



# Whitman Today

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

## Race, Violence and Health: Upcoming Events

Midway through the semester, Whitman's faculty, staff and students continue to integrate learning on race, violence and health into their academic and community programs. There are a number of upcoming events for the Whitman community:

- [Nuclear Colonialism: Selecting the Irradiated](#). Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. This lecture will survey the history of atmospheric nuclear testing during the Cold War, the specifics of how communities were selected for irradiation, and their radiological legacies.
- [Black Underrepresentation in STEM fields: Moving Beyond Deficit-Based Explanations](#). Thursday, Oct 29 at 4 p.m. This talk will draw upon insights from a trio of papers that point to alternative explanations for Black underrepresentation in STEM courses.
- [Speak Out: Exclusivity in the Whitman College Climbing Center and Greater Climbing Community](#). Friday, Oct. 30 at noon. The next conversation in the Outdoor Program's series on recreation and inclusion.
- [Queer Intimacy and Violence in a Mexican Border City Prostitution Zone](#). Monday, Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. Based upon twelve months of ethnographic research in 2008-2009 in a Mexican border city, this talk gives a queer reading to relations of love, obligation, and coercion forged in Reynosa's prostitution zone during a period of drug violence.
- [Safe Zone Training](#). Multiple dates for students, staff and faculty. Safe Zone trainings are opportunities to learn about LGBTQ+ identities, gender and sexuality, and examine prejudice, assumptions and privilege.

This is just a sampling of the upcoming events, and new items are regularly added to the [calendar](#), so check back frequently!

## Announcements

### Staff Advisory Council Open Positions

The [Staff Advisory Council](#) (SAC) has four open positions for representatives to join the council's work with various departments, including Human Resources, and regularly meet with President Murray. To ensure representation across all aspects of the college, they are looking for persons in the following areas:

- Chief Financial Officer, under Peter Harvey
- President's Office and Multicultural Affairs, under Kathy Murray and Thomas Witherspoon
- Development & Alumni, under Steven Setchell
- Student Affairs, under Kazi Joshua

If you are interested please contact the SAC [via email](#), send a letter of interest to them through campus mail, or contact a council member by the end of the day Wednesday, Oct. 28.

### Craft Your Future: A Professional Development Series Presents: The Power of Understanding Yourself

Don't forget that Dave Mitchell is presenting on leadership and how we can find it within ourselves to boost our skills and abilities [this evening at 6 p.m.!](#) Mitchell is a renowned author, speaker, and businessman who has taken on "enter-train-ment" to incorporate vital business skills while remaining engaging. To learn more, scan the QR code or register on [Handshake](#).



## Noteworthy

Frew Welcomes New Baby! Media Relations Strategist Gillian Frew '11 and husband Alex Ponnaz '11 welcomed their first child, Simon Esfandiar Frew-Ponnaz (pictured), on October 13. Simon weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 inches long.



Submit Information on a Personal or Professional Achievement

## Happening Today

- Noon [Walla Walla Impact Series: Wellness, Relationships and Resilience](#)  
*Join students, faculty, staff and alumni from the Walla Walla Tri-Colleges in a discussion facilitated by Joy Edwards Brown, Whitman's President's Advisory Board DEI working group chair.*
- 3 p.m. [Off-Campus Studies Virtual Fair](#)  
*An opportunity to talk with representatives of Whitman's 80+ partner programs for off-campus studies.*
- 4 p.m. [2020 David Deal Lecture in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies](#)  
*John S. Strong, Charles A. Dana Professor of Religion at Bates College, emeritus, will deliver a lecture entitled, "The Buddha's Tooth Relic and Queen Elizabeth's Shoes: The Story of a Cultural Encounter Between Sri Lanka and the West."*

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...

AMY MONIZ (she/her)  
Admission Application Coordinator



What is your area of expertise? I coordinate the processing of admission applications for the admission officers to read and review, and then I make all the changes in our database when we are ready to release decisions and make sure that the applicants receive the correct communications as well as passing student info to others on campus who need it.

Do you have any special item in your office/work space, and if so, what does it mean to you? Well, at home, my special item has to be my quirky cat; she's a tortie, so she has a definite attitude, but she also thinks that she needs to be on my desk in my face most of the time. She really enjoys being involved in all of my video meetings; she thinks that if she walks really slow in front of the camera no one will see her, but she goes back and forth a few times during a 30 minute meeting, so maybe she just wants to be part of the magic. And, after having a puppy for the last six months, I have realized once and for all that I am DEFINITELY a cat person.

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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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