



# Whitman Today

Monday, August 2, 2021

## Community Engaged Summer Research Program Share-Out



This year's Community Engaged Summer Research Program cohort consisted of four research partnerships, each including one community partner, one faculty or staff member and one student. Last week the cohort held an online share-out discussing their research; [watch the recording](#) for more details on their projects.

Grace Fashanu, senior economics major, partnered with Alex Chuang from the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) and Professor Aaron Bobrow-Strain from the politics department to identify gaps in WAISN's knowledge about immigrant communities in Washington and the languages they speak. The broader goal of their ongoing work is to increase language access in pursuit of language justice.

Alison Luck, senior religion and sociology major, worked alongside Pastor Nathaniel Mahlberg from the First Congregational Church (FCC) of Walla Walla and Professor Lauren Osborne of the religion department to collect oral histories about the 10-year period before, during and immediately after the FCC adopted the denominational designation of "Open and Affirming," which reflects the congregation's commitment to welcoming and actively promoting the rights and interests of the LGBTQ+ community.

Htet Htet Win, senior Chinese and race and ethnic studies major, collaborated with Clarice Swanson of Meadowlark Voices and co-director of the Sheehan Gallery Daniel Forbes in a project that seeks the potential of art-making in helping refugees transform individual trauma. Their research aims to create an exhibition that addresses the refugee crisis through artworks created by refugees from Maela Camp on the Thai-Burma border, where Htet lived for five years.

Christian Gachet, senior sociology major, worked in partnership with Tia Kramer from Walla Walla Immigrant Rights Coalition's Colectivo de Arte Social and Penrose Library's Archivist and Head of Digital Services Ben Murphy on The Listeners Project: Queremos Escucharte (TLP). TLP is a local project that promotes listening as a tool for building community, empowering one another, and celebrating the lives of people living in Walla Walla. The members of TLP are a collective of artists and volunteers who promote the exchange of stories from the Walla Walla Valley, especially immigrant and first-generation community members.

### Q: I'm back to wearing face masks when I'm indoors, but I've had them since last winter. How do I know if my masks are worn out?

A: Here are signs that it's time to replace your cloth face mask:

- The straps are worn out or don't stay tight.
- The fit is no longer snug.
- There are exposed threads, tears or holes.
- The mask is stained.
- The fabric has worn thin.
- You haven't been washing the mask according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- You've washed a mask more than 30 times.

In replacing masks, remember to choose face masks with at three layers of fabric and a nose bridge and ear loops that adjust for a tight fit.

## Announcements

### Campus Power Outage Scheduled for August 10

Tuesday, August 10 Pacific Power (PPL) will perform an electrical shutdown required for wire repairs, the first of a two-part repair work. This repair work will require a shutdown of all primary power for five to eight hours to the main campus loop affecting all buildings on the north side of Boyer Ave. The emergency generators are expected to turn on and supply power for life safety and specific equipment connected to the emergency power. The anticipated schedule is for PPL to turn-off at 8 a.m. and turn back on at 4 p.m.

### Upcoming Employee Webinar: The Sandwich Generation

Cascade Centers Employee Assistance Program is offering the following upcoming webinar: The Sandwich Generation (Taking Care of Kids & Parents).

The Sandwich Generation is positioned in the middle. They care for aging parents while supporting their own children. In this webinar, participants will learn how to manage their parents' medical, legal and financial needs, while ensuring they stay financially prepared for their kids' future.

#### Dates/Times:

August 10 at 10:30 a.m. and August 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Please select the date and time that works best for you during [registration](#).

## Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30-10 a.m.

### Employee COVID-19 Testing

Any employee who has received an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement must complete this weekly COVID test at Welty Student Health Center.

1:30 p.m.

### Student Employer Workshop

The Student Employment Work Group would like to invite all student employee supervisors to join this brief workshop on student employment. This session will cover a wide variety of helpful information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

10:30 a.m.

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### Whitman Events Calendar

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

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