

## Student team presents at State House



In HSPH's first annual Spring Challenge, student teams spent a week putting together a policy brief recommending ways to build prevention and public health into payment reform in Massachusetts. Teams then faced off *American Idol*-style in front of a panel of judges. The winning team, pictured with HSPH Prof. [John McDonough](#) (third from left) and members of the Massachusetts Prevention for Health Caucus, presented their ideas at the State House on April 10. Photo by Aubrey LaMedica.

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### Event highlights



#### [HSPH I-NIGHT](#)

A night of music and dance performed by students

April 13

6:30-8:30 PM

John Hancock Hall

#### [Dean's Distinguished Lecture](#)

From Cane Fields to Freedom:  
A Story of Protest and Challenge, South Africa and the World

Jay Naidoo, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

April 23

## Summer temperature variability may increase mortality risk for elderly with chronic disease



New research from HSPH suggests that seemingly small changes in summer temperature swings--as little as 1°C more than usual--may shorten life expectancy for elderly people with chronic medical

conditions, and could result in thousands of additional deaths each year. [Read more](#)

## Use of common pesticide linked to bee colony collapse



The likely culprit in sharp worldwide declines in honeybee colonies since 2006 is imidacloprid, one of the most widely used pesticides, according to a new study from HSPH.

Pinpointing the cause of the problem is crucial because bees--beyond producing honey--

are prime pollinators of roughly one-third of the crop species in the U.S., including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and livestock feed such as alfalfa and clover. Massive declines of honeybees could result in billions of dollars in agricultural losses, experts estimate. [Read more](#)

## Around the School

### Celebrating student support



The inaugural [Fellowship Celebration](#) on April 5 honored the most generous supporters of financial aid at HSPH and the students who benefit from this generosity.

### [Nominate a Harvard Hero](#)

Recognize colleagues who go above and beyond the call of duty every day by nominating your favorite Harvard Hero before April 20.

### [Don't forget to schedule your performance review](#)

Visit the HSPH Performance Management site for forms and tips. All reviews must be submitted to HR by April 30.

### [Take the Stairs teams climb thousands of steps](#)

Congratulations to Team Jha, the first of this year's 53 Take the Stairs teams to "reach the summit"!

### Upcoming courses and events

#### [7th Annual Program in Ethics and Health Conference](#)

April 19-20, The Inn at Longwood (April 19) and the Sheraton Commander (April 20).

#### [Harvard University Center for AIDS Research Annual Symposium--HIV/HCV 2012: Advances in Research and Treatment](#)

April 26, Harvard Medical School

#### [Nutrition and Child Health symposium](#)

May 2, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Kresge G3

#### [Intensive Course on Health and Human Rights: Concepts, Implementation and Impact](#)

June 11-13, HSPH Center for Continuing Professional Education

#### [Call for abstracts: New England Tuberculosis Symposium](#)

4:00-5:00 PM  
Kresge 502  
Reception to follow

### Research news



[Benefits of eating fish outweigh risks for most people](#) (*Washington Post*)

[Research team corroborates Darfur abuse allegations](#) (*Voice of America*)

[Foods, drinks with flavonoids may reduce risk of Parkinson's disease](#) (*U.S. News & World Report*)

["One Harvard: Lectures that Last" event features HSPH speakers discussing climate change](#) (*Harvard Gazette*)

[Two studies look at eating patterns and risk of type 2 diabetes and colorectal cancer](#) (*HSPH feature*)

[Cancer patients at increased risk for suicide, cardiac deaths](#) (*ABC News*)