



Whitman Today

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Be a Part of Unity Week 2021



The Intercultural Center (IC) would like to invite you to be a part of the promotion of Unity Week 2021. Unity Week seeks to bring communities together through events that honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the core values of his teachings: equity, faith, nonviolence, education, love, leadership, selflessness and hope among many others.

In order to introduce Unity Week this year, the IC will create a promotional video. The video will be 60 seconds long and will be posted on the IC's social media, and other platforms, in order to highlight the purpose of Unity Week and showcase the events that will be taking place throughout the week.

They would also like to incorporate our Whitman community by having you submit a video answering the question "What does unity look like at Whitman?" These videos should be submitted by Monday, Dec. 21 and will be edited to create a montage of answers.

If you would like to be a part of bringing Unity Week alive this year, please read the [instructions on shooting and submitting your video](#).

Announcements

Student Work Opportunities for Diversity in Higher Ed

Students, have you ever pictured yourself working to improve inclusivity and diversity in higher education? The College Support Services Corps (CSSC) is a Serve WA AmeriCorps program through Washington Campus Compact that believes all students should feel included, empowered, and have the necessary resources to thrive in college and beyond. Students will engage in civic work and community building through creation of reciprocal Whitman College campus and Walla Walla Public School partnerships.

This is a great opportunity to build your resume in areas of education for those interested in pursuing a career in education. If you are interested or would like to have an information session, email Noah Leavitt (leavitts@whitman.edu) to set up a time. Feeling confident and want to apply? [Apply on Handshake](#).

Off-campus House/Apartment Rentals for 2021-2022

The selection process for Whitman's off-campus rentals will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. The [link to the application](#) will be available on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at 6 a.m. You must be a current Whitman student with an academic level of junior or senior, 21+ years old, or have approval from the Residence Life office.

IMPORTANT RENTAL DATES:

Available rentals posted: Monday, Dec. 14

Applications open: Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 a.m.

Applications due: Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 by 4 p.m.

Notices sent out: Friday, Jan. 22

Leases signed and deposits paid by: Friday, Jan. 29

For more information visit [the off-campus rentals page of our website](#). Additional questions may be emailed to offcampusrentals@whitman.edu.

Dogs on Campus Policy

Please remember that, [as stated in the Student Handbook](#), no dog is allowed on campus unless it is leashed or under the close and continuous supervision and control of its owner. Dogs should not be tied to a tree, post or any other object. Security will call Animal Control if pets are found to be tethered or running loose and unattended on campus.

Noteworthy

Shigeto Translation Published in Journal

Yukiko Shigeto, associate professor of Japanese, published [her translation of Tsushima Yuko's story, "Wildfire,"](#) in the electronic journal of contemporary japanese studies (ejcjs).

Cotts Article Published as Advance Access Piece

Brill Journals has published a new article from Professor of History John Cotts, "[The Academic Historiography of the Crusades and the Twenty-First Century Debate on Religious Violence](#)," as an advance access piece for subscribers on its web site. It will appear in print next year in a special issue of the International Journal of Military History and Historiography, with issue title of "The Modern Appropriation of the Crusades." The article surveys the abuse and misuse of references to the crusades in modern politics and journalism, and how recent advances and historical research can be brought to bear on modern debates about religion and violence.

Campus and Community Health

COVID-19 in Walla Walla

Currently there are 332 active cases of [COVID-19 in Walla Walla County](#). Of these, 319 residents are isolating at home and 13 in the hospital.

Over the past week, no new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Whitman students living in Walla Walla, staff or faculty.

Whitman community COVID-19 case numbers appear weekly in Whitman Today and are updated regularly on the [COVID-19 at Whitman webpage](#).

As we head into the holidays, we know that gathering with people we don't live with—even close friends and family—may spread COVID-19. The more people we interact with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of becoming infected.

The safest action for everyone is to avoid gatherings, even outdoors, and find different ways to celebrate this season.

The [Safer Gatherings website](#) includes ideas for how to gather virtually. If that's not an option, it also includes a checklist to help plan a safer outdoor gathering. [Indoor social gatherings with people from outside your household are restricted.](#)

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All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.

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.

