



Whitman Today

Monday, March 29, 2021

Liam Voorhees Awarded Watson Fellowship



Senior Liam Voorhees is one of only 42 students in the country to be awarded the 2021 [Thomas J. Watson Fellowship](#). The prestigious award includes a \$36,000 stipend to allow "purposeful, independent exploration outside the United States."

Voorhees, an environmental humanities major who is writing his senior thesis on water issues in the Yakima River, plans to spend the fellowship year traveling to Austria, Vietnam and Japan to study the links between water resources and food production, distribution and consumption in communities centered around rivers.

Although the fellowship only accepts applications from graduating seniors, Voorhees set his sights on it in the fall of his first year at Whitman. "I went to an information session, talked to the [Office of Fellowships and Grants](#) about it and I took home a Watson Fellowship pamphlet and pinned it to my corkboard for the next four years," he says. "I knew it was something I wanted to strive for, but I never thought it was going to happen, to be honest."

[Read more about Voorhees and his Watson plans.](#)

Q: Will my cloth face masks get worn out?

A: Yes, over time you may begin to see signs that it's time to replace your cloth face mask:

- The straps are worn out or don't stay tight.
- The fit is no longer snug.
- There are exposed threads, tears or holes.
- The mask is stained.
- The fabric has worn thin.
- You haven't been washing the mask according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- You've washed a mask more than 30 times.

In replacing masks, remember to choose face masks with at three layers of fabric and a nose bridge and ear loops that adjust for a tight fit.

Question of the Week

Recently President Biden announced that he would like all adults to be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by May 1. This week, we want to know: do you plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine? (Answers are anonymous.)

I have already got it
 I will get it when eligible
 I am not certain
 I don't plan to get it

The [answer form](#) also has space for you to share any vaccine-related comments, concerns or questions you have for Whitman's Coronavirus Task Force.

Announcements

Now Hiring Campus Tour Guides

Today is the last day to apply to be a tour guide! Applications are due at 11:59 p.m. The posting can be found [in Handshake](#) and any questions can be addressed to ateammanager@whitman.edu.

apply today Community Engaged Summer Research Program 2021

Apply Now for Community Engaged Summer Research Program

The Community Engaged Learning and Research Initiative (CELRI) Committee is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2021 Community Engaged Summer Research Program (CESRP). The program supports community-centered research projects that thoughtfully engage with pressing issues in the Walla Walla Valley through reciprocal and co-creative partnerships with on- and off-campus community members. The application deadline is 10 a.m. on April 16 and the program will run from June 1–July 29. [Review the informational poster](#) for more details.

Do you have questions about the CESRP? Kelsey Martin, community learning specialist, can help. Attend an information session at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 or 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14. The Zoom link for both sessions is available [here](#).

Ready to apply? [Get a copy of the application.](#)

For more information contact Martin at martinka@whitman.edu.

Happening This Week

TODAY

9 a.m.-2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.

noon **Service Hours 101**
The Student Activities Office along with the Student Engagement Center invite all students to come and learn about ways to earn service hours through WhitLife. This new feature is a cool way to track your community service/engagement throughout your time at Whitman and will showcase some ways to get involved right here in Walla Walla. Please plan on attending this information session to learn more!

TUESDAY

9 a.m.-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. **When Theory Meets Practice: The Experience of American Professors in the Law and Development Movement in Africa**
Lecture with Dr. Solomon Lemma, the O'Donnell Visiting Educator at Whitman.

5 p.m. **How Has the Pandemic Affected NGOs?**
Join the Buddy Program for a panel and discussion about the effects of the pandemic on NGOs on community organizations in Walla Walla. Specifically the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network. With panelists Cyndy Knight and Prof. Michelle Janning.

7 p.m. **Comedian Chris James**
Join WEB for a night of comedy with Chris James, began following his dream of doing stand-up comedy after a successful career as a fashion model.

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. **Conversation with US Sen. Patty Murray on COVID-19, Racism and Inequality**
The Race, Violence and Health Committee invites you for a student-moderated conversation on a report issued by Sen. Murray's office on the racial impacts of COVID-19.

THURSDAY

noon **Harvust Summer Internship Info Session**
This award-winning business has a history of providing powerful summer internship experiences for students interested in building technology solutions.

4 p.m. **Craft Your Future: Excel Pivot Tables**
Join Rich Hinz, from WCTS, for this third and final workshop on the most common spreadsheet platform - Microsoft Excel. Learn how to use a pivot table to summarize data from more extensive tables. This functionality will allow you to analyze larger amounts of data in a variety of meaningful ways.

4 p.m. **The Promise of the Black Working Class**
Author, professor and podcaster Blair Kelly will explore the history of the black working class. Rather than simply a mirror of the white working class, this history, grounded in the unique struggle against enslavement, segregation, disenfranchisement, and racial capitalism, provides a unique opportunity to understand the wider working-class experience.

FRIDAY

5 p.m. **Grappling with Othello in Contemporary American Theatre**
Discussion and Q&A on Cal Shakes' 2016 production of Othello, and the approach to handling the representation of Othello in the context of the current events of the time.

[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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