



Date: August 17, 2011      **OPENING WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR FACULTY**  
**2011-2012 Academic Year**

To: All Faculty

From: Timothy Kaufman-Osborn, Provost and Dean of the Faculty

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We welcome you to Whitman for the 2011-2012 academic year and extend a warm invitation for you to attend the special programs that have been arranged for Opening Week. These events are designed to offer new students an appropriate introduction to the College community, and faculty participation will contribute greatly to their success. We draw your attention to a few items of specific interest to faculty.

**FACULTY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2011 CONVOCATION CEREMONY**  
**Friday, August 26 ~ 3-4 p.m., Cordiner Hall**

**All members of the faculty, including part-time and full-time temporary faculty, are strongly encouraged to participate in Convocation.** As is customary at Convocation, there will be a procession with the faculty in academic regalia. Faculty should indicate whether or not they will march in the procession by completing the check-off sheet located in their academic building by 12 noon on Tuesday, August 23. (Faculty with offices outside the major academic buildings will be contacted by the Office of the Provost and Dean of the Faculty for an RSVP). **Please meet at the north side of Cordiner Hall at 2:40 p.m., Friday, August 26, to assemble for the procession.** Caps and gowns may be obtained in the basement of Cordiner Hall on Friday, August 26, between 1:30-2:40 p.m. (The entrance to the basement is located on the northwest side of Cordiner, closest to BFFC.) Faculty members may keep their caps and gowns until after the Commencement ceremonies in May. If you have questions, please call the Office of the Provost and Dean of the Faculty (#5398). As determined at the March 18, 2007 faculty meeting, the marching order for faculty will be determined by the number of semesters of service at Whitman.

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

For a complete list of Opening Week activities go to:  
<http://www.whitman.edu/content/orientation/fall/orientationschedule>

**Mon-Wed, Aug. 22-24**      **New Faculty Orientation – see schedule at**  
<http://www.whitman.edu/content/ctl/calendar>

**Tuesday, August 23**      Registration and advising packets are distributed to pre-major advisers. Please refer to the Fall 2011 Key Advising & Registration Dates (goldenrod paper) for adviser training sessions.

## **Friday, August 26**

8-10 a.m.

Special Academic Sessions for students interested in biology, chemistry, environmental studies, foreign languages, health professions, music, Spanish or 3-2 engineering/3-2 computer science.

**(Location: Times and locations for these sessions are in student packets)**

10 a.m.-12 noon and  
1-2:30 p.m.

Faculty Advising - New students have been assigned specific times to meet with their faculty adviser; a schedule of advising appointments is included in your advising packet. A meal voucher has been included in the packet for the adviser's lunch on August 26. **(Location: individual faculty offices)**

1:30-2:40 p.m.

Caps and gowns are available in the basement of Cordiner Hall. Faculty need to line up at Cordiner Hall at 2:40 a.m. for the procession (see instructions on preceding page).

3-4 p.m.

**CONVOCATION** - Convocation address "To Be of Use in a Warming World," Philip D. Brick, Miles C. Moore Professor of Political Science.

**(Location: Cordiner Hall)**

## **Saturday, August 27**

7:45 a.m.

A light meal and beverages will be served for faculty required to attend first-year registration in the Reid Ballroom.

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Registration for New Students – Thirty minutes prior to their assigned times, new students will be admitted to the Reid Ballroom to talk with faculty and advisers. This will be followed by registration for their fall classes. A representative from each department must be present at all times. Faculty will be scheduled for approximately a 2-hour time commitment and will be notified of their assigned time. Advisers must be present during their advisees' appointment times, which are grouped together.

**(Location: Reid Ballroom)**

**The Registrar's Office will email further registration information.**

Child care for children ages 18 months to 6 years old is available during new student registration on August 27, to be held at the Kids' Place Child Care Center adjacent to campus. Look for an email from Michelle Janning, Assistant Dean of the Faculty, with instructions for reserving spots if you are obligated to attend this event.

2:30–3:30 p.m.

New Student Book Discussion - Faculty Panel of summer reading "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down" by Anne Fadiman. Faculty panelists are: Patrick Frierson, Leena Knight and Suzanne Morrissey. **(Location: Cordiner Hall)**

## **Monday, August 29**

10:30 a.m.–12 noon

Academic Advising Appointments for Returning and New Transfer Students - Returning students who plan to add or drop classes should arrange to meet with their faculty advisers during this time; new transfer students have been assigned specific times to meet with advisers. **(Location: adviser's office)**

## **Tuesday, August 30**

**CLASSES BEGIN**

## **Sunday, September 11**

5-7 p.m.

Fall Mediterranean Buffet for all faculty and their families - hosted by Timothy and Sharon Kaufman-Osborn **(Location: Reid Campus Lawn/Young Ballroom in case of rain)**