



Whitman Today

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Virtual Summit: Sexual Violence on Campus



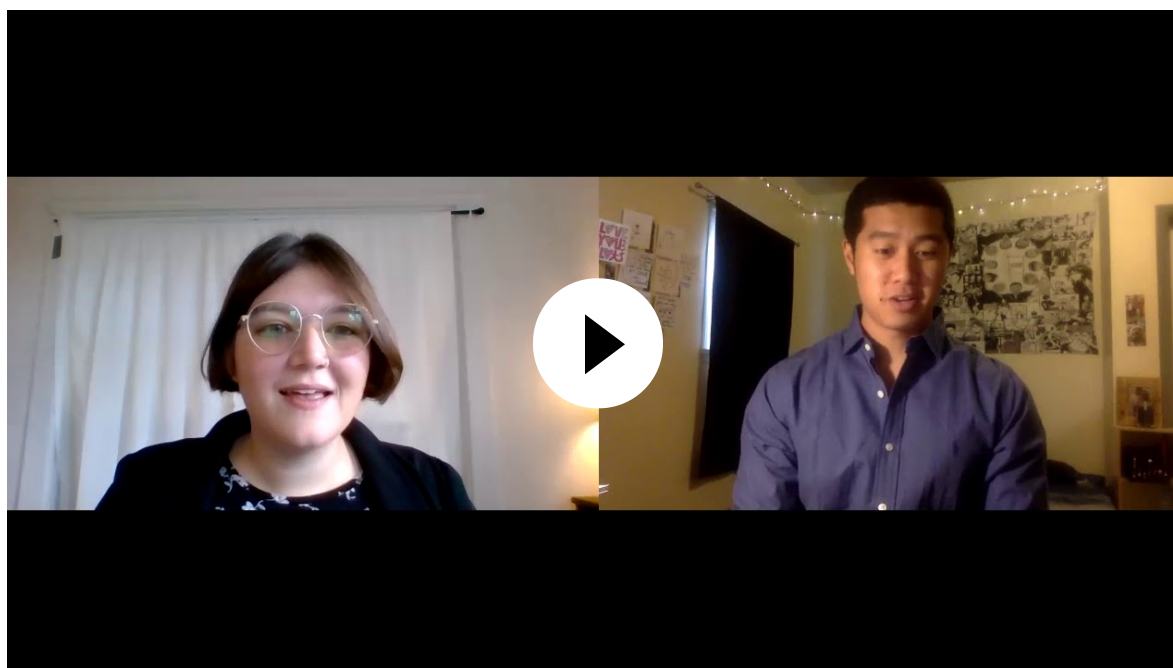
Building Community Through Justice and Healing

This virtual summit is comprised of multiple informational sessions on a wide range of topics relating to sexual violence on college campuses. From a description of the recent changes to Title IX to presentations on consent and healing from trauma, this summit is designed to offer something of interest to all. Participants are free to choose which sessions they would like to attend and are welcome to participate in optional Zumba or Yoga sessions during the lunch break. This event is open to students, faculty, staff and all community members from Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla University and Whitman College. Please join on Sunday, Oct. 25 for a day of learning, community building and healing.

Learn more about this summit and register on the [Tri-College Sexual Assault Victim's Advocate website](#).

Content Warning: Participants should be aware that this event will include discussions surrounding the topics of sexual violence, sexual assault, intimate partner violence and domestic violence. We want to emphasize that participants may turn off their cameras and audio or leave the event at any point for self-care. While we believe these topics are incredibly important to discuss as a community, we would also like to acknowledge that these issues can be triggering for many people. We encourage participants to take time to care for themselves before, during, and after this event. We would like attendees to know that victim's advocates and counselors from each college will be available to them if they are in need of support.

Announcements



Attend the Virtual Career Fair Today
TODAY IS THE DAY! And it isn't too late to [register and sign up for sessions](#) with employers for the Virtual Career Fair starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m.. Bain Consulting, Peace Corps and Horseshoe Healthcare are just some of the available companies to meet with. Plus, attend a one-on-one or group session and get entered to win one of 15 \$25 gift cards to GrubHub!

OP Rental Shop and Bike Shop Now Open to Faculty and Staff

The Rental Shop is open for students, faculty and staff to pick up and drop off of gear Monday-Friday from 1-4:30 p.m. You must [schedule a gear pick-up and drop-off time](#). Pickup happens outside the Reid Campus Center on the Park St. side on the sidewalk/grassy area near the bike racks. You are required to wear a face mask and maintain 6' of physical distance. If you see another party in the pickup zone, please wait until they leave. Call the Rental Shop at 509-527-5965 or text Lish at 610-737-2680 when you arrive to pick up your gear.

The Bike Shop will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2-4:30 p.m. for curbside service. [Reserve a time](#) to drop off bikes for service, rent mountain bikes or purchase used bikes.

Post Office Closing Early Thursday and Friday

The Whitman College Post Office will be closing at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23. Regular operating hours will resume on Monday, Oct. 26.

Campus and Community Health

Contact Tracing: Community Participation is Key

Many of you who are on campus are familiar with the Everbridge app you use for your daily wellness checks. If you have an Android device, contact tracing is already up and running in the Everbridge app you have downloaded. If you have an iOS device, you must download a second Everbridge app that performs the contact tracing functions. We have outlined the [steps for downloading the contact tracing app for iOS](#) on our website. If you are an Android user, you can also find [downloading instructions for Android devices](#) on the Whitman website.

Participation is key when it comes to contact tracing. The more people that use the app, the more accurate our ability to trace and stop the spread of coronavirus in the Whitman community. We see this as an integral part of planning for the spring semester and it will be essential if we are able to return everyone to campus in the spring.

Happening Tomorrow

TOMORROW

- 4 p.m. [Women Leaders in Whitman Athletics](#)
Join Christy Krutulis '92, former varsity tennis student athlete and current W Club President, moderating a panel of women leading Whitman Athletics. Our distinguished panel includes: Jenn Blomme, men's and women's swimming head coach since 2000; Michelle Ferenz, women's basketball head coach since 2001; Kirkland Lewis, women's lacrosse head coach since 2017; Michelle Voiland, women's soccer head coach since Spring 2020; Anna Doyel, assistant athletic trainer since 2019; and Kim Chandler, athletic director since 2019.
- 7 p.m. [SAAC Trivia Night](#)
The great thing about online trivia night is that you do not have to leave your couch! [Sign up your team](#) of five Whitties and get ready to compete for bragging rights and Amazon gift cards.

More Upcoming Events

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

Getting to Know...

LAUREN OSBORNE
Associate Professor of Religion

What are your areas of expertise?
Most specifically, my areas are Islamic Studies and Qur'anic Studies. My main research is about the recited Qur'an, and how meaning might be understood across the sounds, feelings, and words of recited text. I'm sort of a cross between a literary scholar and an anthropologist, in that I'm interested in the incredible range of ways in which people engage with words, and I think the role of the Qur'an in Islamic tradition and practice is a really rich site for thinking about those things.



Why is it important to study religion?
I'd like any student who takes a class with me to be able to recognize that religion and religious discourse show up everywhere. It infuses everything. I love when students realize that the academic study of religion touches on most every subject in the curriculum. But in relation to my interests more specifically, I'd like students to think in critical and nuanced ways about the dynamic relationships people have with texts that they love.

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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.



