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Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH; et al.
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Feng Gao, MD, PhD, MPH; Rosy (Jingqin) Luo, PhD; et al.
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Rural-urban differences in cancer incidence and trends in the United States



| Health Disparities Research |
Aimee James, PhD, MPH; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences **congratulates [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), Niess-Gain professor of surgery, on his appointment as chair of the National Academies of Sciences workgroup** for improving health research in small populations. Read the [news announcement](#).
- The Division **welcomes new faculty member Kia Davis, ScD, MPH, as an assistant professor of surgery**. Dr. Davis begins October 1. Her research interests include health disparities, health communication, and chronic disease prevention.
- [Mary Politi, PhD](#), associate professor of surgery, will be **presenting twice at the Society for Medical Decision Making annual conference** October 22-25 in Pittsburgh. Dr. Politi



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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presents on Oct. 22 with a [short course on shared decision making](#), and again with a research poster during the [opening reception](#).

- Join Drs. Graham Colditz and Aimee James at the [4th Rural Cancer Disparities Partnership Retreat](#) **October 27** from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Simmons Cancer Institute in Springfield, Il.
- Congratulations to **Jeff Gill, PhD, on his retirement from Washington University, and to Sarah Gehlert, PhD, for accepting a position as [Dean of the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina](#)**. Both Drs. Gill and Gehlert left their positions this past summer.
- Join us Thursday, November 9, at 4:30 p.m. for the **Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series**. Jennifer Walker, PhD, MPH, Deputy Lead in the Cancer Prevention in the Primary Care Research Group at University of Melbourne, Australia, will present. See the [upcoming seminar series presentations](#).
- The **fall 2017 news bulletin of the Master of Population Sciences (MPHS) program** is now [available online](#).
- Don't forget your **mandatory flu shot** this fall. Upcoming dates and locations are [available online](#).
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), wrote September's [Gateway Region YMCA blog](#) about tips to maintaining a healthy weight. 2) [Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD](#), was September's expert for [The St. Louis Post-Dispatch section, In Good Taste](#). Dr. Toriola spoke to the health benefits of apples. 3) October's [St. Louis Post-Dispatch In Good Taste](#) featured [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), who explained how squash are helpful additions to one's diet. 4) Colditz was also quoted in a [WRAL news article](#) linking high vegetable intake to lower breast cancer risk.

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