



Whitman Today

Thursday, November 5, 2020

What We Do: Stevens Gallery

A Space for Students, Artists, and Their Work



The Stevens Gallery is up and running! Stevens welcomes work by artists within the Whitman community and beyond. This semester, artists submit their work for display on [the gallery's new website](#).

Much of the work showcased this semester was created in the context of the coronavirus pandemic. Visiting artist [Jim Trumbull](#) photographs a Walla Walla emptied by quarantine in "A Thief in the Night." [Bailey Flinn's](#) "Reaching Out," a series of large-scale paintings, explores the nuances of touch in this shifting climate. This show is in Reid for those with access, and on the gallery website as a virtual tour. Piper Olsen's photographs, which document a personal experience of quarantine, will soon be on display in a similar format.

Stevens is also excited to present its collaboration with Seattle artist [Warren Pope](#), whose canvas and wire sculptures exploring social and environmental justice have been shown at the Northwest African American Museum, Vashon Center for the Arts and now here!

The gallery is looking for artists, activists and creators of all descriptions to showcase next semester! If you (or a friend) are interested, [the short application is available online](#).

Announcements

Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month. Join the Office of Diversity & Inclusion in celebration of Indigenous people and culture.

Today: Native American Heritage Social Media Takeover on the Office of Diversity & Inclusion's [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Monday, Nov. 23: Rosalie Fish

We are pleased to bring to the Whitman virtual campus, Rosalie Fish, a member of the [Cowitz Tribe](#), activist and collegiate runner. As a senior at Muckleshoot Tribal School, Fish made international headlines when she painted a red handprint over her mouth, the fingers extending across her cheeks to honor the lives of [missing and murdered Indigenous women](#).

Commencement Speaker Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the 2021 commencement speaker and honorary degree recipients. We are looking for a dynamic speaker to celebrate and send off the class of 2021 to the next phase of their journey. All students, faculty and staff may submit names of candidates for consideration by Friday, Nov. 6. Please submit your nominations via [the 2021 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient form](#).

Whitman America Reads/America Counts Alumni Panel Discussion

Mark your calendars for the [Whitman America Reads/America Counts Alumni Panel Discussion: Surviving and Thriving as Educators in a Global Pandemic](#) on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 4 p.m.! Open to the entire Whitman community, this discussion will touch on the reflections of ARAC alumni and current educators Henry Samson '16, Alix Eisenbrey '17 and Kevin Miller '17 about how they are surviving and thriving in a global pandemic with K-12 students.

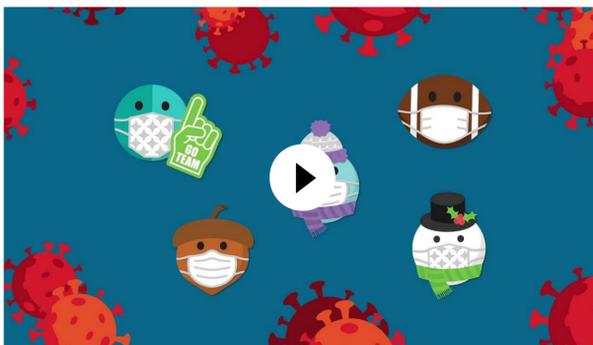
Noteworthy

Hein Welcomes New Baby

Head Women's Tennis Coach John Hein and his wife adopted a son, Caleb Adrian Hein, who was born Oct. 18.

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

Campus and Community Health



COVID-19 in Walla Walla

In the month of October, Walla Walla County confirmed a record 325 total cases of COVID-19. Currently there are 321 active cases, with 311 residents isolating at home and 10 in the hospital.

As the county continues contact tracing with people confirmed to have COVID-19, they are finding a high percentage of secondary transmission happening within households and through family and social gatherings where people spend long amounts of time gathered together indoors. The video above from the Washington Department of Health shares tips and considerations for how to safely spend time with the people you love this fall.

The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health has a [new COVID-19 website](#) dedicated to sharing data, resources and information in both English and Spanish.

Happening Today

ALL WEEK

[Pre-registration for Spring 2021](#)

All students received an email earlier last week with full instructions. Visit [my.whitman.edu](#) under "Registration" for registration appointment times and to register. If you have questions please email reesema@whitman.edu.

4 p.m.

[Annual Fall Science Division Research Showcase](#)

Join the Beckman Scholars Program and the STEM Hub in Gather.Town to learn about faculty-student research and find out about research opportunities.

4 p.m.

[Audio Cassette, Video Cassette: Hammond B3 Musicianship and the Black Church](#)

[Ashon Crawley](#), associate professor and director of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of Virginia, will present from his ongoing research about the Hammond organ, Black spiritual sociality and Blackqueer possibility as well as the recording technologies that document Black musicianship. This event is part of the Race, Violence, and Health Academic theme.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Chaplain Chat



We do not yet know the final outcomes of the election, but there are certain things that have shown themselves to be true in this election season. Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley shares words of compassion and love for our community members as we care for ourselves and others in this time of extraordinary uncertainty.

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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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