



Whitman Today

Monday, September 7, 2020

Get to Know Newly Promoted Faculty



Whether learning to hang dry wall, picking up a new instrument or just exploring new technology, Whitman faculty have been finding time to do more than research during a global pandemic.

Each fall, we ask newly promoted faculty to participate in a Q&A and share with our community more about their passions, expertise and what they love about Whitman students.

[Meet the promoted faculty.](#)

Announcements

Join a Joyful and Reflective Anti-Racist Space

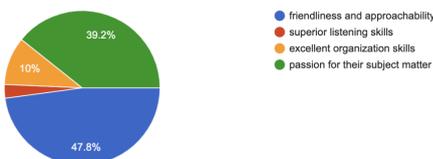
You're invited to join [Learning Together Today \(LTT\), Walla Walla](#), a space for guided reflection with Whitman and Walla Walla community members. This year (2020-21), in partnership with Whitman's academic theme, LTT, Walla Walla, will focus on fostering joyful and restorative anti-racist reflection on community health and wellness. Once you [sign up](#), you'll receive a twice-weekly email (Monday/Friday) with a prompt that you can complete with a word, phrase, or couple sentences on a shared Google Doc. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Kelsey Martin](#), community learning specialist.

Workshop on Accessing Library Resources

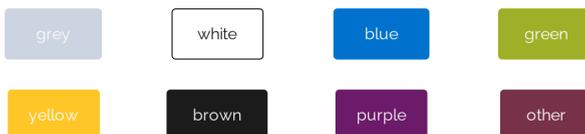
Join Emily Pearson, Instructional and Research Services Librarian, for a half-hour workshop Thursday, Sept. 10 at 4p.m., covering the ins and outs of accessing library resources this semester! In the workshop, we will look at the different types of materials we have access to digitally, how to access resources from Walla Walla or elsewhere, how to search efficiently and successfully, and ways librarians can help you with your work. The workshop will be recorded and posted to the library website if you are not able to join us on Thursday. Come with any questions and issues you have been having! Please [register](#) if you plan to attend.

Question of the Week

Last week, we asked about what characteristic you appreciate in a teacher. Out of 209 responses, friendliness and approachability was the highest value.



This week, we want to know: what color is your bedroom paint?



Coping With Coronavirus

Keeping Track of COVID-19 at Whitman and in Walla Walla

All employees and students authorized to work on campus receive the Daily Wellness Check by email and/or in the Everbridge app. Please remember that if you experience symptoms of COVID-19 and are therefore not approved to come to campus, let Human Resources and your supervisor know so they can follow up with information and resources. If you do test positive, you can report that in the Everbridge app through the Self Report button or call Human Resources.

Happening This Week

DAILY

4 p.m.

[Student Open Office Hours](#)

Join Kazi Joshua, dean of students, for drop-in office hours every Monday-Friday from 4-5 p.m. on Zoom. Bring any topics you wish to discuss during these sessions

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8 and WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

various times

[Power & Privilege Symposium External Review](#)

Staff, faculty and students are invited to open forum sessions with external reviewers to provide feedback on the Power & Privilege Symposium.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

6 p.m.

[Black One Shot: Art Criticism in the Time of Pandemics and Insurrections](#)

A conversation between the editors of *Black One Shot*. Co-edited by Associate Professor of Art History and Visual Culture Studies, Lisa Uddin, and Associate Professor of Film at City College of New York and the Graduate Center (CUNY), Michael Boyce Gillespie, *Black One Shot* is an ongoing online art criticism series that commits to the art of blackness.

More Upcoming Events

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

Getting to Know...



FERNANDO PENATE-CHAVEZ (he/him)
Assistant Director of Admissions

What are you most passionate about?

I'm passionate about working with students who are much like I was back in the day, specifically first-generation students of color. It is incredibly rewarding to see them make their way to Whitman, and seeing the way that Whitman is committed to fostering a diverse environment is something that has made me super excited working here.

What is a special item that you keep in your office/workspace and what does it mean to you?

I keep a few old debate trophies/plaques in my office, including the most unique trophies I ever received from a debate tournament, two small teddy bears with medals on them. I keep them around as memories of the event that got me interested in public speaking, and brought me down the road that got me to my current position, which requires a good bit of public speaking. I think debate is one of the most impactful things that students in college can get involved in and helps them regardless of their major.

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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.



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