Global failure to reverse obesity epidemic demands new ways of thinking
Christina Roberto and colleagues are calling for “smart food policies” by governments, alongside joint efforts from industry and society, to improve food environments and make healthy eating easier.

Retooling primary care to tackle chronic diseases
Margaret Kruk discusses strategies for redesigning primary care to combat the burgeoning global epidemic of noncommunicable diseases in developing countries.

Newly found genes affecting allergies and asthma could provide new drug targets
A new study has uncovered more than 30 genes that have strong effects on allergies, asthma, and an antibody that triggers allergic responses. Among these genes are new potential drug targets for treating allergies and asthma.

Event Highlights

Addressing Ebola: A Series on the 2014 Outbreak
Speaker: Barry Bloom
February 23
4:00–5:00 PM
Kresge 502

Celebration with the Stars
February 24
2:30–4:00 PM
Kresge Cafeteria
Reception to follow

Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee
Evidence basis and key recommendations
February 25
3:30–6:00 PM
Kresge G-1

7th Annual Unity Reception
February 25
5:30–7:30 PM
FXB Atrium
Light refreshments and dessert

Putting Mothers and Babies First: Benefits Across a Lifetime
Watch live Forum webcast
February 26
12:30–1:30 PM

From racism and injustice to health and other outcomes
Takemi Program seminar
Speaker: Cassandra Okechukwu
February 26
3:30–5:00 PM
GHP Conf. Room, 12th Floor

Around the School

Dean’s Report on Diversity and Inclusion

Event calendar >
The first annual Diversity and Inclusion Report represents a next step in creating a shared understanding of the state of diversity on our campus, the work we are doing to recruit and retain students, staff, and faculty from underrepresented U.S. minority groups, and our efforts to build a truly inclusive climate at the School.

**In memoriam:**
**Rose Epstein Frisch**
Rose Epstein Frisch, an associate professor emerita and a pioneer in elucidating the biological mechanisms of fertility and cancer in women, died January 30.

**Blood donors needed**
Due to the recent snow storms, the Boston Children's Blood Donor Center is experiencing a shortage of all types of blood and needs help to replenish the supply. To book an appointment, call 617-355-6677 or book online at the link above.

**WordPress trainings offered in February and March**
These hands-on trainings will cover basic tasks including editing pages, adding images, and configuring menus.

**Submit winter cycling photos to the Masscommute Bicycle Challenge**
Email winter cycling photos to Masscommute throughout February. They will be posted to the MassCommut Challenge Facebook page, and the two photographers with the most ‘likes’ at the end of the month will win five extra raffle tickets at this year’s Bike Bash.

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