

Summer College on the Road at the Silver Falls Conference Center Sublimity, Oregon August 12-15, 2012



How Small Ideas Changed the World

You are invited to join Whitman faculty from across the academic spectrum at this seminar in the Oregon Cascades. Stimulate your mind with a lecture and discussion series by faculty in a variety of disciplines in this beautiful outdoor setting. Using the book *A History of the World in 100 Objects* as a jumping off point, we will examine the history and development of civilizations from a liberal arts perspective. How did a simple implement have an influence on where we are as humans today? What are the relationships among science, art, ideas, literature and “things?” Why are our current studies of the arts and sciences related to objects found from cultures of the past?

But it’s not all study. Take part in free-time activities such as swimming in the outdoor heated pool, touring the nearby Oregon Garden, playing volleyball, hiking the miles of adjacent waterfall trails or just savoring the outdoor atmosphere with a good book. Enjoy evening campfire gatherings, relax during socials and meals visiting with friends and faculty and catch a first-hand glimpse of the current Whitman student learning experience. All this is enhanced by the beautiful forested setting of Silver Falls State Park.

You’ll wish you’d had these teachers who will give you an idea of what it’s like to study, learn and engage at Whitman today:



Gary Rollefson, professor of anthropology earned his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona in 1978, and has since taught at colleges around the world; he has spent nearly 40 years conducting research and leading archaeological digs in Jordan and other middle-east locations. The discovery of a cache of plaster faces and figures, the world’s oldest statues ever found, led to years of excavation and restoration work in Jordan. His recently discovered necropolis, a 250-acre site of 10-foot-high tombs, streets and pathways dating back 9,000 years, is one of many sites of summer research with his students. He is also a consultant for Jordan’s Department of Antiquities. Professor Rollefson has led Whitman trips focusing on the antiquities, and has spoken at many alumni events around the country.

Don Snow, senior lecturer of environmental humanities, received a B.A. in English (1973) from Colorado State University and an M.S. in Environmental Studies (1990) from the University of Montana. In 1984, as executive director of the Northern Lights Institute in Missoula, he launched “Northern Lights Magazine,” a quarterly journal of “arts, politics, and nature in the Rockies.” He teaches environmental writing, the literature of nature and regional literature of places, and has led several Whitman alumni trips in Montana and Washington. He is the 2012 recipient of the Faculty Award for Service to Alumni. You will enjoy evenings around the campfire listening to the tales of the original inhabitants of the northwest, read by this talented story-teller.



Kathleen Shea, assistant professor of environmental humanities and classics, received her B.A. in classics from the University of Oregon in 2000 and PhD in classics from Rutgers University in 2011. She was chosen to fill one of 10 new tenure-track positions last June in a new field, which is a two-pronged study – first, a literary study of modern American nature writers as readers of classical texts, and second, a philosophical study of ancient texts from an ecological approach.



Professor Shea’s primary goal is to get a new perspective, to see the natural world and environmental concerns from a radically different perspective, looking at the ancient world to help provide that.

Kurt Hoffman, professor of physics received his B.A. from St. Olaf College and his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. He came to Whitman in 1992. Professor Hoffman’s research includes Sol-Gel fabrication and doping with Rare Earth Ions. He is the 2009 recipient of the A.E. Lange Award for Distinguished Science Teaching.



He also teaches the physics of music and sound, and will provide the bells and whistles, and perhaps horns and drums, of our study of objects in history.

Housing is in comfortable lodges, with private sleeping rooms (two twin beds) and home-like gathering spaces with fireplaces. Gender-specific bathrooms and showers are shared. Healthy meals are served in the dining room, and faculty presentations will take place in campus classrooms or outdoor spaces.

**\$350 per person, double occupancy; \$415, single.
Includes all lodging, meals and activities.
\$295 without lodging (campground nearby).**

Registration deadline is June 12, 2012 and refundable after that date only if we can fill your space.

To register, send the form to Whitman College Alumni Office, 345 Boyer Ave, Walla Walla WA 99362 or call the Alumni Office at 509.527.5167 or 800.835.9448, ext. 1.

Space is limited!

More details will be sent to registrants in July.



Sign me/us up for Summer College on the Road!

Name(s) _____ Class/parent year _____

Address _____

Email _____ Daytime phone _____

Guest address if different _____ Email _____

Charge my credit card (Visa or Mastercard): _____ Exp. date _____

Check enclosed:

\$350 X _____ = \$ _____ (full registration, double)
 \$415 X _____ = \$ _____ (full registration, single)
 \$295 X _____ = \$ _____ (program/meals only)