



Whitman Today

Friday, September 24, 2021

Life After Whitman: Pam Walton '66



An award-winning documentarian, Pam Walton is dedicated to telling the truth about American life. Her [films have chronicled LGBTQIA+ lives](#), politics, and culture, working to change our culture's homophobic views of gay and lesbian people and, more recently, focusing on ageism. Her work has screened at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and the Margaret Mead Film Festival, and has been included in the prestigious International Public Television Screening Conference (INPUT).

Walton's latest film, ["The Lodge"](#), documents the first retirement community to offer independent and assisted living to LGBTQIA+ seniors and their allies.

Walton was awarded the [2021 Sally Rodgers Award for Lifelong Achievement](#), which is given to an individual who graduated from Whitman College over 50 years ago and whose life exemplifies the qualities of a liberal arts education.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to join Walton and the Whitman alumni community at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 27, for an online screening of "The Lodge" followed by a discussion on [Zoom](#).



The concept of the public welfare is broad and inclusive ... the values it represents are spiritual as well as physical, aesthetic as well as monetary. It is within the power of the legislature to determine that the community should be beautiful as well as healthy, spacious as well as clean, well balanced as well as carefully patrolled.

—William O. Douglas

Environmental Justice and Civil Liberties: the William O. Douglas Centennial Conference

Happening today at 1 p.m. in Hunter Conservatory's Kimball Theater and [on Zoom](#), this conference explores the legacy of Whitman alum and Supreme Court Justice William O Douglas. There will be two panels (one on Douglas' environmental legacy, one on his civil rights/civil liberties legacy) followed by a keynote address. Speakers include current Whitman seniors Renny Acheson and Alice Lesniak, alum Scott Skinner-Thompson '05 and Executive Director of the ACLU of Washington Michelle Storms.

Announcements

Workshop on Student Employment

The Student Engagement Center, Human Resources, Financial Aid and Payroll are uniting this afternoon at 4 p.m. to talk about best practices for students working on-campus. They will touch on topics including time management, professional communication, what is expected for work conduct and more. Supervisors and student employees are all welcome to attend [this discussion on Zoom](#).

LIAISON PAIRS PROJECT

BREAK INTO SUMMER
10.02.2021
REID CAMPUS CENTER
280 BOYER AVE

FACILITATED BY GUEST ARTIST
TORANIKA WASHINGTON

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
LEARN ABOUT HIP HOP
BUILD COMMUNITY
CONNECT

GET INVOLVED: DEGRASPG@WHITMAN.EDU

5th Element Hip Hop Event Volunteer Opportunity: Liaison Pairs Project

Join Toranika Washington, CEO of Somatic Soul Food - Movement Consulting, leadership coach and choreographer, and the 5th Element Project team as they connect you with members of the Pacific Northwest Hip Hop community in advance of the Break into Summer 2 v. 2 Bboy/Bgirl Crew Battle at Reid Campus Center October 2.

On Friday night, October 1, volunteers will meet with a liaison partner, develop an action plan and prepare to hit the floor of the event on Saturday. Help to get these communities connected and get that social dynamic popping! Email Peter de Grasse degraspg@whitman.edu to sign up for the liaison pairs project.

Whitman Emergency Alert Test: Were You Notified?

Yesterday at 2:45 p.m. we carried out a test of the Whitman Emergency Alerts system, which sends notifications by email, text and phone call as well as to the Everbridge app. If you did not receive the test alert, please follow these steps to update your emergency contact information:

- Log on to [mywhitman.edu](#)
- Select the "My Profile" tab at the top
- Select "Campus Alerts" link from the list on the left
- Enter or update your information

Save the Date

Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day Discussions

The second Monday of October is recognized and celebrated by many Americans as Columbus Day. As a counter memorial, many instead recognize this day as Indigenous Peoples Day. How could we observe this day at Whitman? Please join students from Indigenous Politics (POL 345-A) for an online presentation and discussion of the history and politics of Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day. The events will take place from 10:15-11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, and Thursday, September 30 [via Zoom](#).

Judd D. Kimball Lecture in Classics

Professor Shelley P. Haley will deliver the keynote [Judd D. Kimball Lecture in Classics](#), entitled "What's a Critical Race Feminist Like Me Doing in a Field Like This?!" This September 28 online lecture is free and open to the public.

"The Revolutionists"

Harper Joy Theatre opens the season on Friday, September 30, with ["The Revolutionists"](#); a grand and dream-tweaked comedy is about violence and legacy, art and activism, feminism and terrorism, compatriots and chosen sisters, and how we actually go about changing the world.

Happening This Weekend

TODAY

- 1:30 p.m. [BIPOC Outdoor Club Open Kayak](#)
- 5 p.m. [Sororities' Fall Recruitment Begins](#)

SATURDAY

- 9 a.m. [Day Hike at Tiger Canyon](#)
- noon [Whitman College Women's Soccer vs Willamette University](#)
- 1:30 p.m. [Rock Painting at the Labyrinth](#)

SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. [Intermediate Mountain Biking in the Blues](#)
- 10 a.m. [BIPOC Outdoor Club Day Hike Trip to Twin Sisters](#)

Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#).

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed Monday through Friday to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.

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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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