

From the Harvard Public Health Review

Life after death: Helping former child soldiers become whole again

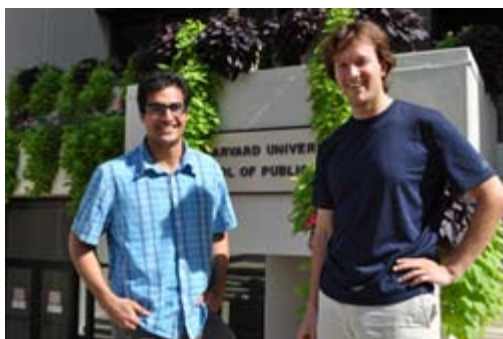


Today, among the 87 war-torn countries in which data have been gathered, 300,000-500,000 children are involved with fighting forces as child soldiers. Once the killing ends, peace treaties are signed and emergency humanitarian missions pull out. But these

children's sorrows persist. HSPH's Theresa Betancourt has made it her mission to understand how to promote their resilience--and ultimately, their healing. [Read more](#)

Read more from the [Fall 2011 issue](#) of the *Harvard Public Health Review*

HSPH study suggests natural selection at work in certain disease-related genes



Gaurav Bhatia and Alkes Price

A new study led by researchers Gaurav Bhatia, a graduate student in the Harvard-MIT Health, Science, and Technology program, and [Alkes Price](#), assistant professor of statistical genetics at HSPH, implies that, among three closely related African-

ancestry populations, natural selection is at work in genes related to malaria and bladder and gastric cancers. Ultimately, the research could help shed light on the role of natural selection in disease resistance. The study was published in Sept. 9 issue of the *American Journal of Human Genetics*. [Read more](#)

Around the School

In memoriam: Dade Moeller

HSPH Prof. *Emeritus* Dade

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Flu shots and chair massages

Flu clinics

Oct. 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.

[Chair massages](#)

Tuesdays
11:00 AM-2 PM
Krege Cafeteria

Event highlights

Paying for Performance or Results: Extending Rosenthal



Moeller died at age 84 on September 26. Moeller joined the Harvard School of Public Health as a professor of environmental health engineering in 1966, and served as chair of the Department of Environmental Health until 1981. Before his retirement in 1993, Moeller also held positions as associate dean for continuing education and associate director of the Harvard-NIEHS Center for Environmental Health. [Read more about Moeller's career](#) on the Department of Environmental Health website.



Frenk inducted into Academy of Arts and Sciences

HSPH [Dean Julio Frenk](#) is among 180 of the nation's most influential artists, scientists, scholars, authors, and institutional leaders who were inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at a ceremony October 1 in Cambridge. [Read more](#)

Frenk also has stepped up his efforts this fall to keep global health issues at center stage despite a continuing worldwide economic slowdown. [Read more](#)



Should health professionals have coaches?

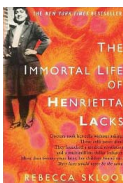
[Read](#) the latest *New Yorker* article by HSPH's [Atul Gawande](#).



Voices from the Field

ABC News' Richard Besser, former CDC acting director, spoke to HSPH students about leading responses to health crises. [Read more](#) and [watch](#) this and other videos from the

Decision-making: Voices from the Field series.



WHI Book Group The Women and Health Initiative hosts a monthly book club discussion about literature related to women and health. All are welcome to attend any or all discussions. [Email WHI](#) to learn more or suggest future books.

October meeting

[The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#)

by Rebecca Skloot

Oct. 26

5:00 PM

The Squealing Pig
134 Smith St.



This symposium is in honor of [Meredith Rosenthal's](#) recent promotion to professor of health economics and policy in the Department of Health Policy and Management.

Oct. 11
4:00-5:00 PM
Kresge G-2
Reception to follow
in the Kresge
Cafeteria

A World of 7 Billion: Matters Arising



[Babatunde Osotimehin](#),
Executive Director,
United Nations
Population Fund

Oct. 12
4:00-5:15 PM
[Pop Center](#)

**Minorities in U.S.
get poorer
hospital care**



The nation's worst

Admissions event

Know any prospective HSPH students? Learn more about the upcoming [Prospective Student Information Session](#)
Oct. 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

[Yerby Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#)

applications deadline: Nov. 1

[Computer training courses from IT](#)

Courses are free and open to faculty members, staff, and researchers.

hospitals treat twice as many minorities and poor patients as the best hospitals, and their patients have poorer health outcomes, according to a new study led by HSPH's [Ashish Jha](#).
[***Read more***](#)