



Whitman Today

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Upcoming Design Thinking Workshop



Katie Krummeck '03 will be here on March 11 to teach us how to create with design thinking!

What is design thinking?

Design thinking is a way to solve problems through innovative solutions. It is an alternative way of thinking, working and utilizing the value in diversity. In [this workshop](#), you will learn how to understand people's needs, challenge assumptions and redefine problems in an attempt to generate inventive solutions and strategies that might not always be apparent.

[Krummeck](#), last year's commencement speaker, is a Whitman alum and Stanford Design School Facilitator. After graduation, Krummeck began her career as a secondary teacher and co-founder of a small, experimental independent school where students collaborated across age groups by engaging in project-based, interdisciplinary learning. She has since helped scale a national education nonprofit startup called the [Spark Program](#), helped develop the [K12 Lab](#) at the [Hasso Plattner Institute for Design](#) at Stanford University and directed a collegiate makerspace called the [Deason Innovation Gym](#). She is also the founding director of the [Maker Education Project](#) at Southern Methodist University, an initiative dedicated to catalyzing transformational maker-based learning experiences for students in K-12 schools.

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, Krummeck will lead a two-hour immersive workshop on design thinking open to all students, faculty, and staff! [RSVP now](#) to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience with an expert.

Q: How are other colleges dealing with COVID-19 this spring?

A: There are a lot of variations in how colleges and universities are operating right now. A few resources for glimpses into teaching styles, COVID outbreaks and student life are the live coronavirus updates on [Inside Higher Ed](#) and [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#).

Announcements

Apply Now for Office of Civil Rights Summer Internship

Whitties, are you interested in exploring a career in social justice advocacy? Every summer, one Whitman second- or third-year student is accepted to work at the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Dept. of Education in Seattle. (Here's a [great blog](#) from a recent Whitman intern there.) To qualify, students need to have significant interest and experience in the Civil Rights Movement and/or have participated in [Whitman Teaches The Movement](#). We know that this eligibility requirement includes a lot of you out there! This 10-week remote summer internship requires the intern to work 20-30 hours per week. The intern selected by OCR staff will need to complete a separate Whitman Internship Grant application and can receive an educational award up to \$3,500. Applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S. [Applications](#) are due to the SEC by Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Deadline to Apply for Rabinowitz Award

Enrich the campus with compassion and be awarded \$3,000! The [Ben Rabinowitz Award](#) grants those students who wish to promote compassion in healthcare or politics \$3,000 to implement their visions. The deadline for applications is noon on Friday, Feb. 26. Contact [Noah Leavitt](#) with any questions or to talk through application proposals.

Happening Today

- noon [Joint Virtual Career Fair](#)
Featuring more than 70 employers from around the state and the nation with group and 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.
- 4 p.m. [Open Office Hours for Students with Dean Kazi Joshua](#)
"The People's Dean" is holding drop-in office hours with 15-minute sessions from 4-5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the semester.
- 8:30 p.m. [Pause](#)
You are invited to Pause, a 20-minute study break where we take time to breathe, relax and de-stress. Come with your camera on or off for quiet community, poetry and centering practice.

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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