

Commencement is coming May 24



This year's Commencement ceremonies on May 24 are fast approaching. Get the complete schedule and answers to frequently asked questions at HSPH's [Commencement Corner](#).

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New Humanitarian Academy to train disaster responders



From left: HHI Director Michael VanRooyen, Jonathan and Jeannie Lavine, and HSPH Dean Julio Frenk

The Humanitarian Academy at Harvard, a new comprehensive training program for humanitarian workers, will be offered through the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI), a University-wide center that uses research to improve aid response.

The Academy will include the Lavine Family Humanitarian Studies Initiative, an existing training program for humanitarian professionals that was recently expanded through a gift from Harvard alumni Jonathan and Jeannie Lavine. There also will be a new, interdisciplinary concentration in humanitarian studies, ethics, and human rights, to be offered at HSPH beginning in 2013, and hands-on training through internships with relief agencies. [Read more](#)

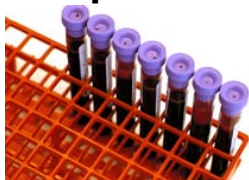
Earth Week 2012



HSPH marked Earth Week 2012 with a wide variety of activities including a neighborhood clean-up. Pictured: HSPH volunteers Caitlin O'Connor and Jen Doleva.

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Some HDL, or "good" cholesterol, may not protect against heart disease



A new study by HSPH researchers has found that a subclass of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, the so-called "good" cholesterol, may not protect against coronary heart disease and in fact may be harmful. [Read](#)

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Event highlights

[HPV Vaccine: Does it make sense?](#)

Deborah Maine, Boston University School of Public Health

Sponsored by the Women and Health Initiative

May 16
FXB G-11 12:30-1:30 PM

Around the School

Wessling-Resnick to direct Division of Biological Sciences

[Marianne Wessling-Resnick](#), professor of nutritional biochemistry in the Department of Genetics and Complex Diseases, will become the director of the Division of Biological Sciences at HSPH, succeeding Laurie Glimcher. Wessling-Resnick will also continue in her role as the director of the Biological



Sciences in Public Health Program.

HSPH Mourns Endang Sedyaningsih



Endang Sedyaningsih, MPH '92, SD '97 received her master's and doctoral degrees from the Department of Global Health and Population. In 2009, she was appointed Minister of Health in her native Indonesia. Minister Endang returned to HSPH in May 2011 to deliver a Dean's Distinguished Lecture on "Efforts in Materializing Health Care Equity in Indonesia." She passed away on May 1

from lung cancer.

Deadline extended for special enrollment opportunity from Harvard's new long-term care insurance provider

During the initial rollout period--extended to May 25, 2012-- current faculty and staff can enroll with guaranteed acceptance (no medical underwriting) with Genworth Life Insurance Company, Harvard's new LTC insurance provider.

Workshop: Buying Your First Home

May 31, 12:00-1:30 PM
Feel free to bring your lunch.
Countway Library, Minot Room
Registration requested

Learn more about [home buying resources](#) for Harvard employees.

Summer classes at the Center for Wellness



The Center for Wellness is now accepting registrations for new workshops scheduled from June through August. Space is limited. Offerings include weekly yoga classes for employees in the Longwood Medical Area

Research news and interviews



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