Creating on the Edge

A black-and-magenta blob undulates over a blue field. It shudders, disrupting the smooth rhythm, before resuming a gentle wobble. For eight minutes, the sphere flows and morphs, its hypnotic motion occasionally interrupted by flares, jolts and jumps.

The blob—in a video titled "noise sphere with pattern 1"—was created by Justin Lincoln, associate professor of art. Lincoln specializes in work he describes as "time-based art."

Paintings, drawings and sculptures usually don’t include movement or sound that require a set duration to experience. But art like Lincoln’s unfolds over time. "There’s something kind of magical in watching something move," Lincoln says.

Like the blob in "noise sphere," Lincoln’s work, research and teaching have evolved over his career, incorporating the unexpected—such as the coronavirus pandemic—onto the flow of the whole.

Campus Buildings Closed to Public

While some aspects of our COVID-19 safety protocols have been relaxed recently, our campus buildings remain generally closed, including family members of employees and students, community-based program partners and others other than the class of 2021. There will be some scheduled campus visitors for admission tours, sports camps and other events that require pre-approval and proof of COVID vaccination to participate.

Announcements

Campus Post Office Resumes Regular Service

The campus post office resumes regular service, including intercampus mail, delivery to campus buildings, package pick-up and processing outgoing mail. Please be patient as staff catch up with mail service.

OP Rental Shop Summer Hours

It’s time for summer adventures! Stop by the OP Rental Shop to get geared up for all your land and water fun: paddleboards, rafts, kayaks, camping and backpacking gear, mountain bikes, mountain climbing gear and more are available to rent. The Rental Shop is open 12–3 p.m. Monday–Friday in the lower level of the Reid Campus Center. See their website for pictures, rates and more info.

Student Summer Research Community

Want to stay connected with the Whitman student research community this summer? Science research students invite other students from all disciplines to follow them on Instagram and sign up for their newsletter to get updates about various research labs and upcoming events. Whether you’re a student researcher here at Whitman, doing research elsewhere, or just at home for the summer, stay connected with other student researchers this summer. Additionally, check out their poster highlighting the June Summer Seminar Series, which will provide learning opportunities for students of all disciplines.

Upcoming Events

TODAY–JUNE 30

Campus Construction

Portions of the campus heating system will be replaced, with construction happening near Harper Joy Theater, Hall of Science, Penrose Library and Sherwood Athletic Center. Please take care when near these areas.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

8:30–10 a.m.

Employee COVID-19 Testing

Any employee who has not submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be tested in order to receive the weekly campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

noon

Summer Recruitment and Information Session with The Spur Group Consulting

The Spur Group delivers go-to-market consulting with the mission to help clients turn customer, partner and employee experiences into competitive advantages. The company has a strong Whitman presence and is looking for interested students.

MONDAY, JUNE 14 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

various times

Fulbright Information Sessions

If you plan to apply for a Fulbright Award, attend these three webinars covering various components of the application.

Whitman Events Calendar

Have a virtual event you’d like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed Monday and Thursday to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time. 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 authorize use on Whitman’s social media unless otherwise specified.

Previous issues of Whitman Today are archived on our website.