



Whitman Today

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Senator Patty Murray and Whitman Students Discuss Health Equity



In a special virtual event for the Whitman community, Washington State Senator Patty Murray took part in a panel discussion. The discourse centered on a report authored by Murray's office titled "COVID-19 & Achieving Health Equity: Congressional Action Is Necessary To Address Racism And Inequality In The U.S. Health Care System."

Three Whitman College student leaders served as hosts and panel members: Zidane Galant-LaPorte, a senior sociology major, Salma Anguiano, a junior Chinese and politics double major and Jasmine Razeghi, also a junior Chinese and politics double major. Whitman President Kathy Murray kicked off the event with an introduction to the report and the work of Senator Murray.

The discussion, prompted by questions posed by the three students, addressed topics from undocumented immigrants and health care access, to inequalities in vaccine distribution, workers rights and race and ethnicity data collection.

[Read more.](#)

Q: Will getting the COVID vaccine affect my results in Whitman's pooled surveillance testing?

A: According to the CDC, no. None of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines cause you to test positive on PCR/viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection. This is the type of test we use for our campus COVID testing, so if you are randomly selected for surveillance testing you can take the test without worrying about receiving a false positive result.

Announcements

Campus Closed and No Classes Tomorrow

Tomorrow, April 7, is the next Spring Break day; there are no classes for faculty and students. Additionally, campus offices, including Penrose Library, will be closed in recognition of the work done by Whitman staff members. There will not be an issue of Whitman Today published and any submissions for the Thursday, April 8 newsletter should be sent to whitmantoday@whitman.edu by noon today.

Apply Now for the David Nord Award

The Intercultural Center is proud to be accepting applications for the David Nord Award.

The David Nord Award is presented annually to support LGBTQIA+ focused projects on campus, encouraging the Whitman community to engage critical issues through a variety of creative and scholarly mediums. Recipients will receive a cash award along with financial project support.

For more information visit the [David Nord Award webpage](#). The application deadline is April 13.



Noteworthy

Henry Leads Local Anti-Nuclear Weapon Effort

Pat Henry, emeritus professor, organized a successful campaign to have the Walla Walla City Council pass a resolution in support of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. [World Beyond War reports](#), "With a 5-2 vote, Walla Walla became the 41st U.S. city and the first city in the state of Washington to pass [ICANs Cities Appeal](#). The effort was also supported by Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility and ICAN, among other groups."

Ralston Publishes Op-Ed on Preventing Jury Bias

Jason Ralston, assistant professor of economics, with Charles North, associate professor of economics at Baylor University, published an [op-ed in Arkansas Business](#) analyzing the potential effect of a new law in Arkansas permitting jurors to donate their jury pay. Citing research they published in 2019 on a similar practice in Texas, Ralston and North discuss the possibility that the process may create juror bias and propose a simple solution.

Submit News of a Personal or Professional Achievement

Happening 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.
- 10 a.m. **LinkedIn Headshot Photo Session**
Come to the Reid side lawn to get a professional headshot for LinkedIn, Handshake, resumes or any professional platform.
- noon **Virtual Career Trek: Jubilant HollisterStier**
Join a diverse panel of company employees on a virtual trek to Jubilant HollisterStier, a national leader in contract pharmaceutical manufacturing.
- 5 p.m. **Academic Majors Fair**
The (online) place to connect with student representatives from all majors and minors on campus.
- 5 p.m. **Arnold Visiting Professor of Classics Lecture**
The Department of Classics is pleased to announce the upcoming lecture from Richard Talbert, "Help from Japan for Telling the Time in Ancient Rome?"

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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