

## Retirees and those near retirement have different views of golden years

*Pre-retirees may underestimate health, financial challenges of retirement, poll from NPR, RWJF and HSPH shows*



One in four retirees think life in retirement is worse than it was before they retired, according to a poll by NPR, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and HSPH. The poll shows stark differences between what pre-retirees think retirement will be like, and what retirees say is actually the case: Only 14 percent of pre-retirees predict that life overall will be worse when they retire, compared to the 25 percent of retirees who say it actually is worse. Only 13 percent of pre-retirees thought their health would be worse, while 39 percent of retirees say it actually is. Less than a quarter of pre-retirees (22%) predict their financial situation will be worse, while a third of retirees (35%) said it actually is. [Read more](#)

## Around the School

### Postdocs celebrated at Appreciation Day



HSPH postdoctoral researchers were honored at a reception on September 22 for their significant contributions to research at the School. The event, sponsored by the [Office of Faculty Affairs](#) and the [HSPH Postdoctoral Association](#) (PDA), was held in recognition of the third annual [National Postdoc Appreciation Week](#). Assoc. Prof. [Laura Kubzansky](#) and research David Kasahara (pictured) received awards from the HSPH Postdoctoral Association. [Read more](#)

### Improving health care in China, U.S.

Health officials from China and the United States gathered at an event organized by the Harvard School of Public Health to

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### Flu clinics starting next week

Oct. 6, 13, 27  
9:00-11:00 AM  
(or until all available doses are administered)  
Kresge Cafeteria

Free to all faculty, staff and students.  
Harvard ID required.

### Event highlights



[Melvin W. First Memorial Symposium](#)

Sept. 30  
1:00-4:30 PM  
KSG 502

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examine successful reforms around the world and to exchange information on their own efforts, as the two global giants seek ways to extend access, improve quality, and lower the cost of care to their citizens. The two-day Harvard America-China Health Summit, sponsored by HSPHs [China Initiative](#), opened with twin keynote addresses by Chinese Minister of Health Chen Zhu and Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Sherry Glied. [Read more](#)

**Admissions events**

Know any prospective HSPH students?

[Recruitment events](#) begin October 3.



**Gelber honored**

Prof. [Richard Gelber](#) received the [ECCO Clinical Research Award](#) at the European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress, held in Stockholm, Sweden, on September 23-27. The award honors an "outstanding international contribution to the integration of scientific research and clinical practice in the field of cancer."

Gelber was recognized along with colleague Aron Goldhirsch, of the European Institute for Oncology, for their research group's work on breast cancer.



**[Move prevention to the top of every nation's health care agenda, health expert urges](#)**

Rear Admiral Susan Blumenthal delivered this year's first Dean's Distinguished Lecture.



**[Alumni Weekend 2011](#)**

HSPH alumni gathered from across the world for a festive annual reunion.

**[Student government representatives announced](#)**

Congratulations to this year's winners!

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**HSPH research in the media**



[Drinking coffee may decrease risk of depression in women](#) (*New York Times*)

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