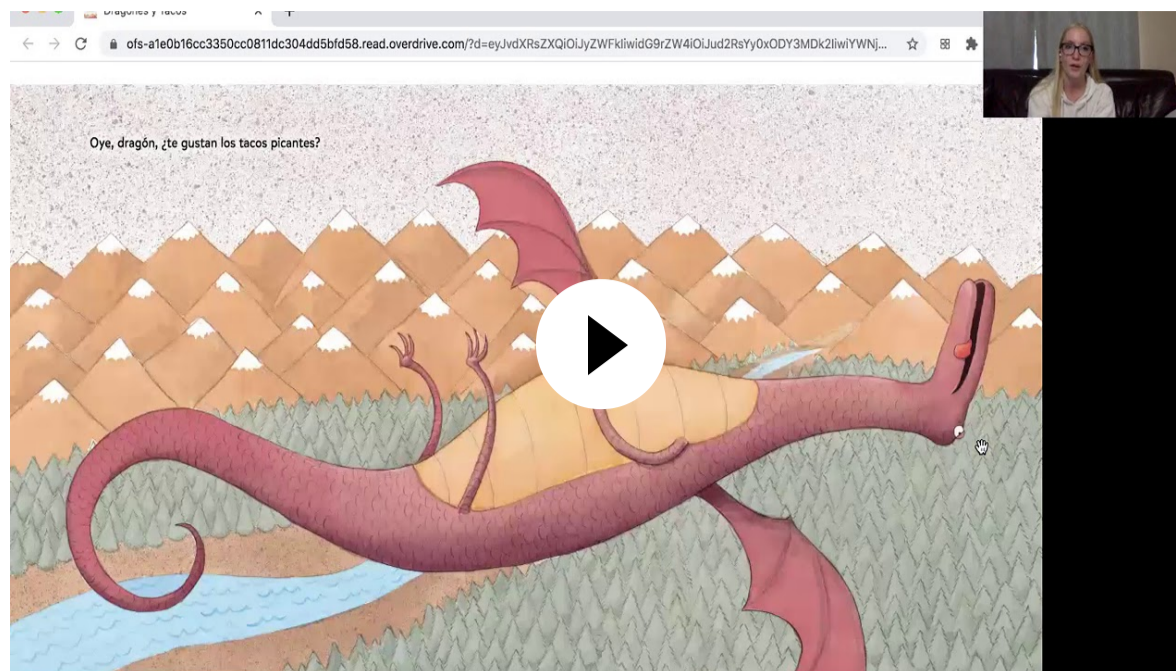




# Whitman Today

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

## Join: Bilingual United



**Bilingual United** is a student-led volunteer program connecting Whitman volunteers to Walla Walla Public School (WWPS) students in dual language classrooms. Volunteers provide academic and emotional support as students transition from learning in Spanish to learning in English.

In this virtual environment, Bilingual United has worked with WWPS to develop the Pen Pal Project and the Narrator Project to support student learning. The Pen Pal Project pairs volunteers with students, and through exchanging letters each week, students are offered a creative outlet to develop their Spanish writing skills and form strong relationships with volunteers. Through the Narrator Project, volunteers record audio versions of books in the Spanish language arts curriculum for dual language classrooms. Bilingual United also partners with the Storytime program to provide videos of children's books read in Spanish to contribute to the [Youtube channel resource of virtual storytelling!](#)

This Thursday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. join Bilingual United for a [discussion with panelists from Whitman and WWPS](#) as they share their perspectives and experiences regarding the evolution of the Spanish language and the role of bilingualism within the Whitman and Walla Walla communities.

[Sign up to join](#) the Bilingual United listserv and learn more about these programs and future opportunities!

## Announcements

### Open Registration for Students

Registration is open for all students starting today at 8 a.m. through Dec. 5. Students may add or drop courses for the spring 2021 semester through the registration section in [myWhitman](#).

If you have any issues finding enough credits or courses for spring 2021 you can reach the [Registrar's Office by e-mail](#).

As a reminder, the process to accept registration consent is:

1. Log in to myWhitman.
2. Check your schedule to ensure it does not conflict with another course and will not place you in Academic Overload (i.e., greater than 18 academic credits). Make any necessary changes before continuing.
3. In the Course Consents section click View Consents.
4. Click the Accept Consent button for the course. If no problems are found, the Registrar's Office will add the course to your schedule and confirm by email.



### No Man's Land Film Festival

The Climbing Club is extremely excited to host the [No Man's Land Film Festival](#) this year. No Man's Land utilizes their platform to increase representation of women, BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ athletes in outdoor recreation. The festival will be showing a selection of 10 short films (lasting about 90 minutes in total) between 4-9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20.

This event will be virtual and free for all Whitman students, faculty and staff, so [sign up soon](#) and prepare to cozy up with a blanket, some popcorn and friends or family!

## Noteworthy

**Stoberock Hosts Author Conversation for Spokane Bookstore**  
Shanna Stoberock, senior adjunct assistant professor of composition and general studies, hosted author Joni Murphy to discuss her new novel "Talking Animals" for an [Auntie's Bookstore online event](#).

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## Happening Today and Tomorrow

### TODAY

4 p.m. [Town Hall for Students and Families](#)  
*President Murray will host a town hall meeting for students and their families. Hear from President Murray and other members of the Cabinet about spring semester plans and ask your questions.*

### TOMORROW

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 p.m. [Navigating Climate Anxiety](#)  
*Jennifer Atkinson, associate teaching professor at the University of Washington, will discuss climate change's external impacts, such as environmental degradation, as well as the emotional toll these impacts have on students, activists, scientists and frontline communities.*

4:30 p.m. [Forced Sterilization: A look at forced sterilization in the U.S. and how to take action](#)  
*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.*

5 p.m. [Town Hall for Students and Families](#)  
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[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

## Getting to Know...

**ANDREW JOHNSON (he/him)**  
Associate Director of Residence Life and Housing

What is something new you've done during the coronavirus pandemic?  
turned my little balcony into a makeshift office! I plan on being out there even when it's cold and snowy (I'll just bundle up!).

What is your favorite aspect of the Whitman community?  
I am so grateful for the connections and friendships I have made with other staff and faculty while working at Whitman.

Do you have any special item in your office/work space, and if so, what does it mean to you?  
I was a resident director at Whitman in 2009, and I keep a picture of the other RDs and me from that year on my desk. It reminds me of a good year and a great group of friends and colleagues.



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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](mailto: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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