



Whitman Today

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Power & Privilege External Review



The Office of Diversity & Inclusion will host a virtual external review of the Power & Privilege Symposium on Sept. 8 and 9. Please join the reviewers and give feedback on the program during open forums for faculty, staff, students and alumni.

The sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 8, 5-6 p.m. PST open forum for students.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8:30-9:30 a.m. PST open forum for staff.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2:30-3:30 p.m. PST open forum for alumni.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 4-5 p.m. PST open forum for faculty.

Please fill out [this form](#) to sign up to attend one of the above sessions. Diversity & Inclusion staff will follow up with the meeting connection information.

The three reviewers are:

- Tiffany Curtis, educational diversity and inclusion consultant
- Erik Farley, dean of student leadership and community engagement, Denison University
- Vince Greer, associate dean of students for diversity and inclusion and residential life, Claremont McKenna College

Announcements

Reid Campus Center Opening for Student Study Space

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8, 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.

The Power to Browse Jobs at your Fingertips

Download the Handshake app and grant yourself the ability to browse jobs and internships local to where you are or remote in another city. Schedule one-on-one appointments with a [SEC Career Coach](#) to vamp up your resume, cover letter, or even just to talk through the best job & internship searches to launch you into your future career path right from the app. Scan the QR code to get started.



Academic Resources

ASWC Academic Communities on Discord

Academic Communities is a project intended to foster peer to peer support and the bond that is built over our course work. The academic communities take place on a Discord server with spaces allocated to each class year and each department or program moderated by student department liaisons and maintained by ASWC leaders, making it exclusively student occupied. This is to offer a casual space to freely discuss readings, papers, tests, classes, concepts you may be struggling with or academic interests. Before you put yourself in a department you will also put yourself in your class, giving you the ability to connect with those in your year as well! Email aswc_president@whitman.edu or check yesterday's ASWC email for a link to join. Additionally, please read the [community guidelines](#), and if you're not familiar with Discord, [here is how to get started](#).

Coping With Coronavirus

Coming to Campus Reminders

As Whitman College works to protect our students, faculty, staff and community from COVID-19, we continue to restrict access to all campus buildings. Buildings are open only to pre-authorized employees and students who are required to follow Whitman's health and safety protocols as outlined in the [Whitman Safe Start Plan](#). Buildings are not reopened for general services like library check-outs, fitness activities, or rental or customer service operations.

While buildings and recreational facilities are currently closed, people wearing face coverings and following social distancing protocols are welcome to walk through outdoor areas of campus.

[Fall 2020 Information Center](#)

Happening This Week

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

Noon

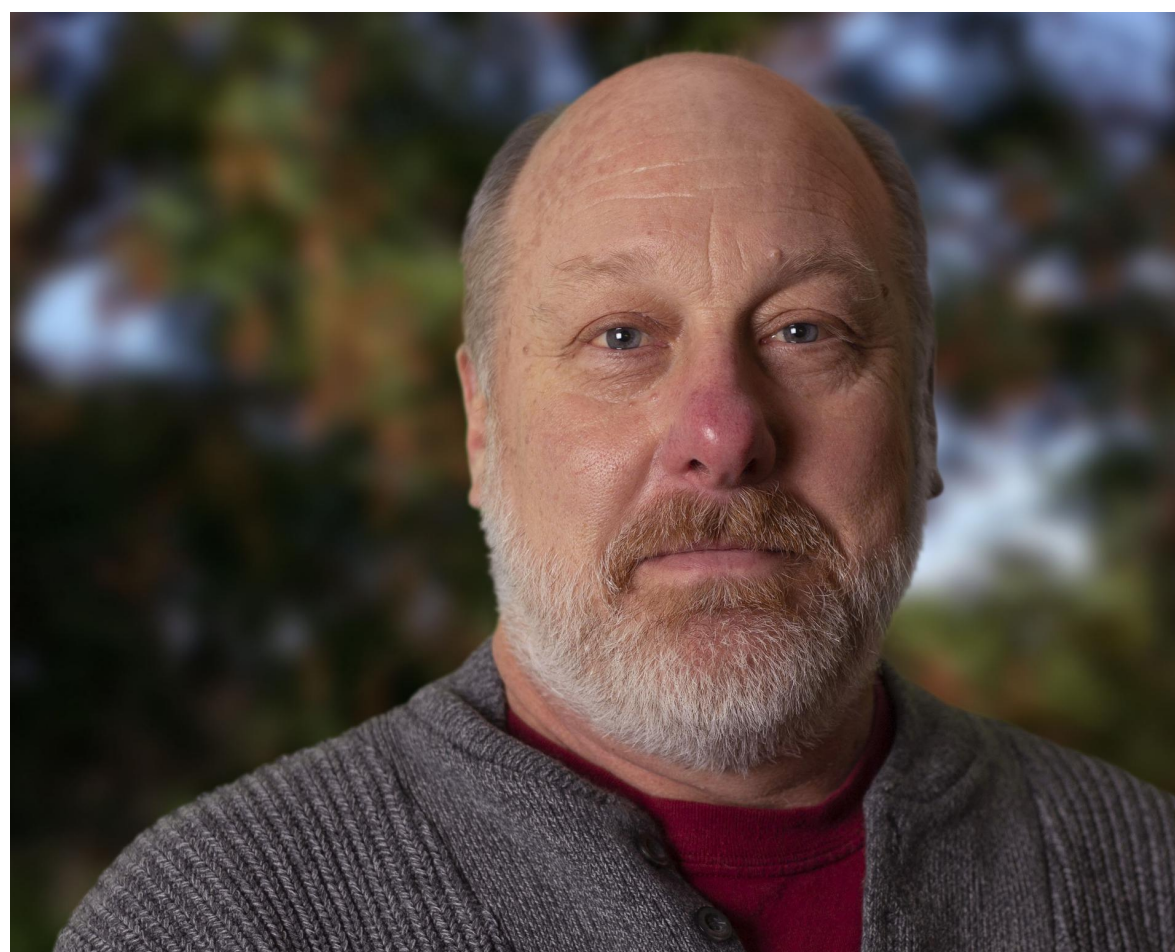
[Black Life at Whitman: Stories From Across the Years](#)

An open-form conversation between current Black students and alumni, including a discussion of challenges and opportunities, experiences and lessons learned, how all of that shaped the panelists' lives after Whitman and their hopes and dreams for the future of the college.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...



CHRISTOPHER S. WALLACE
Dr. Robert F. Welty Professor of Biology

What are your areas of expertise?

Using analysis of cell structure and gene expression to understand how the brain is modified by experience. My training in psychology motivates me to look at these changes in behavioral terms and my training in neurobiology makes me want to know what mechanisms are invoked to make brain circuitry modifiable on demand.

What are you most passionate about?

I love to figure out how a combination of parts emerges as a "living" thing. In scholarship this involves finding causal links between molecules, cells, and behavior. In teaching this involves integrating details about key parts with properties that only emerge when all the right parts are being properly orchestrated. In my personal life I like to design and build/or fix things.

What is one new thing you have done during the pandemic?

I built a guitar.

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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.



