



Whitman Today

Friday, August 28, 2020

Learning Together: Grant Funds Summer Research Projects in Walla Walla



Whitman College students are known for their passion for serving the Walla Walla community. But this summer, more than a dozen students were able to explore community engagement in a new, more holistic model thanks to a community-engaged learning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The [Community-Engaged Summer Research Program \(CESRP\)](#) was overseen by Kelsey Martin, community learning specialist in the [Student Engagement Center](#), and Associate Professor Matt Reynolds of the [Department of Art History and Visual Culture Studies](#). Martin and Reynolds also co-chair the college's Community-Engaged Learning and Research Initiative (CELR) committee.

While COVID-19 forced many research projects or summer experiences to move online or be suspended, CESRP built the pandemic into its curricular framework. Several of the projects incorporated community response to the pandemic. Those efforts included a project with Penrose Library and Northwest Archives to document the experiences of the immigrant community during COVID-19; an examination of how the Walla Walla Mutual Aid Network came into action to meet pandemic needs; the growth of small farmers and backyard gardening; and a partnership with Population Health to see how art kits could improve the mental health of coronavirus patients.

[Read more about the various CESRP projects.](#)

Announcements

Student Print Requests: New Expanded Hours

The Whitman College Print Shop is available for student printing needs Monday-Friday. Pick up times are 9-11 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. Fill out the [Student Print Request](#) before noon and you will receive a pick up time that afternoon. If your print request is received after noon, your order will be available on the following business day.

Student Accounts Payments

In Walla Walla and need to make a payment to your student account or pay rent for your Whitman owned rental property? The Student Accounts/Trust Office is currently not accepting in-person payments, but fear not! There is a secure drop box in Reid Campus Center! The Whitman post office staff is accepting payments Monday-Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please put your Whitman ID number on the check and request the post office deposit in the Business Office Drop Box.

Academic Resources

Alternate Formats in Canvas

Whitman College has a new Canvas feature called Ally that allows you to download your course files in different formats, including audio and mobile-friendly versions. Starting on Monday, Aug. 31, you will find these "Alternate Formats" in a dropdown menu located next to each file in your course Canvas sites. For a complete description of the available formats and how they can support your learning, visit [Alternative Formats for Students](#). If you have any questions, or are experiencing difficulty accessing alternate formats for your course materials, please contact [Antonia Keithahn](#) in the Academic Resource Center.

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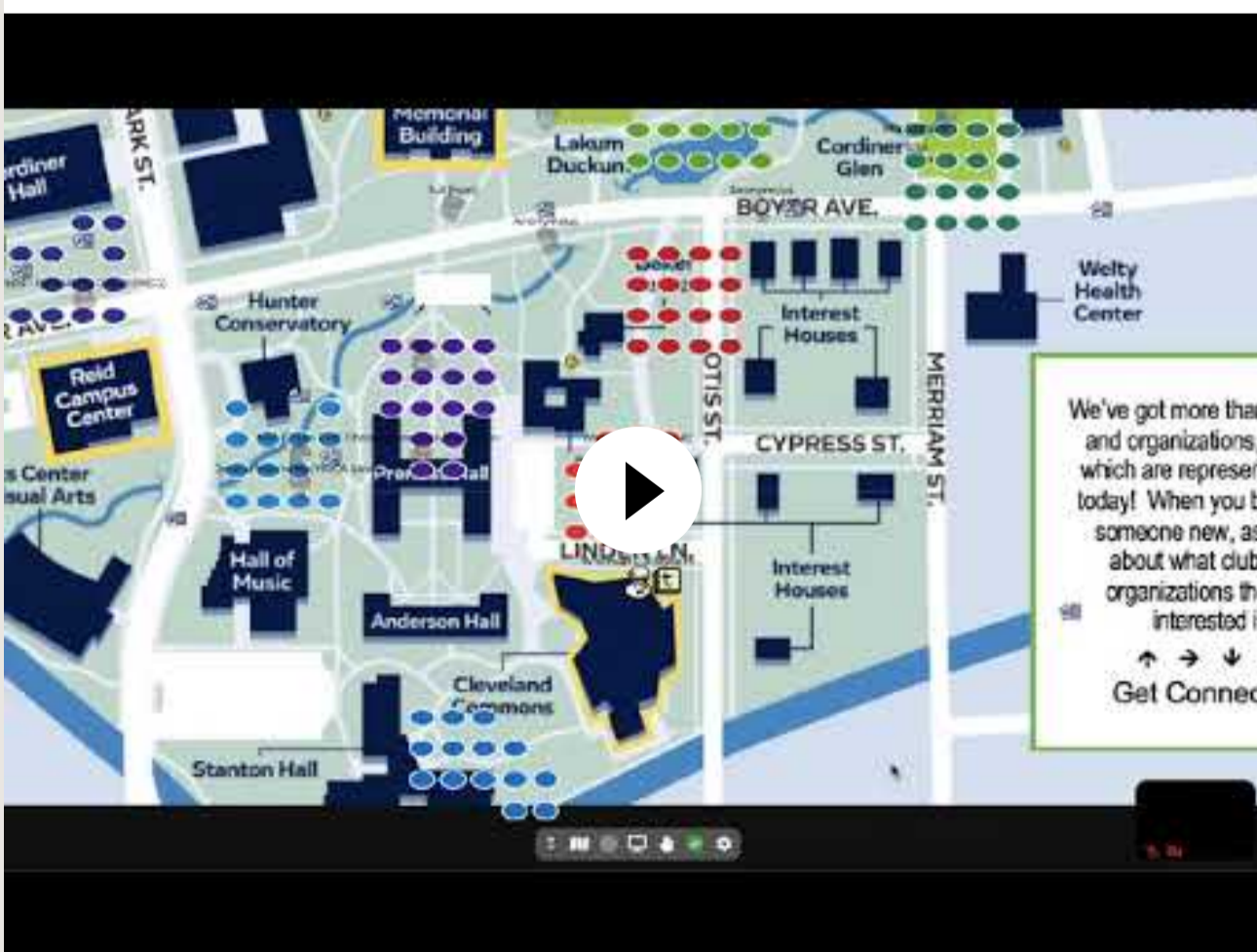
- 10 a.m. [Faculty and Staff Coronavirus Task Force Open Office Hours](#)
Each Friday at 10 a.m., join Whitman's Coronavirus Task Force Chair Josh Jensen to ask questions about Whitman's return-to-work and planning for the fall. All faculty and staff are invited to join the [Google Meet](#).
- 11 a.m. [Everbridge Information Session](#)
Whitman uses web-based and mobile app technology developed by Everbridge for our health and safety communications system. Linc Nesheim, information security officer, will present on what data Everbridge gathers and uses as well as answer questions.
- 4 p.m. [Faculty and Staff Open Forum](#)
President Murray will provide brief remarks and take questions during this open forum. Faculty and staff must pre-register using their Whitman email address.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

#FrontRowSeat

"Campus" looks a little different this fall than in years past, and thanks to technology we've all got a front row seat for every lesson, meeting and event! Send a photo or short video showing how you're connecting to the Whitman community to whitmantoday@whitman.edu to share in #FrontRowSeat.



On Sunday, Aug. 23 Whitman students participated in a virtual student activities fair. Students strolled campus virtually with their in-game character and spent time exploring different clubs and talking with other students. When characters on the screen were close, a video chat popped up giving participants the ability to chat about different activities.

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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.



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