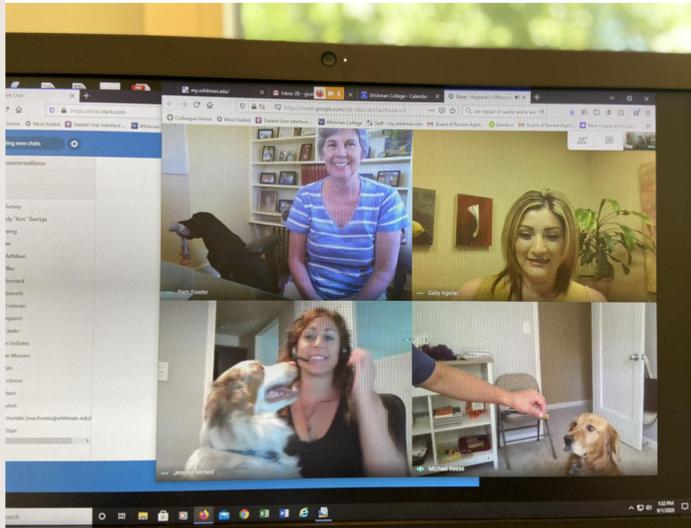




# Whitman Today

Thursday, September 3, 2020

## What We Do: the Registrar's Office



The Office of the Registrar is dedicated to supporting the academic mission and policies of Whitman College. Our mission is to assist in the learning and academic process by helping to provide resources to students, staff, faculty, alumni and others. As chief custodians of academic records we strive to ensure the accuracy, integrity and security of those records and enforce college, state and federal regulations.

We like to think of students being our responsibility from the time Admissions moves them to student until the time they graduate. This year, in response to restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Registrar's Office coordinated with Technology Services to gather course preferences from first-year students and developed their schedules over the summer. We treated this as if we were helping our own children register for classes because the students trusted us with their semester and that was an awesome responsibility.

The Registrar's Office determines the students who are eligible for Latin Honors. At graduation, these students wear stoles to indicate they have been awarded cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude. If we have more students in a group than we have stoles, we sew more! So, if students don't understand why they cannot keep these stoles, we have a very good reason.

The Registrar's Office staff love our dogs. We share stories and pictures and, now that we are meeting virtually, many of our dogs participate in our meetings. We also put up paper snowflakes, made by our previous student assistants, on our windows in the winter and flowers in the spring.

## Announcements

### Need Physical Library Materials?

Penrose Library has two ways to get you the items that you need:

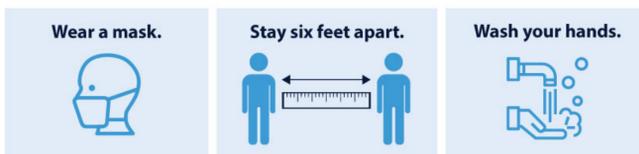
1. If you are in Walla Walla, you can request materials through Sherlock using the "Request for pickup" link, wait for an email notification, and pick them up at the library's front entrance. [See more details here.](#)
2. Not in Walla Walla? Find the items that you need in Sherlock, sign in and use the "Remote Mail Delivery" link located next to the item. Fill out the mail delivery request form (make sure your address is current) and we will ship items to you in 2-8 business days. You will receive an email notification with a tracking number when your items ship. If you don't need an entire text, use the [Request Chapter in PDF option](#) in Sherlock to request a scan. Questions? [Contact Jen Pope.](#)

## Coronavirus in Walla Walla

**A successful Safe Start means we all have to do our part.**

**It's safest to stay home.**

**BUT IF YOU HEAD OUT:**



**Prevent the spread by staying local.**

In the month of August, [Walla Walla County](#) confirmed 345 total cases of COVID-19. The first two days of September saw an additional seven cases. Currently there are 95 residents isolating at home and three in the hospital.

It has been six months since the first case of COVID-19 arrived in Walla Walla on March 2. [This timeline](#) from the City of Walla Walla reviews important coronavirus-related news and activities that have happened since then.

There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in the Whitman community over the past week.

[Fall 2020 Information Center](#)

## Noteworthy

### Osborne Guest Edits Journal

Lauren Osborne, associate professor of religion, has published as guest editor an issue of the journal [Body and Religion: The Qur'an and affect](#). She has also published an article in this journal issue, "Aural Epistemology: Hearing and Listening in the Text of the Qur'an." This article takes as a starting point the orality and prevalence of sonic engagement with the Qur'an and turns to the text to consider its own discourse on hearing and listening in light of the broader emotional and sensorial world of the Qur'an.

## Happening Today & Tomorrow

### TODAY

7 p.m. [Health Speaker Series: Dan Hoch, MD-Ph.D](#)  
*Please join the Office of Health Professions Advising in welcoming the first presenter for the '20-21 academic year, Dr. Dan Hoch '75. Hoch is a neurologist in the Department of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital and an assistant professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.*

### TOMORROW

Noon [Black Life at Whitman: Stories From Across the Years](#)  
*A conversation between current Black students and alumni, including a discussion of challenges and opportunities, experiences and lessons learned, how all of that shaped the panelists' lives after Whitman and their hopes and dreams for the future of the college.*

4 p.m. [Faculty and Staff: Let's talk about the Symposium](#)  
*The student leaders of the Power & Privilege Symposium invite faculty and staff to learn about the new goals and objectives and collaborative opportunities.*

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

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