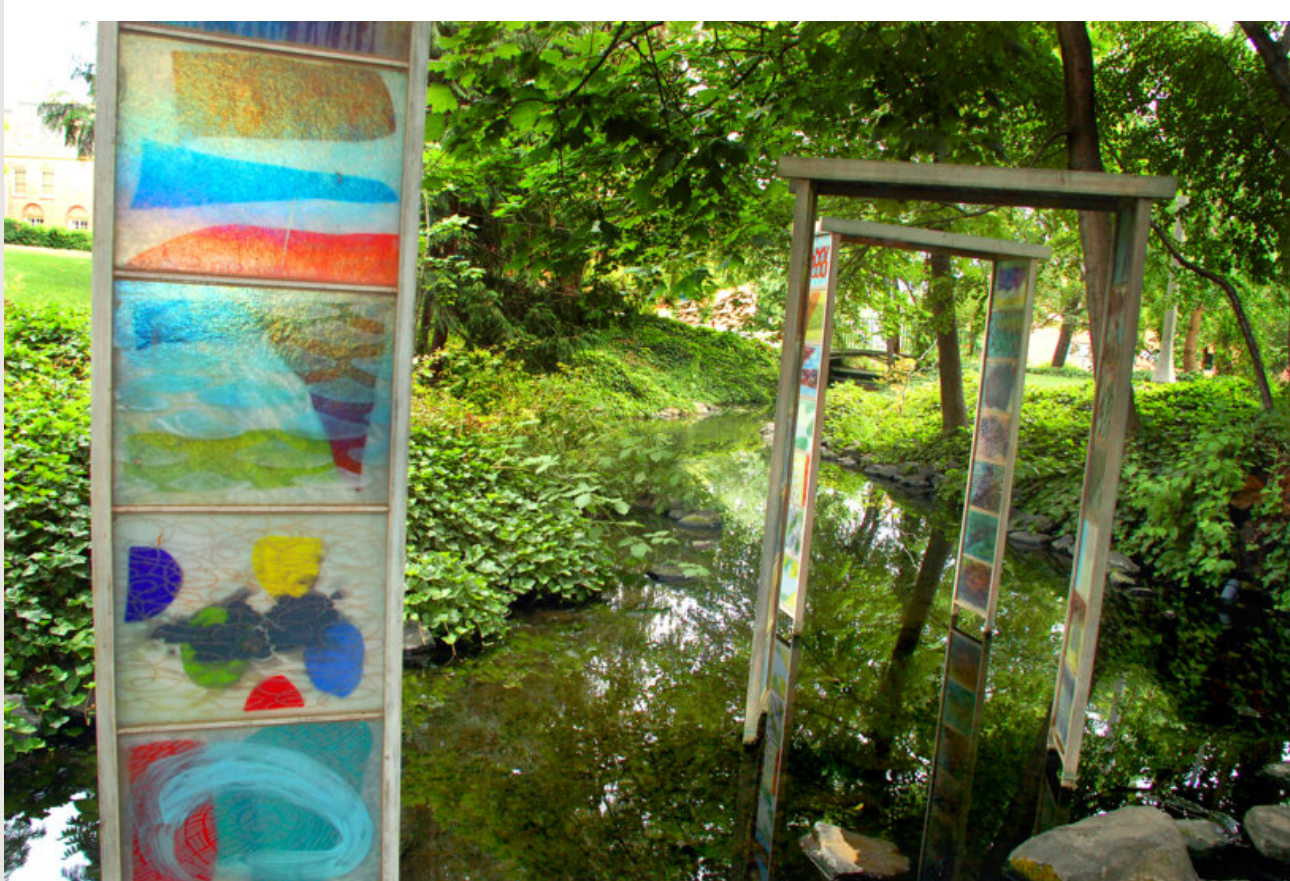




Whitman Today

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Student Creates Guided Audio Tour of Whitman Campus Statues



As part of her 2021–21 Community Fellow Initiative internship with Blue Mountain Land Trust (BMLT), Cleo Corliss-Gremillion '21 worked with BMLT Director Tim Copeland to explore the potential of guided walking tours using the Echoes app (available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#)). Over the course of the spring, Corliss-Gremillion created two tours of the Whitman campus sculpture walk, one with audio descriptions of the statues and the second with recordings from the Walla Walla Symphony.

In [her blog for the Community Fellow Initiative](#), she describes how this technology ties in with her passion for the environment: "My hope is that more people will begin to connect more with the landscape and have experiences that compel them to advocate for crucial environmental policies." In the future, Corliss-Gremillion and BMLT plan to expand into providing tours of trails in Oregon and Washington.

