



Whitman Today

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Events and Resources



Whether you have already voted or will be going to a polling place today, we are all watching and waiting for the results of a highly emotional national election. As President Murray urged in her email to the community yesterday, "take care of yourselves and others, and practice empathy and grace with both those who share your views and those who do not."

Today and over the next week, there are opportunities for our community members to discuss the election and find safe spaces to process the questions and concerns created throughout the campaign and by its outcome.

- The Whitman Debate Team invites anyone interested to join their [GroupMe Election Night chat](#).
- The [Whitman Gang Discord](#) server has a lively politics chat channel.
- Whitman Teaches the Movement wants to hear [your \(anonymous\) story](#) about how voting went this year.
- Comprehensive Healthcare will provide [in-person and virtual counseling appointments](#) for faculty and staff on Wednesday, Nov. 4.
- Melissa Harris-Perry, Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University, will present "[American Elections: Entering 2020 & Understanding 2016](#)" on Monday, Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. as part of the academic theme programming.
- ASWC shared two articles for recommended reading: "[5 Ways to Manage Politically Induced Stress](#)" and "[The Neuroscience of Gratitude and How It Affects Anxiety & Grief](#)"
- [Learning Together Today](#) has crowd-sourced ideas for responding to political situations from prompts shared on Oct. 5 and Nov. 2.

And for one last (and potentially tear-inducing) reminder about the importance of exercising our right to vote, listen to "[Voting Day](#)" by [Juliette Holmes](#), a reflection about what Holmes learned following a conversation with her mother.

Teaching Hack

From the Center for Teaching and Learning

Talking Politics in the Classroom

Are you wondering how (or whether) to discuss the election in your class? In [this article from the Scholars Strategy Network](#), Nancy Thomas of Tufts University and Cazembe Kennedy of Clemson University write, "The classroom is the ideal setting to break down polarization, tackle lies and misinformation, insist on standards and evidence, teach students to disagree without personal animosity, build mutual trust, and find common ground that can help build collaboration. Talking politics across disciplines is not only appropriate, it's the job." The article goes on to provide a variety of helpful suggestions and links to other resources on facilitating these kinds of discussions in the classroom.

Noteworthy

Jackson Essay on Supreme Court Published

Jack Jackson, professor of politics, published the essay "[Rule That is No Rule: the Supreme Court in Crisis](#)" in the journal *n + 1*.

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

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.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

4 p.m.

[Annual Fall Science Division Research Showcase](#)

Join the Beckman Scholars Program and the STEM Hub in Gather.Town to learn about faculty-student research and find out about research opportunities.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Announcements



Help the Alumni Office Recognize Alumni Volunteers

Does your department use volunteers to help run events, network with students, or teach a thing or two? Please let us know when your department works with alumni (in any capacity) so we can acknowledge those alumni who continue to give their time to the Whitman community. To report your volunteers' good works, please [complete this form](#).

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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.

