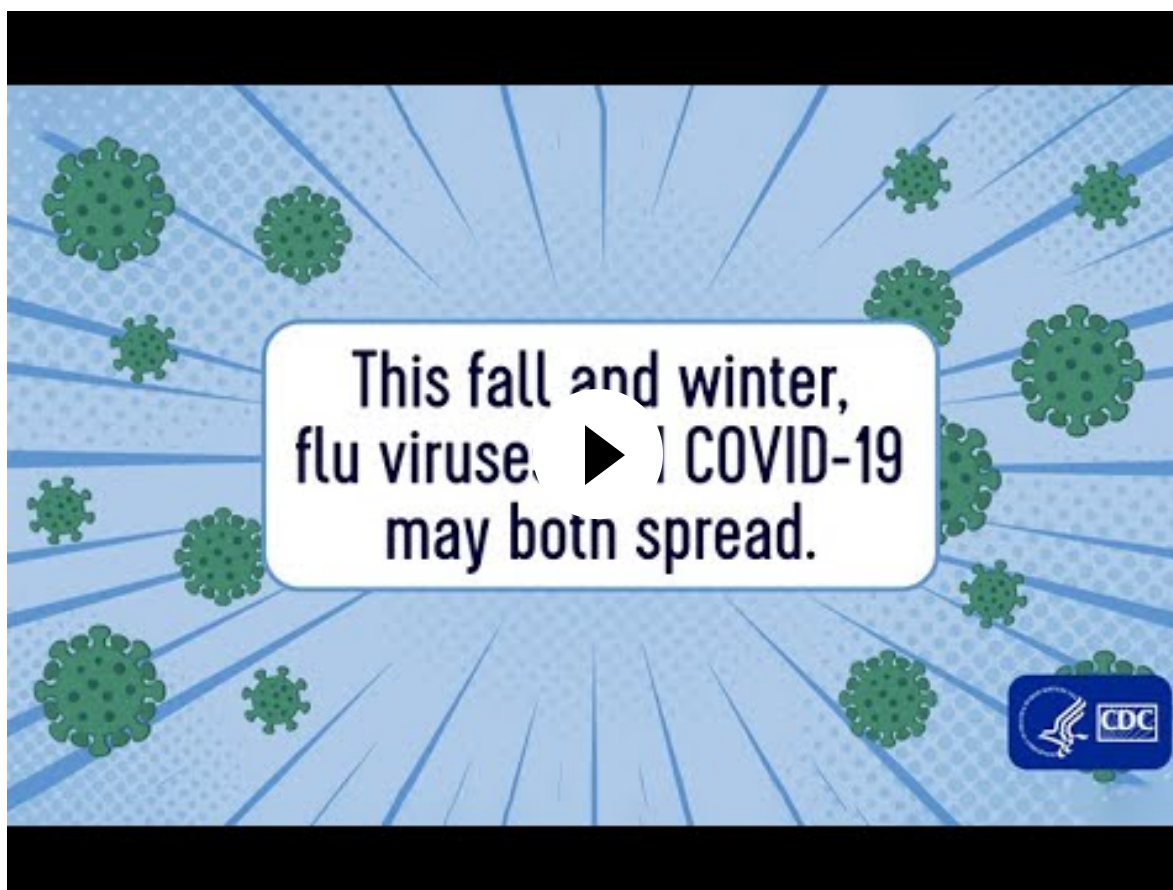




Whitman Today

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Flu Shots Available for Students



To support our students in accessing this important preventative care, Whitman is providing free flu vaccinations to all students in Walla Walla. Flu shots are available at the Welty Student Health Center today and tomorrow between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and no appointment is necessary.

If you are a student living outside Walla Walla, flu shots are generally paid for by insurance and are often available without appointment in grocery store and drugstore pharmacies.

Inclusion Task Force Action Items: October Update

It has only been a little over a month since the Inclusion Task Force Action Items went live, and actions are underway! Over this past month, we have worked with Fall 2020 action item implementation leaders to plan the vision, anticipate potential barriers & roadblocks and develop the execution strategy. Below is a snapshot of some of the work underway:

- Yesterday, Development had their #AllinforWhitman giving day for the Whitman Fund, where diversity and inclusion was one of the designated areas.
- Friday, the Offices of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion from the Walla Walla Tri-Colleges will be hosting a [wellness call on microaggressions](#) for faculty and staff from marginalized identities.
- Student organizations are currently being trained utilizing the intergroup dialogue model, and several organizations have completed implicit bias training.
- A steering committee for the Peer Educators' Program has been formed.
- New faculty orientation is continuing this semester and has been expanded to include faculty that have been at Whitman for three years or less.
- Two subcommittees of WIDE have been designated to: 1) create and maintain a campus climate webpage; and 2) plan and organize a faculty and staff training day.
- The chair of the faculty has reached out to the faculty asking for volunteers to serve on the Black Studies Program feasibility committee.
- Admissions has committed to intentionally increasing high school and organizational partnerships to aid in recruiting black students starting this fall.

Take a look at the [Inclusion Task Force website](#) for more information and a list of all the action items.

Announcements

Join The Common Read Project: How to Be an Antiracist

Students, staff, faculty and alumni are invited to the [Common Read Project](#) to discuss the moments of realization Ibram X. Kendi narrates from his life, as a way to consider the epiphanies we've had in our own lives. Associate Professor of Psychology Erin Pahlke and Associate Professor of Sociology Gilbert Mireles will provide psychological and sociological perspectives to frame the discussion. The project will culminate with an opportunity to contribute your reflection as an oral history piece in Whitman's archives and video montage.

[Please RSVP](#) to join this three session project:

- Oct. 8, 4-5 p.m. (childhood/middle school; ch. 1-7)
- Oct. 15, 4-5 p.m. (high school/undergrad; ch. 8-11)
- Oct. 22, 4-5 p.m. (grad school/young professional; ch.12-18)

New Discord Server for PRISM

Quarantine has been rough on our social lives, and unfortunately affinity groups can't meet in person this semester. But Clara Redmond '22 started a [Discord server](#) that aims to be the socially distanced version of [PRISM](#) -come join them! It's a space for queer kids of all alignments to meet each other and find community. All are welcome, whether you're gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, genderqueer, non-binary, pansexual, demisexual, asexual, or any other queer identity. PRISM will continue despite the chaos of the pandemic!

Happening Today

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[Last Day to Drop a Class Without Record](#)

To drop a class: log into your portal, select the "registration" tab, scroll down to view your schedule, and select the "-" sign next to the course you wish to drop. Remember to select "apply change."

8 p.m.

[Washington State Gubernatorial Debate](#)

The Whitman Debate Team will be working with the Washington State Debate Coalition tomorrow night during the gubernatorial debates between Jay Inslee (D) and Loren Culp (R). The debaters will host a [public dialogue on Zoom](#) after the debate focused on the gubernatorial race and respective strategies and tactics of each candidate.

More Upcoming Events

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

Getting to Know...

JAKOBINA ARCH Associate Professor of History

What are your areas of expertise?

I specialize in marine environmental history, particularly focused on premodern Japan. In general, this means thinking about how the oceans have had an impact on the history of the Japanese archipelago. More specifically, I have done research on premodern and modern whaling in Japan and I'm working now on sailors of cargo ships and coastal shipping in the Tokugawa period.

What is your favorite aspect of the Whitman community?

I really enjoy Whitman because many people here are invested in environmental topics. In particular, the wide variety of perspectives from which students and faculty engage with the environment makes for a great community to do my work in.



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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.

