



Whitman Today

Tuesday, September 29, 2020



Whitman President Supports National Efforts to Reckon with Campus Racism

President Kathy Murray has joined college and university presidents around the country in speaking out about the importance of reckoning with current and historical racism in educational institutions without interference from the federal government.

Recently, the Department of Education (DOE) announced an investigation of Princeton University surrounding racism and adherence to federal non-discrimination law following the university president's [update to campus](#) on efforts to combat systemic racism. President Murray is signatory to a letter written by Wesleyan University's President, Michael Roth, and Amherst College's President, Biddy Martin, in support of Princeton's process. "It is outrageous that the Department of Education is using our country's resources to investigate an institution that is committed to becoming more inclusive by reckoning with the impact in the present of our shared legacies of racism," [write Roth and Martin](#). More information, including the DOE letter, can be found on [Princeton's website](#).

Announcements

Tapping Into Your Leadership Student Workshop

Ana Martinez will be facilitating [Tapping into Your Leadership](#), a student workshop today at 5 p.m. offered as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month series from the Intercultural Center. Martinez will share about the main tenets that have unraveled, sustained and helped her leadership thrive, as well as unpacking how experiences (good and bad) set the foundation for leadership and creating and tapping into the possibilities for your leadership.

Approving Student Employees to Work On Campus

Once you have hired a student employee and they have completed the work authorization process, take the following steps to get them approved to work on campus.

1. Email Human Resources at hr@whitman.edu to let us know that the student employee needs to work on campus, and indicate the building where they will work.
2. Human Resources will email the student employee instructions on what they need to do in order to be able to work on campus. This will include completing a COVID test and completing the COVID training through Everfi.
3. Once the student employee has completed these steps, then they will be added to Whitman's Everbridge database and will begin receiving the daily checklist. The student employee will also receive a confirmation email from Human Resources that they are approved to work on campus, and the supervisor will be copied on that email. Some student employees may already be in the Everbridge database because of other jobs or building access for which they have been approved, and in that case, we will record their new access and send an abbreviated email.
4. Contact Mike Hubbard at hubbard@whitman.edu to request that the student employee be granted access to the building where they will work.

[Contact Human Resources](#) with any questions.

Whitman Votes

Whitman Votes is a Residence Life initiative continuing the push for voter registration, planning and civic engagement within the Whitman community. Their goal is to inspire voters to make their voices heard by exercising their right to participate in the democratic process.

Today, they are sharing a [link to a two-minute poll](#) which checks your registration status, points you to useful resources and encourages you to make a plan for your vote.

Everyday there will be a link with resources to engage with them throughout this initiative!



Noteworthy



Bobrow-Strain Wins Washington State Book Award

The Washington Center for the Book, a partnership of the Washington State Library and the Seattle Public Library, announced the winners of the [Washington State Book Award](#) yesterday. "The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez" by Aaron Bobrow-Strain, professor of politics, won in the Biography & Memoir category.

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Happening Today

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[Structural Racism in the Workplace](#)

Join a panel of alumni as they discuss their experiences as professionals of color and what their past and current places of work have — or haven't — done to create antiracist structures and culture at work.

4:30 p.m.

[On Being Bulletproof: The Importance of Black Superheroes](#)

Join comics creator Khalid Johnson for a conversation about Black superheroes.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...



KEITH HOUGH* (he/him)

Web Developer
**pronounced "Hu"*

Describe your job or area of focus/expertise: My position ensures that Whitman's mission is effectively communicated through Whitman's online presence. This includes Whitman's public-facing websites along with emails and other channels of online communication.

How do you support the Whitman community in your position? I help support the Whitman community online by making sure the digital content is accessible and intuitive to navigate. This diverse community includes various external and internal audiences, including prospective students, alumni, donors, and the general campus community.

What book is on your bedside table? I'm reading "Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage" for the second time.

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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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