



Whitman Today

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Unhealthy Air Quality Alert

Even though the air quality in our area is expected to improve a little today, it will continue to be at unhealthy levels due to smoke from wildfires. Please continue to work from your residence today, Wednesday, Sept. 16, and avoid exposure to the unhealthy air. If you think the air quality in your workspace is superior to the air where you live, you are welcome to work on campus if you have been approved by human resources to do so.

The following campus services will be unavailable today:

- Post Office at the Reid Campus Center
- Printing and Mailing Services in Boyer House
- Pickup at Penrose Library
- Walk-up assistance at the Technology Services Helpdesk

We will continue to monitor the air quality throughout the week and will update you when it is safe to return to campus.

Exploring the Academic Theme



Offerings exploring the [academic theme of Race, Violence, and Health](#) continue to roll out to the Whitman community.

Today at noon, [join a class session](#) of MUS 203, "Voices: Perspectives in Choral Music during the Pandemic" to discuss Joel Thompson's piece for men's chorus and orchestra, [The Seven Last Words of the Unarmed](#). Thompson composed the piece in 2015 to honor the lives of seven unarmed Black men who were murdered by the police or vigilantes. He uses a sacred musical genre — the seven last words of Christ — to create a powerful secular testament to their lives and humanity by setting their final utterances to music.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m., join Co-Directors of the Sheehan Gallery Kynde Kiefel and Daniel Forbes, Exhibitions and Collections Manager of the Maxey Museum Libby Miller, and Penrose Library Archivists Ben Murphy and Dana Bronson for a 50-minute webinar (link coming soon). They will share a few pieces from Whitman's collections, connecting these items to this year's campus-wide theme of Race, Violence, and Health, and offer ideas for integrating collections, exhibitions and archives into classes and pedagogical projects. They will also speak to the transformative/reparative and activist possibilities found in the making, gathering and research of art/objects/texts.

Coping With Coronavirus

Staying Online, Staying Healthy

While Whitman remains primarily in remote learning and many employees continue working from home, please remember that meetings, interviews and research should continue to take place online. In the event that specialized equipment or access is needed for students, faculty and staff should use the student campus access process detailed in the [Employees section](#) of the Fall 2020 info center.

[Fall 2020 Information Center](#)

Academic Resources

Reid Campus Center Study Space

Reid Campus Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday to provide study space for in-town students. Any student wishing to access RCC for study space must first complete [this application](#) and wait to receive a notice of approval before entering Reid. Students granted access will follow all campus health and safety procedures, including wearing a face covering, maintaining social distance and completing the Daily Wellness Check prior to entering RCC.

Happening Tomorrow

TOMORROW

4 p.m.

Health Speaker Series: Jane Erb, MD

The Office of Health Professions Advising invites you to join a conversation with Jane Erb, MD. Erb is a psychiatrist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH), serving since 1999 as the medical director of Brigham Depression Center and psychiatric director for Behavioral Health Integration in Primary Care, and is an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...

RUTHIE COLBURN '22 (she/her)

Major: environmental science/politics

Extracurricular activities: cooking, dancing, biking, Whitman Sweets

What is your favorite aspect of the Whitman community?

At Whitman, students have the opportunity to be critical of our community and there are platforms for students to pursue collective improvement of our institution.

Why do you play with the Sweets?

I am involved with [the Sweets](#) because I love being part of something greater than myself, and the Sweets remind me that there is always room for growth on and off the field!



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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.



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