

Postdocs take center stage at annual Appreciation Day



[Eric Rimm](#), associate professor in the Departments of Epidemiology and Nutrition, is the recipient of the 2012 Postdoctoral Association (PDA) Mentor Award. Rimm was nominated by his postdoc, [Juliana Cohen](#), and received the award at the September 21 Postdoc Appreciation Day celebration. Outgoing PDA President [Silje Reme](#) (pictured left) received the PDA Service Award at the event and researchers [Anne Lusk](#) and [Feyza Engin](#) were awarded certificates of appreciation. [Read more](#)

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Friday, Sept. 28: Watch live webcast



Saving Lives That Give Life: Preventing Maternal Deaths and Advancing Women's Health

September 28

2:00-3:00 PM

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EXPERT PARTICIPANTS: Christy Turlington Burns, director/producer of *No Woman, No Cry* and founder, Every Mother Counts; [Ana Langer](#), professor of the practice of public health, and director of HSPH's Women and Health Initiative; [Julio Frenk](#), Dean, HSPH, former minister of health, Mexico, and chair of the Board of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Submit questions to the panel on Twitter using the hash tag #maternaldeath, via email at theforum@hsph.harvard.edu, or by posting to the [Community Discussion page](#).

First flu shot clinic next week

October 4, 11, 25

9:00-11:00 AM

Kresge Cafeteria

Free to faculty, staff, and students. Harvard ID required. Please note that doses are limited and may run out early.

Event highlight



School Innovation Project Celebration

October 1

2:30-4:00 PM

Kresge Cafeteria

This event celebrates everyone who submitted an idea to the School Innovation Project. Ideas selected for implementation

Regular consumption of sugary

beverages linked to increased genetic risk of obesity



A study by HSPH researchers showed that the genetic effects on body mass index (BMI) and obesity risk among those who drank one or more sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) per day were about twice as large as those who consumed less than one serving per month.

The findings suggest that regular consumption may amplify the genetic risk of obesity. In addition, individuals with greater genetic predisposition to obesity appear to be more susceptible to harmful effects of SSBs on BMI. [Read more](#)

Around the School



[For a health reform model, try Brazil](#)

At the Harvard-Brazil Symposium, hosted by HSPH, government officials from Brazil discussed that nation's progress on health reform.



[Happy birthday epidemiology](#)

Guest speaker Alfredo Morabia traced epidemiology's origin to 1662, when statistics were first compiled to show population health trends.

Upcoming

[Article discussion: *Why Woman Still Can't Have It All*](#)

October 4

1:00-2:00 PM

Countway Library, Ballard Room

HSPH Professor Francesca Dominici will facilitate a discussion about a controversial article recently published in *The Atlantic*.

[Got info to share at APHA? Contact Admissions by October 9](#)

The HSPH Admissions Office will be hosting a booth at the American Public Health Association conference on October 28-31. Contact admissions@hsph.harvard.edu if you would like to share materials or information about a conference presentation with attendees.

will be announced.

Refreshments will be served.

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