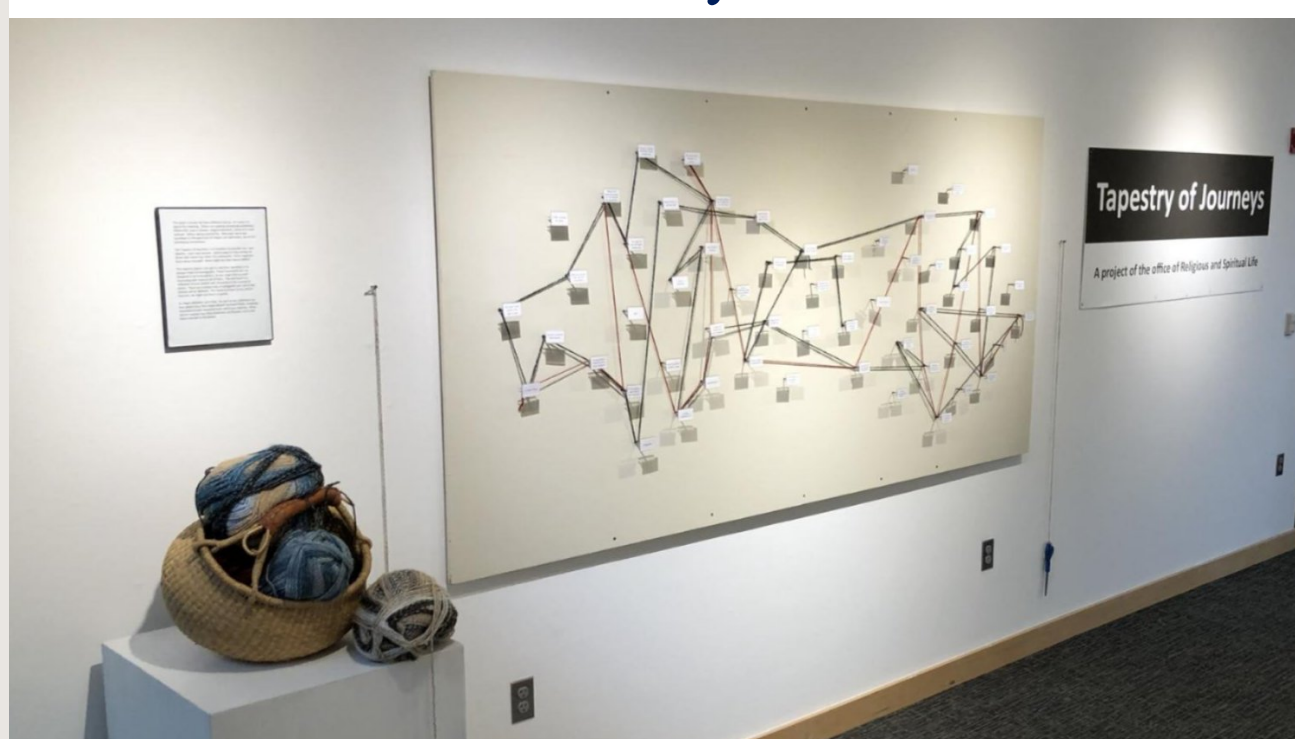




# Whitman Today

Thursday, August 19, 2021

## New Interactive Stevens Gallery Installation: Tapestry of Journeys



The start of a new school year can be an exciting and anxious time—perhaps especially so this year. Adam Kirtley, interfaith chaplain in the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, invites the Whitman community to carve out a few minutes of quiet and reflection by stopping by the Stevens Gallery in Reid Campus Center to interact with the “Tapestry of Journeys” installation. Map out what grounds you and makes you whole by wrapping yarn around phrases and words that resonate with you. Consider your own journey in the context of those with whom you share this community.

## Campus COVID-19 Update



Beginning August 1, our campus vaccination statistics includes incoming first-year and transfer students. Currently, 91% of employees and 93% of students have reported being fully vaccinated, totaling 92% of our campus community, and 2% of our community have approved vaccination exemptions.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

Any employee or student approved by exemption for campus access must take a coronavirus test every week. This week, 49 people were tested and there was one positive test. Follow-up has been carried out in accordance with our [Fall 2021 COVID-19 Protocols](#).

### Campus Mask Requirement

All individuals at Whitman, including those who are fully vaccinated, are currently required to wear face masks when they are indoors in group settings or public spaces. Fully vaccinated individuals alone in a private office do not need to wear masks. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must be masked at all times when indoors.

## Announcements

### Semi-Annual Stationery Order Period Open

Whitman's [online stationery portal](#) is now open and will remain open through August 31, with delivery approximately four weeks later. As a reminder, this is a twice-yearly opportunity to get bulk pricing, so if you will need letterhead, envelopes or other stationery items before the spring semester, this is the time to order.

Your portal login is not the same as your Whitman login credentials and is not automatic. If you have ordered in the past, your login remains the same. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Communications Printing and Mailing Services Manager Christie Fuller at 509-527-5160 or [fullerch@whitman.edu](mailto:fullerch@whitman.edu).



### Building Team Culture and Perspective at the Climbing Wall

Last week, the team in the SEC had an opportunity to do a series of team-building activities facilitated by Outdoor Program leaders Brien Sheedy and Stuart Chapin and two student climbing guides. The SEC staff learned how to belay one another and double check each other's safety, which led to the opportunity for all of them to help one another climb to the top of the wall (over 40 feet up!). Afterward, Sheedy and Chapin facilitated some fun and insight-rich reflective discussion.

Noah Leavitt, SEC director, encourages other teams to consider trying it. "The session helped us understand how the activities involved in assessing a route up a steep slope are relevant to our work and personal lives. Offices and departments that are seeking new ways of working together and developing collective capacity might want to consider this experience. For many of us this was our first time climbing and only one of us had been on the wall before so this was also great exposure to a new part of campus (and a part that many students enjoy)."

## Noteworthy

### Former Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker '71 Decries U.S. Pullout

Ryan Crocker '71 has spent 40 years in the foreign service in some of the world's most tumultuous countries. Having served as U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan under President Barack Obama, he discussed the current situation in Afghanistan, President Biden's August 16 statement defending the troop pull-out and the culture of the Taliban on an [interview with radio program The World](#).

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## Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

2 p.m. **Whitman College Men's Soccer vs Eastern Oregon University**  
*At the Whitman Athletic Fields.*

3 p.m. **Staff and Faculty Ice Cream Social**  
*A end-of-summer social for all staff and faculty on the side lawn of Baker Center. Note: We will continue to monitor air quality and will modify this event as necessary.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

7 p.m. **Whitman College Women's Soccer vs Columbia Basin (Exhibition)**  
*At the Whitman Athletic Fields.*

AUGUST 23-27 & 30

8 a.m.-3 p.m. **Round 1 Campus-wide Baseline COVID-19 Testing**  
*All Whitman faculty, staff and students must be testing in our campus-wide baseline COVID-19 testing, which will take place at Cordiner Hall. A full schedule and instructions will be shared on Friday, August 20.*

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