



Whitman Today

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Power & Privilege Symposium Review



The Office of Diversity & Inclusion in partnership with the Dean of Students Office facilitated a virtual external review of the Power & Privilege Symposium on Sept. 8 and 9.

On Monday, Oct. 26 Thomas Witherspoon, vice president of diversity and inclusion, sent out the executive summary of the review to all students, staff and faculty. The review provided an in-depth study of the program and provided suggestions for us, as a college, to strengthen the symposium. These ideas ranged from building assessments, ensuring programming is aligned with a college-wide vision for inclusion and even exploring partnerships that could enhance the program's overall planning and delivery. The reviewers highlighted the current adjustments made for the 2019-2020 academic year while recognizing that more could be done to make the event more inclusive, impactful and aligned with the vision for inclusion at the college. We in the Office of Diversity & Inclusion believe these suggestions will strengthen our overall program and are grateful to all the community members who participated in the review.

[Read the executive summary of the Power & Privilege External Review.](#)

Announcements



Accessories Sale at Whitman Bookstore

Just in time for the cold weather! Now through Nov. 20, get 30% off all accessories (caps, knit hats, scarves, gloves, socks).

Shop safely online and the bookstore will deliver orders via the post office.

[Visit the Whitman Bookstore Online](#)

Campus and Community Health

Safe and Healthy Halloween Let's keep our gatherings small and COVID free!

As a reminder, Walla Walla County remains in Phase 2 of the state Safe Start plan, which limits social gatherings to no more than five people from outside your household per week.

If you're looking for safe and healthy ways to celebrate Halloween, check out these [tips for celebrations from the Department of Health](#) and mark your calendar for Whitman's [First Annual Halloween Costume Contest!](#)

How to celebrate Halloween without a COVID scare.

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Happening Today

- 4 p.m. [Spiritual-TFA: Considering our spiritual relationship to the environment](#)
Join the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life for tea and discussion of our spiritual relationship to the environment through Buddhist, Christian and Humanist writings and poetry.
- 5:30 p.m. [The 2020 Campaign: Uncivil and Unwell in America](#)
PBS host and American author/journalist Alexander Heffner will discuss the effects of divisiveness on discourse, media and governance as well as the influence of misinformation, disinformation and bigotry that polarize and undermine civil society.
- 7 p.m. [IM Trivia Night #2](#)
The IM Committee is hosting its second Kahoot trivia night with the theme of Halloween. Winners get blue shirts! All staff, students and faculty are welcome and encouraged to participate!

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...



KATE JACKSON
Professor of Biology

What are your areas of expertise?
Herpetology (the study of amphibians and reptiles) especially of central Africa, snakes, vertebrate anatomy, venom delivery systems, zoology, evolution and snakebite as a neglected public health crisis. I teach courses in anatomy, herpetology, vertebrate evolution and general zoology.

What is your favorite spot on campus?
The vertebrate anatomy lab (Hall of Science #213).

What is one new thing you have done during the pandemic?
Chin-ups.

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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.

