



Whitman Today

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Power & Privilege Symposium



The 2021 [Power and Privilege Symposium](#) keynote speaker is [Teju Cole](#), the Gore Vidal Professor of the Practice of Creative Writing at Harvard. Also a talented photographer, Cole combines his eye for beauty with his capacity to perceive human and civic truth.

Cole's first novel, "Open City," won numerous awards, including the New York City Book Award for Fiction. His second title, "Known and Strange Things," collects a series of essays that span art, literature and politics, with topics ranging from the White-Savior Industrial Complex and Black Lives Matter to Snapchat and Shakespeare. His novella, "Every Day Is for the Thief," has been "widely praised as one of the best fictional depictions of Africa in recent memory" (The New Yorker) and was named one of the best books of the year by The New York Times, the Telegraph, The Globe and Mail and NPR.

Recently, Cole was invited by the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago to curate an exhibit, titled "Go Down Moses" after the well-known spiritual song. The exhibit explores themes of freedom, suffering, the environment and the future—and marks Cole's major curatorial debut.

Q: What types of COVID-19 testing are offered at Whitman?

A: Whitman offers both PCR tests and antigen tests in a number of different formats. We use PCR testing for our weekly pooled surveillance testing and those samples are sent to an outside lab for processing. At the Welby Student Health Center, we conduct individual diagnostic tests that identify current COVID-19 infections. The student health center uses rapid antigen tests for people with potential coronavirus exposure, and has limited rapid PCR testing and sample processing available for students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.

Announcements

Semi-Annual Stationery Order Period Open

Whitman's [online stationery portal](#) is now open and will remain open through Feb. 16 for delivery on Mar. 18. 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 fall 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.

Whitman Bookstore Open for In-Person Shopping

The [Whitman Bookstore](#) is now open Monday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Drop by get yourself a warm Whitman sweatshirt or other great swag.



Register now for the Joint Virtual Career Fair

Join University of Puget Sound, Seattle Pacific University, Lewis & Clark College and Saint Martin's University on Feb. 24 from noon–4 p.m. for the Joint Virtual Career Fair featuring up to 69 employers from around the state and the nation with group or 1:1 sessions. Take this opportunity to find an internship, nail down a job or just network and make connections with employers in industries you're interested in. [Register on Handshake and begin building your schedule!](#) Act quickly, there are limited sessions and five schools worth of students participating.

Happening Today

- noon [Whitman Investment Company General Meeting](#)
WIC provides weekly educational meetings on portfolio management, financial modelling, and career opportunities. No prior knowledge or experience is needed.
- 4 p.m. [Open Office Hours for Students with Dean Kazi Joshua](#)
"The People's Dean" is holding drop-in office hours with 15-minute sessions from 4–5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the semester.
- 5 p.m. [Economic and Social Dimensions of Racial Disparities: Lessons from the Past for the Present and Future](#)
Presentation by Lisa Cook, professor of economics and international relations at Michigan State University, contributor to "Planet Money" and a member of the Biden-Harris transition team.
- 8:30 p.m. [Pause](#)
You are invited to Pause, a 20-minute study break where we take time to breathe, relax and de-stress. Come with your camera on or off for quiet community, poetry and centering practice.

Whitman Events Calendar

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

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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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