



Whitman Today

Monday, November 16, 2020

Town Halls for Students and Families



Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m., President Kathy Murray will hold town hall meetings for Whitman students and families to discuss planning for the spring semester. Each of the two sessions will be identical, so there is no need to attend more than one, although the questions asked at each may be different.

President Murray will start each session with some brief comments, followed by remarks from:

- Peter Harvey, CFO and Chair of the Coronavirus Task Force *Health and Safety Planning*
- Alzada Tipton, Provost and Dean of the Faculty *The Academic Program*
- Kazi Joshua, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students *The Student Experience and Residence Life*

This will be followed by an opportunity for you to ask your questions of President Murray and the panel. You can [join either session on Zoom](#).

Announcements

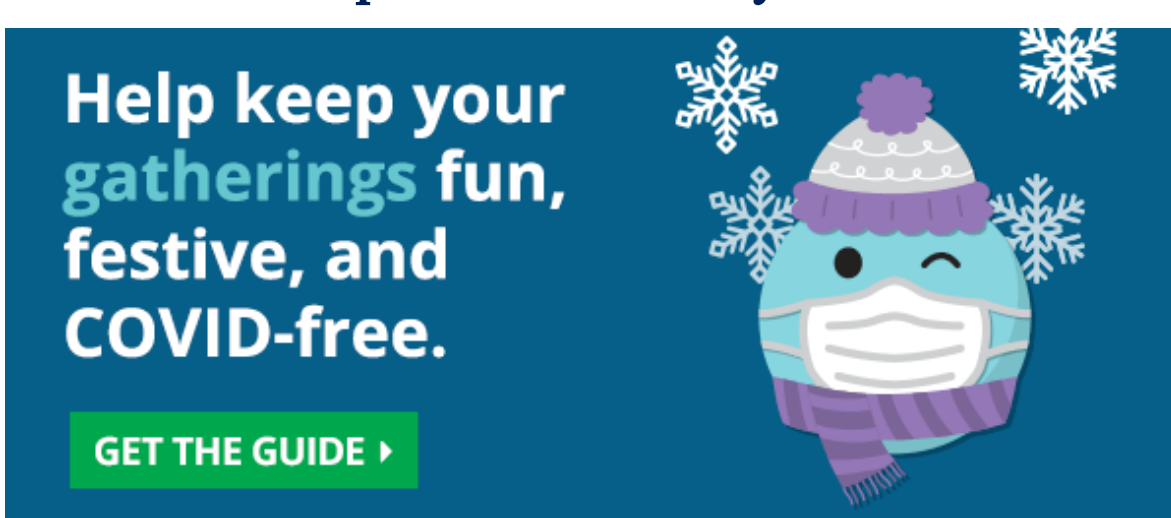


Accessories Sale at Whitman Bookstore The cold weather is back just in time for the final week of the sale! Head to the online Whitman Bookstore from now through Friday to get 30% off all accessories (caps, knit hats, scarves, gloves, socks).

Shop safely online and the bookstore will deliver orders via the post office.

[Visit the Whitman Bookstore Online](#)

Campus and Community Health



Yesterday Gov. Inslee announced [new restrictions in the state of Washington](#) to help disrupt the spread of coronavirus. These restrictions go into effect at 11:59 p.m. tonight, and before that time we will share more about how they impact current restrictions on campus activities as we wrap up the fall semester.

Some items in the governor's announcement include:

1. Indoor social gatherings are restricted from Nov. 17 to Dec. 14, and indoor social gatherings with people you don't live with are currently not allowed. Exceptions:
 - All participants quarantine for the 14 days prior to the social gathering. All participants quarantine for the seven days prior to the gathering, and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48 hours prior to the gathering.
2. Outdoor social gatherings are limited to:
 - Five or fewer people from outside your household (people you don't live with).
 - Outdoor spaces where everyone can stay six feet apart.

Here's what we know: Gathering with people we don't live with — even close friends and family — may spread COVID-19. The more people we interact with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of becoming infected.

The safest action for everyone is to avoid gatherings, even outdoors, and find different ways to celebrate this season. The [Safer Gatherings website](#) includes ideas for how to gather virtually.

Thank you for taking steps to protect our communities and your family from this deadly virus.

Happening Today

TODAY

3 p.m. [Q&A Panel - Breaking the Closet Week](#)
Q&A panel open to all Whitman students, staff and faculty to learn and ask questions about LGBTQIA+ experiences in the Whitman community! Panelists come from different backgrounds and include current students, alumni and staff members.

4:15 p.m. [Masterclass and Conversation with Dr. Karen Walwyn](#)
Karen Walwyn is area coordinator of keyboard studies at Howard University and is the first female African-American pianist/composer to receive the Steinway Artist award. This masterclass with Whitman students will be followed by discussion.

4:30 p.m. [Articulating the Meaning of your Experiences with Abby Juhasz & Kelsey Martin](#)
What is the impact of your collective experiences on your future goals? Learn how reflection can help you to articulate how your experiences in your community relate to your personal and professional goals.

Save the Date

Navigating Climate Anxiety. Nov. 18, 4 p.m.
Jennifer Atkinson, PhD, is an associate teaching professor at UW, author of "Gardenland: Nature, Fantasy and Everyday Practice," public speaker, and host of the podcast "Facing It." In this event, Jennifer will discuss climate anxiety and how to cope with it by building community and finding hope and joy in the humanities, such as creative writing and storytelling. Following her presentation, Atkinson will open the webinar for questions. [Register for this webinar](#). This event is sponsored by ASWC Sustainability and the Mental Health Awareness Club.

The History of Forced Sterilization. Nov. 18, 4:30 p.m.
Whitman's Planned Parenthood Generation Action club will be hosting an informational event on the history of forced sterilization in the U.S. and providing an opportunity to take action against the forced sterilization that is still taking place today.

"Blackness or Indigeneity? Yes, Please!" Nov. 19, 4 p.m.
Race and Ethnic Studies Senior Miyona Katayama and Professor of French, Gender Studies, and Race and Ethnic Studies Zahi Zalloua will explore the possibility of a black-Palestinian solidarity movement. In doing so, they critically engage Afro-Pessimism's deep suspicion of cross-racial coalitions, arguing for the need to think antiblackness with settler colonialism (and vice versa).

Tracking contagions along the veins of inequality: from cholera to COVID-19 and beyond. Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
Lecture by Sonia Shah, an investigative journalist and author of critically acclaimed books on science, human rights, and international politics. Sponsored by the Walter Houser Brattain Lectureship in Science; arranged by Associate Professor Leena Knight, Biology Department.

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

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

Question of the Week



This week we want to know: what kind of device are you using to read "Whitman Today"?

Phone

Desktop/Laptop Computer

Tablet

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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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