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**Inclusion Task Force Action Items: October Update**

The Whitman Debate Team will be working with the Washington State Debate Coalition tomorrow night during the gubernatorial debates between Jay Inslee (D) and Larry Little (R). The debates will be held at the C. Thomas Swope Center for Performing Arts, and all are welcome! View the debates here:

- Oct. 8, 4-5 p.m. (childhood/middle school; ch. 1-7)
- Oct. 15, 4-5 p.m. (high school/undergrad; ch. 8-11)

A steering committee for the Peer Educators' Program has been formed. Student organizations are currently being trained utilizing the intergroup dialogue model, and several organizations have completed basic training.

**New Discord Server for PRISM**

Students, staff, faculty and alumni are invited to the Common Read Project to discuss the moments of realization Ibram X. Kendi narrates from his life, as a part of Whitman’s #AllInForWhitman giving day. Take a look at the Inclusion Task Force website for more information and a list of all the action items.

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**Getting to Know...**

**JACOB MARCH**

Associate Professor of History

**What are your areas of research?**

History, particularly focused on pre-Columbian China, in general, and more specifically, I have done research on pre-Columbian land clearing in the Amazon basin. I have co-authored a book on the history of tea in China and its impact on modern China. I have also written about the history of tea in Japan and its impact on modern Japan. In general, this research has been about the history of environmental topics. In particular, the study of premodern Japan.

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**What is your favorite aspect of the Whitman community?**

I really enjoy Whitman because the people here are invested in their work and in the students and faculty engaged with the community. All are welcome, whether you're gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or simply identify with a specific gender identity. PRISM will continue despite the chaos of the pandemic!