



Whitman Today

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Grand Finales: Senior Thesis Art Show Explores ‘Still Life’



In their senior year, Whitman College's studio art majors conclude their studies with a final thesis exhibition. The theme of this year's show, decided by the 11 graduating students, is "STILL LIFE: Senior Thesis 2021."

Justin Lincoln, associate professor of art, sees the theme of still life as reminiscent of the renowned filmmaker Stan Brakhage's "Metaphors on Vision," which explores what the world looks like to someone not yet trained by society to interpret it in a specific, predetermined manner. "How many colors are there in a field of grass to the crawling baby unaware of 'green?'" asks Brakhage. Art, or more specifically a still life, is an opportunity to "share what we truly value and to look at the world with new eyes," says Lincoln.

The exhibition itself, located in Sheehan Gallery and also available to view through an [interactive online tour](#), was skillfully brought together through the hard work of faculty, staff, students and the Whitman community.

[Read more.](#)

Q: Will summer coronavirus testing data be included in the online COVID-19 Dashboard?

A: No, because students must be vaccinated in order to access campus and only a small percentage of our employees will participate in COVID testing over the summer, our testing results will be very limited in scope and not provide the type of widespread evidence that influenced our spring campus processes. The [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) has been updated to provide vaccination information, archive our spring COVID-19 data and link to information on our summer campus protocols.

Announcements

Employee Campus Access COVID Testing

As a reminder, any employee who has not provided proof of being vaccinated for COVID-19 must take a test every Tuesday in order to receive a campus access badge valid for seven days. This week 41 employees took a campus COVID test and one person received a positive test result. Contact tracing has taken place and any close contacts have been notified.

Supervisors, please remember to check that everyone in your office has a valid campus access badge.

Facility Services Closed May 28

Facility Services, which includes the departments below, will be closed and unavailable except for emergencies on Friday, May 28.

Facility Services Departments:

- Administration
- Custodial Services - Academic & ResLife
- Conference, Events & Scheduling
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Grounds and Landscape
- Maintenance Operations - Academic & ResLife
- Planning, Design & Construction - Project & Life Cycle
- Rental Fleet Services
- Rental/Trust Property
- Sustainability



Climbing Wall Summer Hours

The Climbing Wall is open Monday through Thursday from 6–9 p.m. for students, staff and faculty who are approved for summer campus access. Climbing center capacities for open climbing reservation times are now 18 climbers for a 1.5 hour climbing session. Visit the [Climbing Center webpage](#) for access instructions and the reservation link.

Noteworthy

Armstrong and Student Authors Published

Associate Professor of Psychology Tom Armstrong, Daniel Leong '21, and Danica Wilbanks '18 published an article in Journal of Anxiety Disorders titled "[Beyond vernacular: Measurement solutions to the lexical fallacy in disgust research](#)." The article appears in a special issue on disgust. Next year, Leong will begin a PsyD program at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, CA and Wilbanks will begin a Psychology PhD program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Kim and Leavitt Speak on Jewish and Asian Identities

Last week, Professor of Sociology Helen Kim joined Rabbi Angela Buchdahl for a webinar on Asian American Jewish Voices sponsored by the National Museum of American Jewish History, a conversation viewed by more than 3,000 people. A few days later, she was joined by Student Engagement Center Director Noah Leavitt for a discussion of their book *JewAsian: Race, Religion and Identity for America's Newest Jews* hosted by the 1882 Foundation, the Chinese-American Museum and The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives.



Pietrantonio Art on Exhibition in San Francisco

Associate Professor of Art Nicole Pietrantonio's artwork "Havened" is currently on exhibition in a juried show of artists' books at the San Francisco Center for the Book. "Havened" is a work created in collaboration with Adjunct Assistant Professor of General Studies Devon Wootton, who created the poetry for the book. This exhibition takes place under the umbrella of The Codex Foundation's "EXTRACTION: Art on the Edge of the Abyss."

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Upcoming Events

VARIOUS DATES

Presidential Search Committee Listening Sessions

The Presidential Search Committee begins holding population-specific listening sessions for the Whitman community this week. Please refer to the email sent May 21 titled "Presidential search invitations to listening sessions and survey" from Chair Danielle Garbe Reser '93 for specific dates and registration links.

MONDAY, MAY 31

Memorial Day

Campus offices will be closed for the holiday. There will not be an issue of *Whitman Today*. Regular summer hours will resume Tuesday, June 1.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

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 the Welty Student Health Center.

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed Monday and Thursday throughout the summer 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 the day prior 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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