




Attending the WEBS Fall Knitting Retreat: A Guide to Zoom

On behalf of WEBS and UMass Amherst Conference Services, we are excited for you to join us for the Virtual WEBS Fall Knitting Retreat! Below are some tips on how to prepare for the Retreat and how to use Zoom, the web conferencing platform that we will be using for each session. If you need any assistance leading up to or during the Retreat, please contact the UMass Amherst Conference Services Team at registration@umass.edu or 413-577-8102!

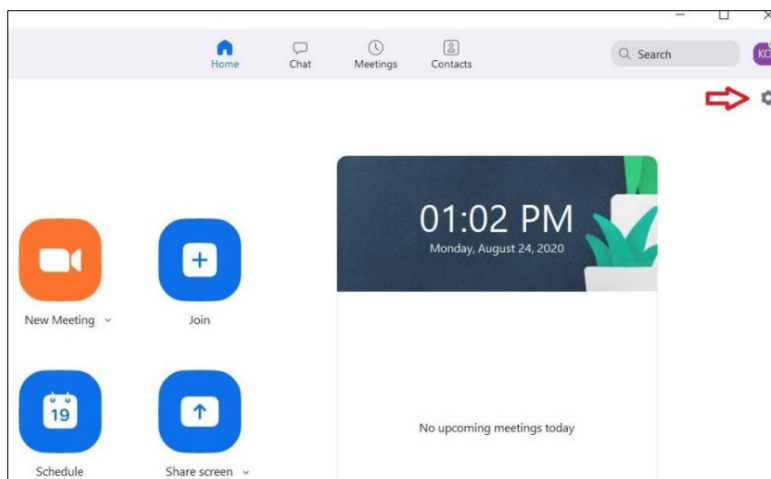
BEFORE THE RETREAT

Download Zoom & Sign Up for an Account

Visit <https://zoom.us/download> and click the **Download** button under Zoom Client for Meetings to download Zoom, for free! Once downloaded, the Zoom icon  should appear on your desktop. Click this icon to open Zoom. You should be brought to a sign-in screen. Sign in if you already have a Zoom account, or select **Sign up for Free** in the bottom right hand corner to create an account. When possible, we recommend downloading Zoom onto a device with a larger screen, such as a laptop or desktop computer, instead of using your phone or tablet. If you cannot download Zoom or would prefer to join by browser, please contact us (registration@umass.edu, 413-577-8102)!

Customize Your Settings & Test Your Camera and Audio

After signing in to Zoom you will see a small gear icon in the top right corner of the app (to the right of the arrow in the picture below). Click this icon to access your account settings. This will open a new window with eleven different tabs. Click **Video** to test your camera and view a preview of what other participants will see when you join a meeting. Click **Audio** to adjust your audio settings and volumes. If you want to spruce up the background other attendees will see behind you during meetings, click **Virtual Background** to select from some standard Zoom background images or to upload your own image. You will also see a **Profile** tab. Click this tab and select **Edit My Profile** to be brought to the Zoom website, where you can log in and adjust even more settings, such as adding a profile picture or editing your name. The name on your Zoom account will be displayed to all other participants during the meeting, so we recommend displaying your full name (or at least your first name!). Take some time to play around with your settings in both the Zoom app and on the Zoom website to really customize your experience!



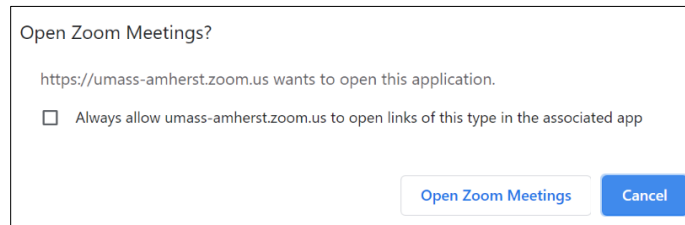
Review Emails from Us Leading up to the Retreat

As the Retreat approaches you will receive periodic emails from the UMass Conference Services Team (registration@umass.edu). These will include reminders on how to change your swag bag delivery address (if needed), as well as details on attending a live Zoom test session. If you wish to practice using Zoom prior to the Retreat, please join us for this test session during the week of September 14 (more details to follow)! On Monday, September 21, you will receive an email from us with your personalized Retreat schedule. This email will include all of the Zoom meeting links that you will need throughout the Retreat. If you do not receive this email by the end of the day (5 p.m. EDT) on September 21 please contact us at 413-577-8102 or registration@umass.edu (and remember to check your junk/spam folder first!).

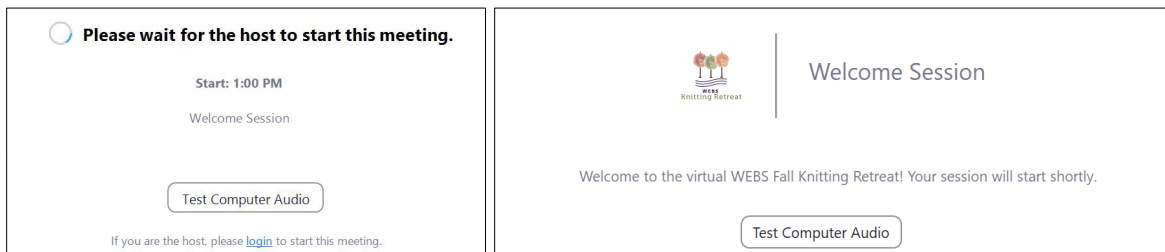
DURING THE RETREAT

Follow the Links in your Retreat Schedule to Join Each Session

Each Retreat session will have its own unique link. All of the links that you will need throughout the Retreat will be included in the personalized schedule that you will receive by email on September 21. To join a session, open this email and click the link for the session you wish to join. This should open your default web browser, and you should see the prompt below. Click **Open Zoom Meetings**. This will open your Zoom app.



