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

Health insurance information-seeking behaviors among the uninsured



| **Health Disparities Research** |
Mary Politi, PhD; et al.
Published in *Journal of Health Communication*
[PubMed](#) | [Politi Profile](#)

The readability of online breast cancer risk assessment tools



| **Epidemiology Research** |
Aimee James, PhD, MPH; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *Breast Cancer Prevention and Treatment*
[PubMed](#) | [James Profile](#)

State legislators' sources and use of information: Bridging the gap between research and policy



| **Public Health Research** |
Ross Brownson, PhD; et al.
Published in *Health Education Research*
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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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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Cassandra Arroyo-Johnson](#), PhD, assistant professor of surgery, and [Melody Goodman](#), PhD, assistant professor of surgery, on **receiving a Public Health Cubed Seed Funding award** entitled *Fatal Interactions with Police: Investigating Racial Bias*. This award has been funded by the [Institute for Public Health at Washington University](#) in the amount of \$15,000. Together, Drs. Arroyo-Johnson and Goodman will work with [Odis D. Johnson Jr.](#), PhD, associate professor in the School of Arts and Science, in conducting multidisciplinary research around racial biases in officer-related shootings and other fatal interactions with the criminal justice system.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Mary Politi](#), PhD, who has **received a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** (R13HS023446) to support the **annual Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) conference**, formerly called the Comparative Effectiveness Research conference, for the next 3 years. Please **save the date for the next conference on April 5-6, 2016**. The theme in 2016 will be on translating PCOR findings into policy and practice.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences and [The Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences](#) are excited to announce a **new doctoral training program**, [Cell to Society Pathway](#). This program

will bring rigorous training in biology, genomics, epidemiology, and biostatistics together to establish new leaders in biological and quantitative population sciences. The program is funded through a [Burroughs Wellcome grant](#).

- The Division of Public Health Sciences and the [Department of Orthopedics](#) invite applications for a **tenure-track position** at the rank of assistant or associate Professor. For more information, or to apply for this position, please [view the job posting](#).
- Join us **Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4:30 p.m.** for this month's **Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series** in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room 2131 in the Taylor Avenue Building. [Natasta Stout](#), PhD, assistant professor in Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute, will present "Filling Evidence Gaps in Breast Cancer Prevention and Control: Examples from Model-Based Analyses." See upcoming [seminar series](#) presentations.
- **Media notes:** 1) [Mary Politi](#), PhD, and Sydney Philpott, research coordinator, were featured on the Cancer News in Context blog with their article, [The Importance of Shared Decision Making in Lung Cancer Screening](#). 2) [Melody Goodman](#), PhD, and [Cassandra Arroyo Johnson's](#), PhD, recent publication, [Race, Law and Health: Examination of 'Stand Your Ground' and Defendant Convictions in Florida](#), has been featured in [Pacific Standard Magazine](#). 3) [Graham Colditz](#), MD, DrPH, was featured on the American Association for Cancer Research's blog with his article, [A Youthful Approach: Expanding the Reach of Breast Cancer Prevention](#). 4) [Mary Politi](#), PhD, was part of a panel at the Annual Society for Medical Decision Making Conference in St. Louis that discussed health decision making among vulnerable populations, along with other Washington University faculty members. This panel was sponsored in part by a Provost grant. [Watch the panel discussion here](#).

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