



Whitman Today

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Present at the Whitman Undergraduate Conference



Proposal submissions for the 23rd Annual [Whitman Undergraduate Conference](#) are due Friday, Feb. 26. The conference, which will take place online April 13, is a daylong celebration of the scholarship and creativity of Whitman students.

The conference gives students from every academic area of the college the opportunity to share their research and creative projects with the campus community and interested public. It is noteworthy for its variety of presentations, from oral and poster presentations to musical performances to special exhibitions.

Conference presentations reflect original work produced by Whitman students through course study, senior theses, faculty-student collaborative research, independent projects, summer fellowships and internships and study abroad.

The conference is organized by the [Office of Fellowships and Grants](#). Visit the [Whitman Undergraduate Conference webpage](#) for participation guidelines and to view previous conference presentations.

Q: Yesterday, the 500,000th American died from COVID-19. How does this compare to other countries?

A: The U.S., with a population of about 330 million, leads the world in number of total reported deaths. The second highest number of COVID-19 deaths is in Brazil, with just under 250,000 deaths in a population of 214 million. The U.S. also far exceeds other countries with over 28 million total cases of COVID-19, while India has recorded just over 11 million cases in a population of 1.3 billion. More global COVID-19 data is available on [Our World in Data's Coronavirus Pandemic website](#).

Announcements



Register Now for the Joint Virtual Career Fair

Join University of Puget Sound, Seattle Pacific University, Lewis & Clark College, and Saint Martin's University on Feb. 24 from 12-4 p.m. for the Joint Virtual Career Fair featuring more than 70 employers from around the state and the nation with group or 1-to-1 sessions. Take this opportunity to find an internship, nail down a job or just network and make connections with employers in industries you're interested in. [Register on Handshake and begin building your schedule](#). Act quickly, as there are limited sessions and five schools' worth of students looking to connect as well!

Noteworthy

Schmitz Publishes Eleventh Book

David F. Schmitz, the Robert Allen Skotheim Chair of History, has just published his 11th book, [The Sailor: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Transformation of American Foreign Policy](#). It is a comprehensive reassessment of Roosevelt's foreign policy making and how the 32nd president transformed the grand strategy of the United States from one based on nationalism, neutrality and hemispheric defense to internationalism, with the U.S. becoming a world leader and pursuing policies of collective security, preparedness, alliances and participation in multilateral international institutions to secure peace and prosperity.

Submit News of a Person 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.
- 4 p.m. **Pres. Murray Open Office Hours for Students**
President Murray invites students to join her for office hours on Zoom. Please sign into Zoom with your Whitman SSO credentials and use the meeting passcode 485182.
- 4 p.m. **Why are Toxic Chemicals Everywhere? Learning from Science and Advocacy**
Professor of Sociology Alissa Corder will highlight the Whitman student researchers working with her in the study of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and talk about the PFAS Project Lab, studying social, scientific and political factors.
- 4:30 p.m. **Finding Your First Opportunity at a Museum**
Join the Sheehan Gallery and the Student Engagement Center to hear from a panel of museum professionals to learn how you can prepare for a future in museum studies. During this interactive panel, you will hear from three professionals about how the field is changing, learn which skills you should develop, and gain insights to career trajectories.

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.

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