



# Whitman Today

Monday, January 4, 2021

## Spring 2021 Community Guidelines



We are in this **together.**

Preparations abound for the start of the spring semester, which is just a few weeks away!

There are two important steps that every faculty, staff and student member of the Whitman community must take as we individually and together work to support a healthy campus this spring:

1. Complete COVID-19 health and safety training, which Whitman provides online through EverFi. Everyone should have received an email on Dec. 23 with a personalized link to access the EverFi training.
2. Read and sign the [Spring 2021 Community Pledge](#).

Even if you did the training last semester and signed the fall pledge, you must complete these steps again.

For more information on health and safety practices this spring, you may consult the updated [Whitman College Safe Start Plan](#) or the [Spring FAQs](#) on our website.

## Announcements

**Student Employment Opportunity: Stop the Spread of COVID-19**  
Are you interested in helping stop the spread of COVID-19? Do you want to do important work during this pandemic? Through an important new partnership with the [Walla Walla County Department of Community Health](#) and special funding from Whitman, the SEC is creating a cohort of ten COVID-19 Contact Tracer/Case Investigator Support Interns!

These positions will pay \$15 per hour for up to 10 hours per week and work can be done remotely. All training will be provided by the county community health team. Participation will also include two hours of paid time for relevant professional development through the SEC. Check out the position description and apply in [Handshake](#).

Please contact Assistant Director for Internship Programs [Mitzy Rodriguez](#) with any questions.

## Noteworthy

### Schultz Publishes Two Essays

Daniel J. Schultz, visiting assistant professor of religion, has published two new essays. The first, a short piece on the French philosopher Michel Foucault titled "[Foucault and the Rhetoric of Exemplarity](#)," has appeared in the journal *Political Theology*. The second, "[Flesh made word: sacramental visibility in the Bardi Panel of Santa Croce, Florence](#)," was published in the journal *Word & Image*, offering a new interpretation of early Franciscan painting and its relation to theological and religious debates of the 13th century.

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## Upcoming Events



### Faculty and Staff Town Hall

President Murray, with members of the Cabinet and our consulting epidemiologist, will host an online town hall meeting for faculty and staff on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 4 p.m. They will share more details about the spring semester and answer questions. [Register for the town hall meeting here.](#)

### Student and Families Town Halls

President Murray, with members of the Cabinet and our consulting epidemiologist, will host two online town hall meetings for students and their families. Plan to attend one of these Zoom meetings for more details about the spring semester and an opportunity to ask your questions. The town halls, which can be accessed through the links below, are scheduled for:

[Monday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m.](#)

[Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m.](#)

The student and family town hall meetings will be recorded for later viewing and the links will be shared afterward.

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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](mailto: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.

