



# Whitman Today

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## Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



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Fostering diversity, inclusion and respect for all in the Whitman community is one of the goals of the [Intercultural Center](#). The center works to strengthen Whitman's intercultural community and ensure a positive experience for those from historically under-represented backgrounds. The center also seeks to enrich the experience of the entire student body and community by providing opportunities to engage and educate the campus as a whole on issues related to diversity. Working together with a variety of campus constituencies, the Intercultural Center facilitates and encourages ongoing dialogue on issues of diversity between students, staff and faculty.

The Intercultural Center team provides academic and social support for multicultural and international students. The center also helps bring diverse perspectives and experiences to the campus by sponsoring various speakers and events, housing a collection of books and videos related to diversity and multicultural issues and providing information about internship and scholarship opportunities.

## Announcements

### WCTS Helpdesk

Our WCTS student consultants are here to assist you in new ways and with extended hours! We are now open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-10 p.m. We can be contacted:

- by phone at 509-527-4976
- by email at [helpdesk@whitman.edu](mailto:helpdesk@whitman.edu)
- by chat by visiting [support.whitman.edu](https://support.whitman.edu)
- or submit your own help request ticket at [my.whitman.edu/support](https://my.whitman.edu/support).

For online teaching and learning support, please email [canvas\\_help@whitman.edu](mailto:canvas_help@whitman.edu).

You can also explore self-help articles on our [knowledge base](#), which includes topics ranging from Working from Home to Zoom Information.

### Help the Alumni Office Recognize Alumni Volunteers

Does your department use volunteers to help run events, network with students, or teach a thing or two? Please let us know when your department works with alumni (in any capacity) so we can acknowledge those alumni who continue to give their time to the Whitman community. To report your volunteers' good works, [please complete this form](#).

## Academic Resources

Welcome back from Penrose Library! Whether you are in Walla Walla or elsewhere in the world, we are still here to help you with all of your research needs. Check out our [Welcome Back blog post](#), which also includes information on how to pick up books from us porch-side or have them mailed to you! Chat with us from the [library homepage](#) 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, or [contact us](#) through email or phone. Keep an eye out for workshops and other opportunities to learn about how to meet all your research needs from wherever you are.

[Fall 2020 Information Center](#)

## Coping With Coronavirus

### Whitman COVID-19 Test Results

Last week 978 people were tested through the Lynx Healthcare mobile lab at Whitman. One test was positive, and that individual has been notified. The lab has called or texted most of the people who took tests but the notification process is taking longer than expected. If people still have not received their COVID-19 test results they may [email Colin Strong](#) of Lynx Healthcare.

## Happening Today

TODAY



4 p.m.

### Community Fellows Fair 2020-21

*Juniors and seniors are invited to join the Student Engagement Center for an excellent opportunity to learn about local Walla Walla community partners and to get face time with recruiters. Register in advance for 1:1 and group sessions.*

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

## Getting to Know...

**EMILY JONES (she/her)**  
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I study contemporary German-language literature and material ecocritical theory. What this means is that I study the interactions between environment and literature: how does our environment shape the things we write and how do the things we write shape our interactions with the environment?

What's really exciting at Whitman is we're one of a few German Studies departments in the U.S. that has made decolonizing and diversifying our curriculum a priority. We do teach classic German texts, but we pay attention to their interaction with the non-Western world, the way they create and support hegemonic systems, and we feature underrepresented voices in every class, whether it's women, non-white Germans, authors from other countries who write in German and so forth.

**What is one new thing you have done during the pandemic?**  
I learned to hang drywall while renovating our basement into a new teach-from-home space.



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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](mailto: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.



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