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Research Digest

January 2013

From the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery
Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, *Chief*

Biomarkers of inflammation associated with colorectal cancer in women, but not useful for early detection



| **Cancer Prevention Research** |
Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD
Published in *International Journal of Cancer*
[PubMed](#) | [Toriola Profile](#)

Study suggests that inflammation from a common STI plays a role in the risk of developing prostate cancer



| **Cancer Prevention Research** |
Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, ScM, MHS
Published in *Cancer Causes & Control*
[PubMed](#) | [Sutcliffe Profile](#)

Essay highlights a proposed four-phase model for transdisciplinary team-based research



| **Transdisciplinary Research** |
Sarah Gehlert, PhD
Essay published in *Translational Behavioral Medicine*
[Online](#) | [Gehlert Profile](#)

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Division News Briefs

- **Please join us for an Open House Reception** celebrating our new office space on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the second floor of the [Taylor Avenue Building](#). Refreshments and appetizers will be served. RSVP to leightonc@wustl.edu. (*Note: This date has been changed from January 16 to January 30.*)
- The division welcomes [Deborah Bowen, PhD](#), as a **visiting faculty member** from January to March 2013. Dr. Bowen is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences at Boston University School of Public Health. She will work with both the [Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities \(PECaD\)](#) and the [Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer \(TREC\) Center](#) with Dr. Colditz.
- **Save the date:** The results of the [Photovoice for Colon Cancer Project](#), led by [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), will be presented at a reception on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Center for Advanced Medicine. The reception will highlight photographs and narratives by community members that will be used to spread the message about the importance of colon



ABOUT US

This newsletter provides a select summary of research news from the Division of Public Health Sciences.

We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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cancer screening. Look for more details in the February Research Digest newsletter, or email hunlethj@wustl.edu with questions.

- Linda Jin, a Washington University medical student, **won the American Public Health Association's 2012 Student Poster Showcase Award** (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section) at the organization's annual meeting held this year in San Francisco. Her poster, titled "Geographic disparities in access to nonprescription nicotine replacement therapy in St. Louis pharmacies," described inequalities in access to NRT based on neighborhood, income and race. Low-income neighborhoods were at a disadvantage in both availability and accessibility of NRT, a disparity that likely perpetuates the disproportionate burden of tobacco use among low-income smokers. Jin's mentor for the project was [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), a research assistant professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences.

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