



# Whitman Today

Thursday, November 19, 2020

## Throwback Thursday



Real talk: staying home to stay healthy can be terribly monotonous, and some days it seems like we may never get to leave the house again. Though students in 2017 knew nothing of coronavirus, this video they made unintentionally describes the wonder many of us may experience in coming to Whitman for the spring semester after so many months of seeing the same faces and same places.

## Announcements

### All Athletic Facilities Closed for Remainder of Semester

Following clarification from Washington State Department of Health on guidelines for higher education and fitness centers, all athletic and recreational facilities at Whitman will be closed for the remainder of the fall semester. This includes Baker Ferguson Fitness Center, Sherwood Athletic Center and the Climbing Wall.

### Need Physical Library Materials?

Penrose Library has two ways to get you the items that you need:

1. If you are in Walla Walla, you can request materials through Sherlock using the "Request for pickup" link, wait for an email notification, and pick them up at the library's front entrance. [See more details here.](#)
2. Not in Walla Walla? Find the items that you need in Sherlock, sign in and use the "Remote Mail Delivery" link located next to the item. Fill out the mail delivery request form (make sure your address is current) and we will ship items to you in 2-8 business days. You will receive an email notification with a tracking number when your items ship. If you don't need an entire text, use the [Request Chapter in PDF option](#) in Sherlock to request a scan.

## Campus and Community Health

Preparedness is: Preparedness is *not*:

Rather than scrambling when disaster strikes and supplies are short for everyone, buy a little bit extra on every trip.

**COVID-19 in Walla Walla**  
Currently there are 449 total cases of [COVID-19 in Walla Walla County](#). Of these, 441 residents are isolating at home and eight in the hospital.

Over the past week, no cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Whitman employees and students living in Walla Walla.

As toilet paper once again flies off grocery store shelves around the state, here's a few helpful tips to keep in mind as you consider grocery shopping in the time of coronavirus restrictions:

- Panic buying leads to a shortage of supplies in the stores. Our supply chains will remain intact as long as people only buy what they need. Plan ahead: make a meal plan for the week and then write a list of the items you need so you can shop once a week and avoid the need to stop in to the store another day for just one or two items.
- If possible, go shopping alone rather than in groups. This will help with the occupancy restrictions on stores and keep traffic moving easily through store aisles.

## Happening Today and Tomorrow

### TODAY

- 4 p.m. ["Blackness or Indigeneity? Yes, Please!"](#)  
*Race and Ethnic Studies Senior Miyona Katayama and Professor of French, Gender Studies, and Race and Ethnic Studies Zahi Zalloua will explore the possibility of a Black-Palestinian solidarity movement.*
- 4:30 p.m. [Bilingualism and Identity: Exploring the Power of Language](#)  
*This webinar will include important conversations on the evolution of bilingual spaces at Whitman and within Walla Walla Public Schools, as well as the current work to make these spaces more inclusive and equitable.*
- 5 p.m. [Decolonize Thanksgiving Town Hall](#)  
*This IPECC event is a continuation of the conversations that started at their Indigenous Peoples Day town hall. They will be reflecting on Native American Heritage Month, the colonial legacies of Thanksgiving and actions each of us can take toward decolonization.*
- 6 p.m. [Tracking contagions along the veins of inequality: from cholera to COVID-19 and beyond](#)  
*Award-winning investigative journalist, Sonia Shah, weaves together the biology of contagions with very human factors like habitat destruction, socio-economic hierarchies and indulgent politics that give rise to pandemics.*

### TOMORROW

- noon [Safe Zone Training with Jeremy Torres](#)
- 4 p.m. [No Man's Land Film Festival](#)

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

## Chaplain Chat



What happens when we look at times of uncertainty in a new light? Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley reads a Taoist fable about interpreting the line between threat and opportunity.

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