



Whitman Today

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Life After Whitman: Lobbying for Change



Seattle youth marching for a reduction in voting age in 1969. Image courtesy of MOHAI, Seattle Post-Intelligencer Collection; photograph by Tom Barlet.

Fifty years ago this month, the 26th Amendment was ratified, granting 18-year-olds the right to vote and immediately enfranchising more than 10 million new voters.

Although the 26th had the fastest path to ratification of any of the 27 Constitutional amendments—taking just 100 days to go from passage by Congress to becoming the law of the land—it took many years of lobbying by grassroots and community organizations to lay the groundwork.

A psychology major-turned-political lobbyist, Whitman alum Ian MacGowan '61 played a major role in the effort, leading the national campaign for the 18-year-old vote as director of the Youth Franchise Coalition.

[Read more.](#)

Campus COVID-19 Update

Any employee who has not provided proof of being vaccinated against COVID-19 must take a coronavirus test every week in order to receive a campus access badge valid for seven days. This testing is offered at Welty Student Health Center on Tuesdays from 8:30–10 a.m. This week, 27 employees were tested and there were no positive tests.

Students in Walla Walla who wish to have summer access to campus must provide proof of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and complete the request form in order to receive their access badge.

Current campus vaccination statistics:
Employees: 86%
Students (classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024): 83%
Combined total: 84%

Additionally, anyone not fully vaccinated must still wear a face mask in all indoor spaces and maintain 3 ft. physical distancing while on campus. A person is fully vaccinated when it has been at least two weeks since receiving the final required vaccine dose.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

[Student Summer Access Request Form](#)

Announcements

Help Welcome New Whitties

We are looking for volunteers who can assist in welcoming the largest class ever to Whitman! New students will arrive for move-in on Wednesday, August 25. Faculty, staff and returning students are all invited to help. If you're interested, [please complete this form.](#)

Staff Employment Opportunities

Whitman is currently hiring for several open staff positions. Job descriptions and applications are available on the [Human Resources website](#). Please share these opportunities with potential candidates.

Noteworthy

New Emergency Response Team Members Certified

The following staff and faculty have been certified to assist in Whitman's emergency response operations following completion of FEMA's Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education course: Bronchet Brinkley (Security Officer), Stephen Davis (Director of Security), John Eckel (Head Athletic Trainer), Robert Fricke (WCTS Director of Client Services), Kendra Golden (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs), Rebecca Hanrahan (Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of Philosophy), Tony Ichsán (Director of Facilities), Jeff Jensen (Grounds Supervisor), Cory Kiesz (Custodial Supervisor), Heidi Pitts (Internal Communications Strategist), Sidd Saini (Assistant Director of Security), Victor Saldana Meza (Assistant Director of Conferences, Events & Scheduling), Jorge Velez (Project Manager Coordinator), Molly Weatherill-Tate (Director of Admissions Operation), and Mike Willard (Boiler Technician/Plumber).

Schlegel Poem Published

Rob Schlegel, senior adjunct assistant professor of general studies and composition, had his poem "[Poetry](#)," published in the July/August issue of Poetry magazine.

Pahlke Published on Politics and Parenting

Erin Pahlke, associate professor of psychology, recently co-authored an article in *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy* titled, "[The Elephant \(and Donkey\) in the Room: Parents' Approaches to Political Socialization Surrounding the 2020 U.S. Election](#)."

Schultz Book Review Published

Daniel Schultz, visiting assistant professor of religion, has published a [review of Rey Chow's new book](#) in the journal *Critical Inquiry*. The book, "A Face Drawn in Sand: Humanistic Inquiry and Foucault in the Present," and the review explore the perils and paradoxes of identity politics in higher ed and the enduring relevance of Michel Foucault's thinking across a range of disciplinary formations.

[Submit News of a Personal or Professional Achievement](#)

Upcoming Events

TODAY

5 p.m.

[Next Steps 2022: So You Want to Go to Graduate School](#)

Join Student Engagement Center staff on Zoom to discuss the application process for graduate school, things you need to prepare and how to stand out to admission committees.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

9 a.m.

[How to Make an Engaging Resume](#)

The Student Engagement Center will host a Zoom session on how to create engaging resumes that will stand out to potential employers. Come with questions, or just to learn.

TUESDAY, JULY 27



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CESRP Share-Out Event

The Share-Out is a space to celebrate the work of this year's CESRP cohort, whose research topics include language justice, oral histories, and refugee centered arts practice. The event is fully virtual on Zoom ([meeting link here](#)) and open to all.

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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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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