



Whitman Today

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Student Fighting Malicious Deepfakes

The State of Deepfake Porn

96% of deepfakes available online today are pornographic, but much of the discussion, fear, and policy surrounding deepfake technology



Through the support of the Whitman Internship Grant (WIG), junior Amelia Leopold has worked as a content management intern at the Deeprtrust Alliance. In a recent WIG blog, she explains the harm of manipulated recordings known as deepfakes:

The Deeprtrust Alliance is the only global nonprofit organization fighting the threat of malicious deepfakes. Deepfakes are manipulated visual or audio content created by machine learning algorithms that create extremely realistic images and video. The overwhelming majority of deepfake videos—96% of them, in fact—are pornographic. In these videos, the face of a woman, usually a celebrity, is transposed onto a porn video without consent. Deepfake porn harms women in several ways. It is a form of misogynistic harassment that can threaten their safety, damage women's reputations, and silence those who are outspoken. We've seen examples of all three.

Leopold and the Deeprtrust Alliance are developing a legislative and policy framework to dismantle the financial incentives around malicious disinformation. [Read more about this important work in her WIG blog.](#)

Q: I already had COVID-19 and recovered. Do I still need to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Yes, you should get the vaccine even if you already had COVID-19.

Data shows it is uncommon to be reinfected with COVID-19 within 90 days after you were infected. That means you might have some protection (called natural immunity) from COVID-19 for at least a little while. But we don't know how long that natural immunity really lasts. If you only rely on natural immunity for protection, you risk getting sick again and spreading the virus to others. That's why it's important to get the vaccine, even if you had COVID-19.

Announcements

CESRP Application Deadline Extended

The deadline for the Community Engaged Summer Research Program (CESRP) is extended to 10 a.m. on Friday, April 30. The review committee will review applications as they come in to help students solidify their plans as soon as possible.

The CESRP supports eight weeks of fully virtual and hybrid in-person research. For more information on the program please review this [informational poster](#) or the [CESRP 2021 application!](#)

Do you have questions about the CESRP? Kelsey Martin, Community Learning Specialist, is ready to help. Contact her at martinka@whitman.edu.

Library Resources on Submitting Honors Thesis

Finishing your honors thesis? Join Librarian Emily Pearson (pearsome@whitman.edu) at 4 p.m. on April 29 for a webinar and Q&A session over Zoom covering how to submit your thesis to the library. Submitting your thesis to the library by May 12 is required for receiving honors. If you aren't sure yet if you're receiving honors, it may still be useful to attend in case you do. Please [register](#) in advance. It will be helpful if you watch our [formatting video](#) ahead of time. For more information, you can check our [thesis guide](#).

Question of the Week



Woodsy Owl has been reminding us to take care of the environment since the 1960s. Decades later, climate change is more of a crisis than ever before. What's one tip that you have for living a more sustainable lifestyle?

Share your save the earth ideas!

Happening This Week

TODAY

- 9 a.m.–2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.
- 4:30 p.m. **Film Discussion: The Invisible Vegan**
In conjunction with Bon Appétit's Plant Forward Challenge and Whitman's Race, Violence, and Health academic theme, the Office of Sustainability invites you to a documentary screening and discussion of "The Invisible Vegan," a 90-minute independent documentary by Jasmine Leyva, a Black female filmmaker.
- 6 p.m. **BREAKING: Covering the Country's Biggest Stories in the Midst of a Pandemic - In-Depth Perspective from a Field Correspondent**
Emmy Award-winning CBS correspondent Mireya Villarreal presents the 2021 Hosokawa Journalism Lecture. She joins the Whitman community for a virtual conversation about her experience covering breaking news stories as well as insights on mental health and self care.

TUESDAY

- 9 a.m.–2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
- noon **Next Steps 2021: Mastering the Art of the Informational Interview**
- 5 p.m. **Author Discussion with David Schmitz**
- 6:30 p.m. **Whitman Orchestra Spring Concert**

WEDNESDAY

- 11 a.m. **Staff Advisory Council Listening Session**
- 5 p.m. **Dublin Award Presentation: Recontextualizing Traumatic History Through Memorialization**

THURSDAY

- 4 p.m. **Student Office Hour with President Murray**
- 4 p.m. **The Struggle that Remains: Between World and International**
- 4:30 p.m. **Leverage your Strengths: StrengthsFinder Workshop**

FRIDAY

- 5 p.m. **Guest Lecturer, Debbie Chinn: Business Side of the Performing Arts**

Whitman Events Calendar

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