

## HSPH's Curtis Huttenhower honored by President Obama



[Curtis Huttenhower](#), assistant professor of computational biology and bioinformatics in the Department of Biostatistics at HSPH, was one of 96 researchers named by President Obama as recipients of the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government on science and engineering

professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. Huttenhower was instrumental in several studies published earlier this year that helped identify and analyze the vast human "microbiome"--the more than five million microbial genes that exist inside the human body. [Read more](#)

## Students create map of toilets in Mumbai slum, aim to improve sanitation



In the Mumbai, India slum known as Cheeta Camp, there's a problem with toilets. There aren't enough; people don't like the public toilets run by the government because they're dirty and dark; and little kids mostly don't use the toilets at all, but do their business

in the open, near sewers. On the other hand, people do like the cleaner, well-lit pay toilets run by nongovernmental organizations. This information and more was gathered by a dozen HSPH students who traveled to Mumbai in January 2012 to research life in the city's slums with [Richard Cash](#), senior lecturer on global health. Their work can be used to advocate for better sanitation. [Read more](#)

## Research news and interviews

### [Expanding Medicaid to low-income adults leads to improved health, fewer deaths](#)

A new study from HSPH finds that expanding Medicaid to low-income adults leads to widespread gains in coverage, access to care, and--

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most importantly--improved health and reduced mortality. It is the first published study to look at the effect of recent state Medicaid expansions on mortality among low-income adults, and the findings suggest that expanding coverage to the uninsured may save lives.

**[Prolonged sitting, TV viewing may shorten life](#)**



Sitting for more than three hours a day may shorten your life by two years, even if you are physically active and don't smoke, according to HSPH researchers. Watching TV for more than two hours a day may reduce life expectancy by an additional 1.4 years.

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