



Whitman Today

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Why Climate Action Is Needed Now: Envisioning a More Just Future



ACADEMIC THEME 2021-2022
CLIMATE RECKONINGS,
CLIMATE JUSTICE

Tonight at 7 p.m., Whitman is hosting Cecilia Bitz for "Why Climate Action Is Needed Now: Envisioning a More Just Future," the first public lecture tied to the college's 2021-2022 academic theme, Climate Reckonings, Climate Justice.

Bitz, chair of the department of atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington, will draw from her expertise in the role sea ice plays in the climate system, high-latitude climate and climate change to discuss environmental justice that calls for solutions that respect all peoples and allow all of us to flourish.

The lecture is sponsored by the Walter Houser Brattain Lectureship in the sciences and will be held in person for Whitman faculty, staff and students at Maxey Auditorium. The [lecture will also be livestreamed](#).

Noteworthy

Leopold Published in Harvard Business Review

Senior Amelia Leopold and co-author Kathryn Harrison, founder and CEO of the [DeepTrust Alliance](#), published "[How Blockchain Can Help Combat Disinformation](#)" in the Harvard Business Review. Leopold's work last spring and summer with Harrison and the DeepTrust Alliance, the only global nonprofit network driving policy to fight malicious deepfakes, was supported by the Whitman Internship Grant.

Whitman Maintains Tree Campus Status

Whitman College has again earned [Tree Campus Higher Education](#) recognition from the [Arbor Day Foundation](#). The Tree Campus program honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students, staff and faculty in the spirit of conservation. Whitman met the five core standards for effective campus forest management: a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects.

"Your entire campus community should be proud of this work and the leadership of [Grounds Supervisor] Jeff Jensen and the committee," says Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation.

[Learn more about Whitman's commitment to sustainability and Tree Campus designation.](#)

Taylor Named NWC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week

For the second straight week, a member of the Whitman College men's soccer team has been named the Northwest Conference's Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week. First-year Noa Taylor earned the honor after an impactful weekend which led to two Whitman wins. Taylor helped the Blues to back-to-back wins at Santa Cruz and vs. La Verne to extend Whitman's winning streak to four games to start the season.

Jackson Book Featured in Essay on Supreme Court

Associate Professor of Politics Jack Jackson's scholarship on the rule of law is featured in a new essay in *Public Books*. In "[When the Law Attacks the Rule of Law](#)," Professor Bernadette Meyler (Stanford Law) writes that "Jack Jackson's *Law without Future* eerily anticipated the 2020 election."

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Announcements

REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Tuesday, September 21st | 11 AM - 2 PM | Happening on Handshake

Register for the Virtual Career & Internship Fair

Career fairs are the perfect place to explore career paths, learn more about companies from recruiters, and receive more information on opportunities. This year's Virtual Career & Internship Fair, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m on Tuesday, Sept. 21, features local and commercial employers such as the public health oriented Blue Zone Project of Walla Walla Valley, renowned consulting firm The Spur Group and the JET Program, a teaching exchange program based in Japan. To sign up for the fair, [log in to Handshake and register for the fair](#). You will be able to build your schedule with one-on-one and group sessions for companies you're interested in. All sessions have limited availability so start building your schedule as soon as you can. Have questions on the process? Email sec_info@whitman.edu and they will help you out!

COVID-19 Testing on Campus

Early detection of COVID-19 is an important step in preventing transmission of the virus. Whitman currently offers the following coronavirus tests on campus:

Testing for students:

- Symptomatic testing
- Exposure/contact tracing

Students needing a COVID-19 test should call Welty Student Health Center at 509-527-5925 to schedule an appointment.

Testing for faculty and staff:

- Symptomatic testing
- Testing for employees notified by Human Resources that they have been a close contact to someone on campus with COVID-19

Employee testing takes place at Cordiner Hall Monday through Friday from 12-1:30 p.m.

Happening Today

- 2 p.m. **Staff Coffee Break**
Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided at this event for all staff at Baker Ferguson Fitness Center. Please support campus sustainability efforts by bringing your own mug.
- 6-10 p.m. **Schwauditions!**
Schwa is Whitman's mixed-voice (SATB) a cappella group. They do a lot of doo-wopping, super-suave dancing, hanging out, baking cookies and Schwa-related wordplay! If any of those things sound fun to you, come audition!
- 7 p.m. **Cecilia Bitz: "Why Climate Action Is Needed Now: Envisioning a More Just Future"**
The first public lecture in this year's academic theme series of events.
- 9:30 p.m. **V-Nod Improv Presents: "Back from the Dead" an Improv Experience**
Improv's first in-person show in over a year! Starting at 9:30 p.m. in Olin Auditorium. Wear a mask, bring a can-do attitude and word suggestions!

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#)

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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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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