Next, you will see one of the screens below. If you see the screen on the left, the host has not yet started the meeting. If you see the screen on the right, you have been temporarily placed in a Waiting Room. Either way, you will be admitted into the meeting shortly once the host is ready to begin! We recommend clicking **Test Computer Audio** to test out your audio one last time.



When you enter the meeting you will be asked if you want to join audio by phone or by computer. Choose **Join Audio by Computer** to connect your computer's speaker and microphone to the Zoom meeting.

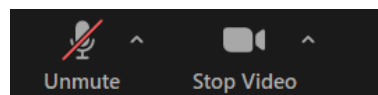
Change Your View

Your meeting host will likely set the video of the instructor/speaker so that it displays in a large box on your screen automatically. During a meeting you can change your view by clicking the box on the top right of your screen (see below). **Speaker View** will display the current speaker in a large box on your screen, and is the ideal option during any detail-oriented demonstrations. The other option is a **Gallery View** which will show all participants in the meeting in a grid of equal sized boxes.



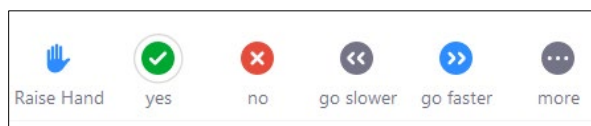
Mute/Unmute & Turn Camera On/Off

When you join a meeting you will automatically be muted by the host. To avoid broadcasting any unexpected background noises, confirm that your microphone is muted by checking the microphone icon in the bottom meeting toolbar on your screen (see below). If you see a red line through the icon, your microphone is muted. You can click this icon to unmute yourself if needed (for example, if you need help or have a question). To the right of your microphone icon you will see a camera/video icon (see below). You can turn your camera on or off by clicking this icon. Like the microphone, a red line through the icon indicates that your camera is off, and no line indicates that your camera is on. Please note that classes will be recorded and shared with all registered attendees, and although the recordings will feature the instructor for the most part, please feel free to turn your camera off if you do not wish to be recorded.



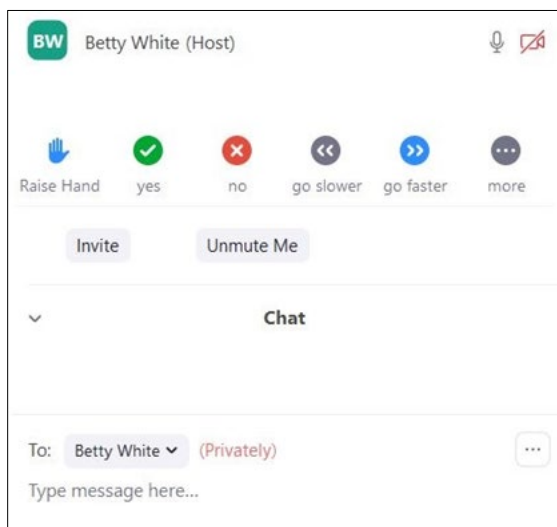
Raise Your Hand & Other Actions/Reactions

There are a number of ways to communicate with the host and the other attendees during each meeting. To access a variety of actions/reactions, click the **Participants** button in the bottom meeting tool bar. This will pull up a list of fellow participants over on the right of your screen, as well as an actions/reactions bar (see below). If you have a question or need assistance, you can use the **Raise Hand** function to notify the host and co-host. You can answer **Yes** or **No** if asked a question, or can select **More** to see other options, like sending the speaker some applause or asking for a break!



Chat

The chat function can be used to ask a question, leave a comment, or say hello to your fellow participants! Click **Chat** in the bottom meeting toolbar to open this feature. The chat defaults to send your message to everyone in the meeting, and is typically monitored by the host and co-host. Depending on your instructor, they may ask you to use the chat function to ask questions. You can also use this function to chat individually with just the host or co-host, or your new virtual knitting friends! To chat privately with just one specific participant, double click their name in the **Participants** menu, or click the dropdown menu to the right of **To:** and select their name. In the example below the chat says the specific participant's name, and indicates that you are sending the message to them privately.



INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION OR NEED ASSISTANCE?

Zoom Video Tutorials

Visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us> to find useful video tutorials and resources on the Zoom website!

Visit the Retreat Landing Page

We have updated the Retreat landing page with some resources and tips that we hope will be helpful as you prepare for the Retreat. Visit <https://umass.irisregistration.com/Site/WEBSFall> for more information!

Join Us for an Attendee Test Session

During the week of September 14 we will be hosting a test Zoom session, open to all attendees. If you'd like to practice and make sure you are ready to go, come join us to test out your video, audio, and other Zoom settings and functionalities before the Retreat! You will receive more information by email soon.

Contact Us! We're here to help

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