New genetic variants associated with coffee drinking
A new study helps explain why a given amount of coffee or caffeine has different effects on different people, and provides a genetic basis for future research exploring the links between coffee and health.

Support for Medicaid expansion strong among low-income adults
Low-income adults overwhelmingly support Medicaid expansion and think the program offers health care coverage that is comparable to or even better in quality than private health insurance coverage.

Financial well-being and health
A new study by Reginald Tucker-Seeley and colleagues found that families facing financial hardship were more likely than other families to opt for aggressive end-of-life care for a seriously ill loved one, even after accounting for patient preferences.

Around the School
Donna Spiegelman wins

Event Highlights
A Celebration of Life: Marc J. Roberts
October 12
1:00–2:30 PM
Loeb House, 17 Quincy St., Cambridge
Reception to follow
RSVP

Deans’ Health and Life Sciences Challenge Kickoff
Deans’ Health and Life Sciences Challenge
October 14
5:30–7:30 PM
Harvard Innovation Lab

The Department of Environmental Health & The Lown Scholars Program Lecture Series presents:
Prevention in the Age of Multi-Morbidity: The Swiss Experience
Thomas Zeltner
October 15
4:00–5:00 PM
Reception to follow
Kresge G2

Data for Good: Public Health’s Information Revolution
Kent Walker, senior vice president and general counsel, Google, Inc.
October 16
4:00–5:00 PM
Kresge G1
RSVP

EcoOp events
Estimating the health impacts of reducing emissions from coal-fired power plants
Jonathan Buonocore
October 21
award to develop effective public health interventions

Donna Spiegelman has received a Director's Pioneer Award from the National Institutes of Health, recognizing "exceptional creativity."

In praise of postdocs

Postdocs and their mentors recently celebrated HSPH's "Postdoc Appreciation Day," held in conjunction with National Postdoc Appreciation Week, as a "thank you" for all their hard work.

Honoring HSPH's A.C.E.s

The A.C.E. awards is HSPH’s way of acknowledging an individual staff member who has made an extraordinary effort in a particular task or aspect of their position, accomplished something special, and/or who exemplifies a collaborative commitment to their work and the School’s mission.

Changes to Harvard's health benefits for 2015

Learn more about upcoming changes to Harvard's health benefits.

Classroom renovation status update

The School recently received an extraordinarily generous gift from Richard and Ronay Menschel, a portion of which will target the enhancement and transformation of our teaching and learning spaces. Watch the architect's video of the planned renovations.

Football Players Health Study launched

Convened by Harvard Catalyst, the Football Player's Study at Harvard University's goal is to understand the physical and mental health conditions former players face, with the goal of improving the health and wellbeing of former NFL players, while furthering understanding of the benefits and the risks of football.

Wanted: Innovative ideas for a better food system

The Deans' Food System Challenge, one of a series of Deans’ Challenges organized by the Harvard Innovation Lab (i-Lab), invites students and postdocs to develop innovative ideas to improve the health, social, and environmental outcomes of the food system, both in the United States and around the world.

On My Own Time exhibition accepting submissions

On My Own Time is an annual exhibit featuring the diverse interests of staff, faculty and academic appointees in the Harvard Longwood community. Past submissions have included music, dance, poetry, photography, paintings, knitting, jewelry, and sculpture. Click the link above to submit your talents for this year's exhibit.

Reception: November 12, 2:30–4:30 PM
Exhibit dates: November 12–21
HSDM, Research Education Building, 190 Longwood Avenue

Research news

'Multiple failures' in handling of first U.S. Ebola patient

Healthy lifestyle may cut halve gestational diabetes cases

Improving cancer care around the world

Ebola epidemic is stoppable