22
Joseph B. Martin
Conference Ctr., HMS
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HSPH in the media



[Malaria resurgence in Senegal raises concerns](#) (*NPR*)

[Population explosion demands thoughtful response](#) (*CNN*)