



# Whitman Today

Friday, April 23, 2021

## Covering the Country's Biggest Stories in the Midst of a Pandemic

You are invited to the [2021 Hosokawa Journalism Lecture](#) on Monday, April 26 at 6 p.m. This promises to be an exciting behind-the-scenes look at some of the biggest headlines of 2020 with an Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist, Mireya Villarreal of CBS News. She will discuss her experience covering breaking news such as COVID-19 and also share insights on mental health and self-care.

This is an annual event presented in conjunction with the [Hosokawa Journalism Awards](#), which recognizes our student reporters at the Whitman Wire. This year's lecture is also part of the Race, Violence, and Health academic theme.



## Q: What does it mean to be "fully vaccinated" for COVID-19?

A: [According to the CDC](#), people are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the final dose of the vaccine. If it has been less than two weeks since your one-dose shot or the second dose of a two-dose vaccine, you are not fully protected.

Also, it's important to note that scientists are still learning how vaccines will affect the transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. You may still spread the coronavirus even after being fully vaccinated, so you should keep taking [precautions](#) in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others and avoiding crowds.

## Announcements

### SEC Resume Challenge

The Student Engagement Center (SEC) is proud to announce the start of the 2nd Annual Resume Challenge, a contest where students submit their resumes to a panel of judges and an exceptional resume is selected for each class year. Winners receive a swag bag of bookstore goodies and apparel plus a feature on SEC social media!

This year, the submission period will begin today and end on Sunday, May 2. [Check out the website](#) for all the information and resources you need!

## Question of the Week: Answer Edition



This week we asked where you're dreaming of going once COVID travel restrictions are lifted. [Answers](#) ranged from the Oregon Coast to tropical islands to downtown Walla Walla restaurants. One person is simply looking forward to coming out from under the bed! The two most common answers, though, were study abroad and visiting family. However, none of us are going anywhere right now, so whatever your wanderlust dreams, make sure you get vaccinated as soon as possible and help bring this pandemic to an end!

## Happening This Weekend

### TODAY

9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. [SAVA Drop-in Hours](#)

Malia Lewis, the campus Sexual Assault Victims Advocate, is hosting drop-in SAVA time in her office (Hunter 406) to meet and greet students. Come ask questions, get resources, create a weekend safety plan or just say hello.

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[Race, Equity, and Justice: The Rise and Fall of the Death Penalty in Washington State](#)

Lecture from Katherine Beckett, University of Washington professor with joint appointments in the Sociology department and the Law, Societies, and Justice department.

1 p.m.

[Decolonizing Whitman: It's Time To Get Marcus Whitman Off Our Campus](#)

Make posters, learn more about the history of the statue, contact Walla Walla City Council, sign petitions, pressure Kathy Murray to release a statement in support of this statue's relocation and eat cookies.

1 p.m.

[Delta Gamma Spring Cornhole Fundraiser](#)

Annual fundraiser to raise money for Service for Sight, a DG-founded nonprofit that works with and aids the blind and visually impaired community.

4 p.m.

[April Bey, Artist Talk and Opening of the Senior Art Majors Thesis Exhibit](#)

Conversation with April Bey, a practicing contemporary artist and art educator followed by the opening of the senior art majors thesis exhibit. The exhibition will be available [online](#), including a virtual tour, after 5 p.m. and will be available for limited in-person viewing in the Sheehan Gallery by Whitman faculty, staff and students.

5 p.m.

[Putting the Middle East Center Stage](#)

Guest lecture from Torange Yeghiazarian, founding artistic director of Golden Thread Productions, one of the first Middle Eastern-focused theater companies in the United States. She will share her journey, from her beginnings as the daughter of an Iranian film star and Iranian military officer/night-club owner, to her immigration to the U.S. following the Iranian revolution, to creating Golden Thread Productions and bringing theater about the Middle East and by Middle Eastern and Middle Eastern-American artists to stages in the U.S.

### TOMORROW

1 p.m.

[Beginning Mountain Biking](#)

Learn the basics of mountain biking on a casual ride up the Mill Creek Trail to ride at Bennington Lake. No previous experience necessary, mountain bike, helmet and rental clothing included.

3 p.m.

[Author Pippa Biddle on "Ours to Explore: The Voluntourism Problem"](#)

Join the Community Service House, Global Awareness House, and the Student Engagement Center to hear about and discuss the definition of voluntourism, understand pathological altruism, and identify the flaws in the "Global Citizenship" narrative.

### SUNDAY

11:30 a.m.

[WOCV & BIPOC Outdoor Club Joint Climbing Wall Event](#)

No previous climbing experience is necessary. Equipment and instruction provided. The goal is to have fun and develop community while also getting familiar with the climbing center and resources on campus.

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

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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](mailto: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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