



Whitman Today

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Fall 2020 ASWC Plans

ASWC

The [Associated Students of Whitman College \(ASWC\)](#) is the student-run governing body aimed at empowering students through various financial avenues, taking the lead in difficult conversations on campus and providing equitable opportunities for involvement.

While this semester looks quite different than in the past, ASWC encourages clubs to continue to meet virtually. Though unable to fund trips to in-person conferences, they have a budget available so that clubs can access resources to support creative engagement ideas.

ASWC is also working with the [Whitman Events Board](#) and the [Whitman Wire](#) to expand [Virtual Campus](#) to create opportunities for students to be involved in planning workshops, talks and events oriented around antiracism, activism, mental wellness, and the academic year theme of race, violence and health. Additionally they will be highlighting how Whitman students are getting involved and offering a helping hand in our communities, continuing to build themselves up while in different spaces and working on making the world a better place, together.

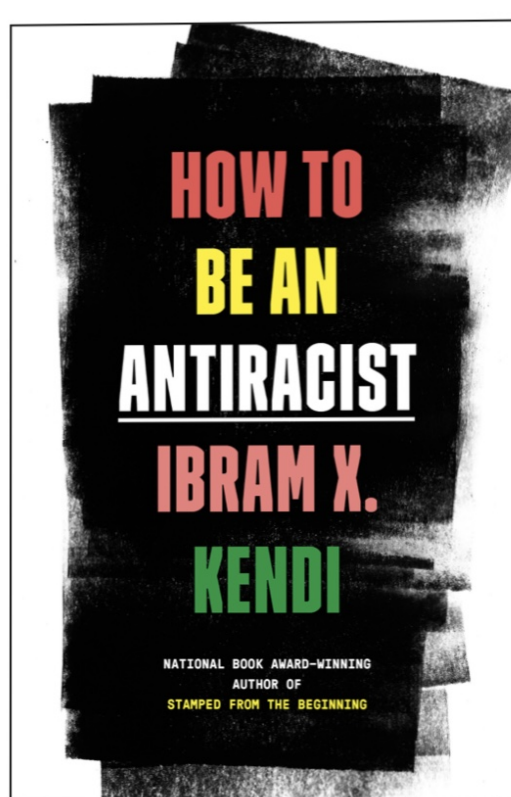
[Meet all the ASWC leaders and learn about their hopes and plans for Fall 2020.](#)

Announcements

Penrose Library Offers Common Read Book

Print, digital and audio copies of "How to be an Antiracist" are now available for checkout through Sherlock (the library's catalog). Print copies may be requested for Penrose porch delivery using the request link in Sherlock. E-books may be read on a computer or tablet; one copy is Kindle-compatible. The Overdrive app provides access to the audio books. Here are direct links in Sherlock:

- [Print copies](#) (5 available)
- [eBook copies](#) (9 available)
- [Kindle-compatible eBook](#) (1 available)
- [Audio copies](#) (5 available)



Teaching Hack of the Week

Brought to you by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Where are Whitman people talking about teaching? It's not like we can pop our heads into each others' offices with a quick question. The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Steering Committee would like to help you find places to connect online! There are a number of options out there...

- If you're a Slacker, you might check out [our new Slack channel](#).
- If you use Facebook, you can ask to join a pretty active group called [Teaching@Whitman](#). Tech tips, calls for help, quick hacks – it's almost enough to justify taking a Facebook work break.
- Not on Facebook? We'll be using this space weekly in Whitman Today to pass along some of the best bits and to try to create as much community around teaching as possible, albeit virtually.
- Finally, don't forget our Canvas site for Online Teaching and Learning Resources for a slew of ideas, tips, and webinars for online teaching and learning.

The CTL Steering Committee is composed of the following people: Nick Bader, Amy Blau, Sarah Davies, Machel Hartman, Sarah Hurlburt, Helen Kim, David Sprunger.

Noteworthy

Zhao Co-edits New Anthology

Wenqing Zhao, assistant professor in philosophy, has co-edited a book titled "The Natural Method: Essays in Mind, Ethics, and Self in Honor of Owen Flanagan" (2020 MIT Press). In this anthology, a list of prominent philosophers explore themes of naturalism in the work of Owen Flanagan, focusing on debates about the nature of mind, the self and morality.

Semerdjian Published in Jacobin Magazine

Elyse Semerdjian, professor of Islamic World/Middle Eastern history, published "[How Counterinsurgency Tactics in the Middle East Found Their Way to American Cities](#)." Positing that many of the repressive police tactics and technologies used in the U.S. have been developed in the Middle East to suppress dissent, Semerdjian states that ending police violence at home must involve ending America's wars abroad.

Happening This Week

MONDAY, AUG. 17-FRIDAY, SEP. 4

[Student Check-in](#)

All students must log in to the myWhitman portal to complete necessary tasks for Fall 2020.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...



Paige Morfitt (she/her/hers) Digital Assets and Metadata Librarian

How do you support the Whitman community in your position? My focus is split between the library catalog, Sherlock, and the library digital repository, ARMINDA. I make sure books, films and other content in Sherlock are discoverable. I'm also a member of the Staff Advisory Council.

What are you most passionate about? Work-wise: making sure every record in Sherlock has subject headings so it has a chance of being discovered. Non-work-wise: football.

What is a special item that you keep in your office/workspace and what does it mean to you? A broken Statue of Liberty figure. It was my dad's before he passed away, and used to sit on his desk at his work. Now it sits on mine.

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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.

