



# Whitman Today

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## Academic Resources



Sometimes we all need a helping hand. As we start the new semester, take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the variety of [academic resources available](#). Whether you are a first-year or transfer student entering your first semester of in-person classes at Whitman or a senior wrapping up your graduation requirements, Academic Resource Center staff members are here to offer advice and support!

## Announcements



### Banff Film Festival Online

The Banff Film Festival is available to watch online! Through the Outdoor Program, Whitman students can watch the "Amber" program of films for free. This is available now for the next several weeks!

Instructions:

1. Go to the [Amber program purchase site](#).
2. Create an account, ignoring the credit card details, and entering the promo code WCOPWT21.
3. Once you start watching, you have three days to finish the program.

These are limited and the OP pays for each and every one, so please only use this once for yourself, and no one else. The OP hopes you enjoy watching the films with your roommate, housemates and friends in a responsible way!

### Opt-in to Receive Electronic W-2

New Internal Revenue Service regulations mean it is now possible to receive your 2020 W-2 statement online through myWhitman. Federal law requires us to furnish a paper statement by default, so you will need to opt-in if you want online access.

To opt-in to electronic delivery of your W-2, log in to [myWhitman](#) and click on your primary tab (Student, Faculty, Staff). Select "Online W-2 consent," review the consent statement, and make your selection.

W-2 Forms for 2020 will be available, either electronically or in paper format, based on your selection, by Feb. 1. You will receive an email when your 2020 W-2 is completed and available.

## Q: What services are available at Welty Student Health Center?

A: Welty Student Health Center is a full service clinic, with nurses onsite 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday-Friday and physicians available for appointments from 8–10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Learn more on the [Welty webpage](#).

## Noteworthy

### Frierson Awarded National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship

Patrick Frierson, professor of philosophy, was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to continue his scholarly work on the early 20th-century educational philosopher Maria Montessori. The NEH is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States, promoting excellence in the humanities through grants to support teaching, learning, scholarship, and cultural resources. Frierson was one of only six philosophers nationally to receive a NEH fellowship this year.

### Biswas Presentation on Interdisciplinary COVID-19 Course

Shampa Biswas, professor of political science, delivered a presentation on the work Whitman faculty and staff did in creating the interdisciplinary course "Studying COVID-19: A Liberal Arts Approach to a Global Pandemic" last spring. The presentation was part of a panel of faculty and administrators titled "COVID-19 Courses: Highlighting the Strengths of Liberal Education" at the annual meeting of the American Association of College & Universities, whose theme this year was Revolutionizing Higher Education after Covid-19.

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## Happening Today

- 9 am.–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. **[Reconstructing a family narrative before and after Reconstruction](#)**  
*Join Whitman alumnus Steve Hammond '79 as he shares the Syphax family history of his southern roots in New Orleans. Steve is a seventh-generation member of the Syphax family of Washington, DC: a line that was moved by force to New Orleans and then by choice to Denver.*
- 4 p.m. **[Depolarizing Within: A Braver Angels Workshop](#)**  
*Gain strategies for intervening constructively in social conversations with like-minded peers when these conversations veer into contempt and ridicule for people who hold other political views.*

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

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