Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event you’d like to share with campus, or a reaction to an article, email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for the Whitman Today feature is noon for the following day’s newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date. Have a virtual event you’d like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

**Happening This Weekend**

**Today, Oct. 16**

- **Cultural Attitudes**
  - Speakers discuss the history of exclusion in national parks and forests and how cultural attitudes inform them. This event is part of the 2020-2021 academic theme, "Race, Violence, and Health." Throughout the year, the theme is integrated into coursework across disciplines and campus events.

- **Speak Out: Intergenerational Trauma**
  - Panel discussion exploring the history of exclusion in national parks and forests and how intergenerational trauma manifests as demographic and spatial exclusion.

**Sunday, Oct. 18**

- **America’s Best College Poet Competition: Semi-Final**
  - Join us for a virtual poetry competition featuring some of Whitman’s best student poets. Competitors include Tejashree Jadhav ‘24 and Kainat Ansari ‘23.

**Upcoming Events**

Check whitmantoday@whitman.edu for updates on upcoming events. You can also check out the newsletter archives at whitman.edu/whitmantoday.

**Engaging the Academic Theme**

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**Coping With Coronavirus**

Ready, Set, Check!

We no longer have to be on edge and unsure about what is going on around us. We can now keep our community healthy, it is important that everyone understands those processes and how to access the technology that supports it.

Beginning next week, we will have employees consistently posted at the entrances to campus buildings. They will be checking for masks, hand sanitizing stations, and providing health checks. These are just two examples of an array of assignments, seminars, workshops, lectures, social media posts and panels around Whitman’s 2020-2021 academic theme, “Race, Violence, and Health.” Throughout the year, the theme is integrated into coursework across disciplines and campus events.

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