



Whitman Today

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NW5C Resources



Whitman is a member of the Northwest 5 Consortium for Community Engaged Learning (NW5C), a cooperative that also includes Lewis & Clark College, Reed College, University of Puget Sound and Willamette University. Together, these five liberal arts colleges share resources, organize events and provide learning opportunities focused on revitalizing the arts and humanities in the Pacific Northwest.

NW5C has a [new website](#) with links to upcoming faculty workshops; this month's focus is Collaboration and Community Engagement in Prisons, and in May the topic will be Indigenous Peoples & Colonialism in the Pacific Northwest. Recording from March's Racial Justice & Community Organizing Workshops are also available.

If you want to learn more about NW5C, check out [Consortium Connection](#), the monthly newsletter, or reach out to Emily Anderson (andersoe@whitman.edu), Kelsey Martin (martinka@whitman.edu) or Matt Reynolds (reynolmm@whitman.edu) for more information.

Q: If I'm vaccinated, do I still have to wear a mask when I walk to class/sunbathe on Ankeny/hang in my hammock by Lakum Duckum/am outside at Whitman?

A: Yes. As tempting as it may be to feel the sun on your cheeks and chin, our campus policy remains that all people (vaccinated or not) must wear a mask at all times in all public spaces, which includes outdoor areas.

Additionally, while the vaccines provide excellent protection against serious illness, there is still a possibility of developing mild and asymptomatic COVID-19 and spreading the virus to others. Cases of COVID-19 have been found in people who are fully vaccinated, leading Umair Shah, the Washington State Secretary of Health, to issue the following note: "Finding evidence of vaccine breakthrough cases reminds us that, even if you have been vaccinated, you still need to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands to prevent spreading COVID-19 to others who have not been vaccinated."

Announcements

Final Days to Apply for CESRP

Applications for the Community Engaged Summer Research Program (CESRP) are due tomorrow!

The CESRP supports community engaged research projects that thoughtfully engage with pressing issues in the Walla Walla Valley through reciprocal and co-creative partnerships with on and off campus community members. The application deadline is 10 a.m. tomorrow and the program will run from June 1-July 29. Review this [poster](#) for more information!

Ready to apply? Access the application [here](#). For more information contact Kelsey Martin, Community Learning Specialist, at martinka@whitman.edu.

ASWC Sustainability Is Asking for Your Help!

ASWC Sustainability Committee has drafted new sustainability principles to be proposed for the school! They're looking for community feedback (students, staff, and faculty) to strengthen the document and gain support before they propose it to the Board of Trustees next semester. Workshops will be held virtually on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Visit goaswc.org/sustainability-2 for more information.

Noteworthy

Kim and Leavitt Featured in Jews, Race and Religion Series

Helen Kim, professor of sociology and assistant dean for academic affairs, and Noah Leavitt, director of the Student Engagement Center, spoke to several hundred people during the "Funny - You Don't Look Jewish!" session of the Katz Center of University of Pennsylvania's Jews, Race and Religion series. Kim and Leavitt discussed their research that led to their book, "[JewAsian](#)," and also reflected on what the current state of anti-Asian violence and anti-racist initiative in the Jewish community.

Cordner Published on Eco-pandemic Injustice

Research carried out by Alissa Cordner, professor of sociology, and collaborators has been published in SAGE Journal of Health and Social Behavior. "[COVID-19 as Eco-Pandemic Injustice: Opportunities for Collective and Antiracist Approaches to Environmental Health](#)" describe the confluence between systems of social and environmental inequalities.

Career Outing Lands Hernandez NWC Weekly Honors

On the heels of a dominant pitching performance this past weekend, first-year Julien Hernandez has been named the Northwest Conference's Baseball Pitcher Student-Athlete of the Week. Hernandez threw a complete game shutout in a 1-0 win over Pacific. He threw a career-high and team season-high 12 strikeouts over seven innings, allowing only two hits and no runs scored.

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Happening Today

- 5 p.m. [Visiting Writers Series: Shane McCrae](#)
Shane McCrae is the poetry editor for Image and the author of seven books of poetry, the recipient of a Whiting Writer's Award, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, the 2017 Lannan Literary Award for Poetry and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He teaches at Columbia University and lives in New York City.
- 7 p.m. [Movie Screening: "A Lot Like You"](#)
Screening of Ellaichi Kimaro's award-winning documentary about finding your heritage, family secrets, and sharing your story at the Milton-Freewater Drive-in as part of the YMCA/SAVA Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The gates will open at 7 p.m., and the film begins at dusk, around 8:15 p.m.

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

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Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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