



3240 Fort Road • Toppenish, WA 98948  
(509) 865-8500

**Date:** May 30, 2018  
**Contact:** David Mance, Media Relations Coordinator  
(509) 969-6084 or [mance\\_d@heritage.edu](mailto:mance_d@heritage.edu).

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Heritage University, Whitman College Students to Collaborate on Digital Story-Telling RADLab Project**

Toppenish, Wash. – In partnership with [Whitman College](#) in Walla Walla, Wash., Heritage University students will participate in a unique month-long digital story-telling initiative in June 2018 called the Rural American Digital (RAD) Lab. With guidance from Seattle-based tech start-up [PopUpJustice](#), the students will bring to light often-ignored or forgotten stories of the non-urban part of Washington state.

**RADLab will run from June 2-29.** The initiative is open to ten Heritage and ten Whitman students. A social justice history road trip and overnight stays at Heritage and Whitman are scheduled, with **the first gathering taking place at Heritage University on Saturday, June 2.** Members of each cohort will enjoy broad exposure to faculty from both institutions and will work together to create stories. During the second and third weeks, the students will communicate from their home campuses with the rest of the cohort through video-conferencing software.

PopUpJustice seeks creative projects across the private, governmental and nonprofit sectors at the intersection of technology, social justice, the arts and pop culture. PopUpJustice provides a number of services, including consultation and project management on assignments relating to technology, equity and cultural competency audits, strategic planning, organizational and community development, trainings and workshops. The founder of PopUpJustice, Aurora Martin, worked in the legal system for 20 years as a public interest lawyer, who grew up from intern to executive director at Columbia Legal Services.

For more information, contact Blake Slonecker at [Slonecker\\_B@Heritage.edu](mailto:Slonecker_B@Heritage.edu) or (509) 865-0416, or Kimberly Bellamy-Thompson at [Bellamy-Thompson\\_K@Heritage.edu](mailto:Bellamy-Thompson_K@Heritage.edu) or (509) 856-0748.

# # #

*Heritage University is a non-profit, independent, regionally accredited institution of higher education offering undergraduate and graduate education across the state of Washington. Visit our website, [www.heritage.edu](http://www.heritage.edu).*