Linking happiness and health
A symposium hosted by the Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness examined increasing evidence that happiness and well-being are connected to health.

Uncovering a 'smoking gun' in age-related disease
A new study finds a causal link between a cellular process called RNA splicing and aging.

Scientists hit the road to gather Parkinson’s data
Four researchers hit the road in a 32-foot-long RV to meet with several dozen study participants to conduct neurological examinations that will help them learn more about the early symptoms of Parkinson’s disease.

Facebook Live Q&A: The future of food

Event Highlights

Sex Workers and Their Children: Maternal and Child Health Issues
December 8
12:30-1:20 PM
FXB G12

Cutter Lecture: Creating a Path to Understanding Diet and Health
December 9
4:30-5:30 PM
Kresge G1

Capturing the Carbon Dividend: Health Benefits of Climate Mitigation
December 13
9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall

Listen: Marijuana and public health

In this week’s episode: As more states legalize recreational use of marijuana, we examine the potential public health benefits and concerns. We also look at the growing body of evidence about the negative health effects of synthetic chemicals known as phthalates.
Gary Adamkiewicz will discuss the future of food and sustainable eating in a Facebook Live Q&A on Monday, December 12, at noon. The Q&A will precede a panel discussion hosted by the Forum on Tuesday, December 13, at 12:30 PM.

**In the news**

**Helping seriously ill patients discuss end-of-life wishes**

**Professionalizing medical care after disasters**

**The four-decade-old Nurses’ Health Study sets its sights on breast cancer**

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**Around the School**

**Two honored for work in tropical medicine**

Dyann Wirth, Richard Pearson Strong Professor of Infectious Diseases and chair of the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, and Deepali Ravel, a doctoral student, were both honored at the annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene.

**Scholars at Risk nominations**

Each year the Scholars at Risk program supports scholars, writers, artists, and public intellectuals who face persecution. All Harvard faculty, staff, and students are welcome to submit nominations. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, December 15. Complete the nomination form [here](#).

**Apply for fellowships on aging and work**

The Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies is accepting applications for two different postdoctoral fellowship programs on aging and work. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 9 at 3:00 PM.

**Addressing LGBTQ health disparities through translational research**

The Harvard Catalyst Health Disparities Research Program is seeking to engage a broad range of clinical, public health, public policy, law, education, and other investigators from across the Harvard community, and will provide seed money of up to $50,000, for cutting-edge, collaborative, interdisciplinary translational research to enhance understanding of LGBTQ health disparities and interventions that may address these disparities. The deadline to apply is Monday, December 12.