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Research Digest

September 2013

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

Drinking alcohol between menarche and first pregnancy increases breast cancer risk



| Cancer Prevention Research |

Ying Liu, MD, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*
[Full Text](#) | [Liu Profile](#) | [Colditz Profile](#) | [Press Release](#)

Study provides preliminary certification criteria for patient decision aids



| Health Communication Research |

Mary Politi, PhD, et al.
Published in *Medical Decision Making*
[Full Text](#) | [Politi Profile](#)

Division faculty contribute to study, report on the health of African Americans in St. Louis



| Public Health Research |

Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH; Melody Goodman, PhD, MS; et al.
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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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Division News Briefs

- The new [Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series](#) begins on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 4:30 p.m. in The Doll & Hill Teaching Room (second floor of the Taylor Avenue Building). Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, will give a presentation titled "Risk Prediction in Breast Cancer, Development, Validation, and Implementation in Clinic: Methodologic Challenges and Lessons Learned." Everyone is invited to stay for a reception immediately following the seminar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to celebrate the start of this collaborative seminar series. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences welcomes several new [postdoctoral research associates](#): Grant Farmer, PhD, MPH, MA; Jung Ae Lee, PhD; William MacMillan, PhD; and Faustine Williams, PhD, MPH, MS. The postdocs will work on projects within the division and TREC@WUSTL.
- Looking for classes to **broaden your population and clinical outcomes research skills**? Registration is now open for three fall and winter elective classes in the Master of Population Health Sciences program. Click to contact [MPHS Program Coordinator Joyce Linn](#) for more information on the following classes open to MDs and clinical doctorates. **Fall 2 Semester (October**

21 to December 18, 2013): ***Using Administrative Data for Health Services Research***. Winter Short Semester (January 2-10, 2014): ***Communicating Research Findings to the Media and Lay Audiences***, and ***Methods for Studying Global Burden of Diseases***.

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