



# Whitman Today

Monday, November 2, 2020

## President's Update



President Kathy Murray ruminates on some of the big events happening right now in our community: planning to come back to campus in the spring and negotiating the stress of a highly divisive national election.

## Announcements

### Voting Events and Resources

There are two events today for the Whitman community:

- [Walla Walla Impact Series](#): Noon. Join students, faculty, staff and alumni from the Walla Walla Tri-Colleges in a discussion on tools and methods of self care in preparing for the election. Facilitated by Thomas Witherspoon, vice president of diversity and inclusion at Whitman.
- [Navigating Uncertainty Workshop](#): 7 p.m. Join ASWC, Whitman Votes and Counseling Center staff to learn skills for navigating the uncertainty of the upcoming election.

Anyone not voting at an in-person polling place should remember that it is too late to mail in a ballot. For voters in Walla Walla, there are several [ballot drop boxes](#) where you can deliver your ballot. Washington voters can check the status of their ballot through the [VoteWA portal](#). Residents of other states should check with their local election officials or secretary of state for information on voting procedures and election details.

### Outdoor Program Strategic Planning Process

Whitman's Outdoor Program is engaged in a Strategic Planning process for the next five years. As they endeavor to set short and medium-term goals, they need input from interested constituents. If you have any opinions about the Whitman Outdoor Program, they would like to hear from you. While planning for the future, they need to hear about what they are doing that people value, what could change or what they could do better. Please fill out [this short survey](#) to help guide their work over the next five years.

## Question of the Week



At this point in the semester, it's not unusual to feel overwhelmed and tired, which brings us to this week's question:

Would you rather never have to work again or never have to sleep again (you won't feel tired or suffer negative health effects)?

Never have to work again

Never have to sleep again

## Happening This Week

### ALL WEEK

#### [Pre-registration for Spring 2021](#)

All students received an email earlier last week with full instructions. Visit [my.whitman.edu](#) under "Registration" for registration appointment times and to register. If you have questions please email [reesema@whitman.edu](mailto:reesema@whitman.edu).

### TODAY

5 p.m.

#### [Queer Intimacy and Violence in a Mexican Border City Prostitution Zone](#)

*Dr. Sarah Luna, assistant professor of women's studies and anthropology at Tufts University, will give a public lecture on her ethnographic research in a prostitution zone on the Mexico-U.S. border. Her talk will explore themes of queer intimacy, violence and the racial marking of migrants. This event is part of the Race, Violence, and Health Academic theme.*

### THURSDAY, NOV. 5

4 p.m.

#### [Audio Cassette, Video Cassette: Hammond B3 Musicianship and the Black Church](#)

*Ashon Crawley, associate professor and director of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of Virginia, will present from his ongoing research about the Hammond organ, Black spiritual sociality and Blackqueer possibility as well as the recording technologies that document Black musicianship. This event is part of the Race, Violence, and Health Academic theme.*

[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...

WAKO SOMA '23 (she/hers)

Major: psychology

Extracurricular activities: Playing tennis, reading books, and walking my dog, Billy!

What is your favorite aspect of the Whitman community? I appreciate the inclusive and welcoming community that Whitman has. Last year as a first year student, I was able to feel comfortable joining new clubs and sports, which allowed me to meet and connect with so many amazing friends.

What are some of your activities as a WEB director?

I have many goals for WEB, as the co-cultural events and lectures director, and my main focus this semester is to take advantage of the virtual situation we are in by making it possible for everyone to join the events we are planning.

Currently, I am working on bringing in a special speaker who will address his experiences confronting implicit bias and racism in the theatre industry. This has been an ongoing process and we are planning to put on this event by the end of this semester. Also, for next semester my dream speaker would be to bring Varshini Prakash, who is the co-founder of the Sunrise Movement.



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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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