Unhealthy Air Quality Alert

Even though the air quality in our area is expected to improve to a little today, it will continue to be unhealthy levels due to smoke from wildfires. Please continue to work from your residence today. Whitman, Sept. 16, and avoid exposure to the smoke.

We will continue to monitor the air quality throughout the week and will update you as needed to ensure everyone’s safety.

Exploring the Academic Theme

Off campus, exploring the academic themes of Race, Violence, and Health continue to tell such the Whitman story.

Today at noon, join a class meeting of MUS 203, "Voices: Perspectives in Choral Music during the Pandemic." Class meeting will be virtual only. The theme of the class is "Race, Violence, Health." Students will be asked to bring in a piece by Black composers. The course examines the profound effect of systemic racism on Black and indigenous communities. The course considers race, politics, and economics. The course also examines the impact of violence on health outcomes and the long-term effects of discrimination.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m., join Co-Directors of the Sheehan Gallery Hycle Kiefel and Daniel Follster, Exhibitions and Collections Manager of the Mays, Masters Library, Libby Miller, and Penrose Library Archivists Ben Murphy and Dana Bronson for a 50-minute webinar (link coming soon). They will share a few pieces from Whitman's collections, connecting these items to the year's campus-wide theme of Race, Violence, and Health, and offer ideas for integrating collections, exhibitions and archives into classes and pedagogical projects. They will also speak to the transformative, reparative and possible futures found in the making, gathering and research of art/objects/texts.

Coping With Coronavirus

Start the Day, Staying Healthy

While Whitman remains primarily in remote learning and many employees continue working from home, please remember that health, wellness and research should continue to take priority in the event that specialized equipment/isolation needs are needed for students, faculty and staff. If you believe the condition of any workplace is not safe, please contact healthandwellness@whitman.edu. We will continue to monitor the situation. The following campus services will be unavailable today:

Printing and Mailing Services in Boyer House

Post Office at the Reid Campus Center

Technology Services Helpdesk (walk-up assistance)

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Getting to Know...

RUTH CO BURN (’20 John Paul)

Major: environmental science/politics

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