



Whitman Today

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2020-2021

Presidential Search

The search process for the next president of Whitman College continues, with a select group of candidates coming to visit campus and Walla Walla in the next few weeks. As Search Committee Chair Danielle Garbe Reser '97 wrote in her [Nov. 1 update to campus](#) these visits will provide opportunities for constituent groups, beyond the search committee, to engage confidentially with the candidates and provide feedback.

Members of the search committee are thoughtfully identifying these opportunities for members of our community to engage during these visits. The insights provided by student, staff, faculty, and alumni representatives will help shape the committee's consideration of our candidates, while still meeting the privacy wishes of our distinguished group.

All Whitman faculty, staff and students are invited to share stories of what you love about Whitman via this [Google form](#) and you are also welcome to send Garbe Reser any questions at presidentalsearch@whitman.edu.

Noteworthy

Majumdar Publishes Second Book

Gaurav Majumdar, chair and professor of English, has published his second book ["Illegitimate Freedom: Informality in Modernist Literature, 1900-1940"](#) (Routledge, 2021). The book is the first scholarly exploration of links between informality—as an aesthetic, behavioral, and political model—and a wide range of British and anglophone modernist works. Examining a particular aspect of informality in each chapter, it investigates candour, promiscuity, humour, counters to liberal traditions that champion male freedom, disgust, colloquialism, and inversions of dignity before its concluding discussion of informality as a kind of ease with strangeness and its relate.

Schlegel Poem Published in Review

Rob Schlegel, senior adjunct assistant professor of general studies and composition, published his poem ["Pale Evening Dun"](#) in The Yale Review.

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Announcements

Interest House Community Applications for Spring 2022

Have you ever been curious about the luxuries of living in a house right on campus with people who share your interests? Then the Interest House Community (IHC) may be right for you! Residence Life is now accepting applications for next semester. **Applicants must have Sophomore standing or above and forms are due electronically by Tuesday, Nov. 16.** You can find more information in the email sent to the student listserv, as well as a list of houses with open spots and RA contacts. If you have any questions, please reach out to Holden Gaupo, the IHC RD, at gaupohr@whitman.edu.

WEB Attitude of Gratitude: Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day

WEB invites students to take a moment to thank the professors and staff members who have made an impact in your life.

They will provide cards and other supplies for making appreciation baggies, so join them today from 4-6 p.m. in the Reid Coffeehouse.



COVID-19 Close Contact Testing

As our understand of COVID-19 evolves, so does public health policy and practice. Therefore, following updated guidance from the CDC, close contact testing at Whitman will now be done 5-7 days following exposure.

Remember, "Close contact" is defined as being within 6 ft. of another person for 15 minutes or more over the course of 24 hours; whether or not either individual is masked has no bearing on the definition of "close contact."

Happening Today

- 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. **Staff and Faculty Flu Shot Clinic in Cordiner**
Shots will be given in standard doses. There will also be very limited numbers of the influenza vaccine for people age 65 and older. No appointment is necessary. Please review the [flu vaccine information sheet](#) and print and complete the [Influenza Vaccine Consent Form](#) or [Influenza Vaccine Consent Form for People 65 and Older](#) prior to coming to expedite the process.
- 4 p.m. **[CRISPR Guided Insights in the Biology of Methane-Producing Archaea](#)**
Dr. Dipti Nayak, Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Berkeley, will give a virtual presentation on her research and it's impacts on the global climate crisis. We will be holding an in-person livestream of the seminar in Brattain Auditorium, as well as streaming the seminar via Zoom.
- 7 p.m. **[Archaeological Institute of America Lecture Series: Weapons, Warfare, and Women](#)**
Stephanie Selover investigates the increase in weapons as grave goods in both male and female graves, and how this change relates to alterations in the social order in a time of increasing warfare and violence.
- 7:30 p.m. **[Whitman College Fall Orchestra Concert](#)**

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#).

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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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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