The [Whitman Community Fellow Initiative](#) funds a cohort of juniors and seniors to spend an academic year working part-time at a prominent Walla Walla Valley organization to address some of the area's social, economic and cultural challenges.

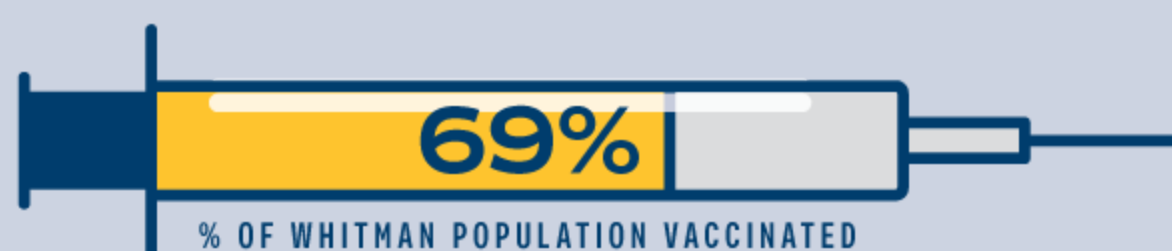
Campus COVID-19 Update

Any employee who has not provided proof of being vaccinated against COVID-19 must take a COVID-19 test every week in order to receive a campus access badge valid for seven days. This testing is offered at Welty Student Health Center on Tuesdays from 8:30–10 a.m. This week, 35 employees were tested and there were no positive tests.

Students in Walla Walla who wish to have summer access to campus must provide proof of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and complete the request form in order to receive their access badge.

Current campus vaccination statistics:

- Employees: 84%
- Students (classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024): 62%
- Combined total: 69%



[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

[Student Summer Access Request Form](#)

Announcements

Staff Employment Opportunities

Whitman is currently hiring for several open staff positions:

- [Administrative Assistant for Development](#)
- [Admission Officer \(multiple positions\)](#)
- [Appliance Maintenance Technician](#)
- [Assistant Director of the Academic Resource Center: Disability Support Services](#)
- [Chemistry Stockroom and Chemistry Facilities Manager](#)
- [Director of Annual Giving](#)
- [Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator](#)
- [Financial Aid Counselor](#)
- [Instructional and Learning Technology Lab Administrator](#)
- [Marketing and Communications Writing Fellow](#)
- [On-call Security Officer](#)
- [Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [Registrar](#)
- [Resident Director \(multiple positions\)](#)
- [Safety and Technical Assistant](#) (for Art Studio)

Position descriptions and applications for staff openings can be found on the [Human Resources website](#). Please share these opportunities with potential candidates.

OP Bike Shop Summer Hours

The OP Bike Shop is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3–5 p.m. for bike service work or to rent mountain bikes. Rates are very reasonable, so stop by to get a tune up, have a flat tire fixed or to rent a mountain bike. Contact mechanic Gavin Victor at victorgj@whitman.edu with any questions.

Noteworthy

Day Published on Bird Songs and Brain Function

Associate Professor of Psychology Nancy Day recently had an article, "[Neurophysiological coordination of duet singing](#)," published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) with colleagues at the Claremont Colleges and New Jersey Institute of Technology. Their work took them to the slopes of an Ecuadorian volcano to record brain activity in plain-tailed wrens as they rapidly duetted a learned song. This study helps explore how the brain may mediate vocal turn-taking (such as when humans converse).

Osborne Published on Distance Learning and Religious Education

Associate Professor of Religion Lauren Osborne has published a peer-reviewed article, "[The Mediated Qur'an: Religious Education and Recitation via Online Distance Learning in the Sultanate of Oman](#)," in the most recent issue of the open access *Yale Journal of Music and Religion*. The article examines the role of media in relation to modern religious education through the example of the online program of distance learning for recitation and memorization of the Qur'an, which is developed and maintained under the auspices of the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs in Oman. The research for this article was supported by Aid to Faculty Scholarship and Instructional Development (ASID) funding.

[Submit News of a Personal or Professional Achievement](#)

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, JUNE 14 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

various times

[Fulbright Information Sessions](#)

If you are considering applying for a Fulbright Award, attend these three webinars covering various components of application.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

8:30–10 a.m.

Employee COVID-19 Testing

Any employee who has not submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be tested in order to receive the weekly campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.

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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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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