

DFI July Faculty Newsletter!

In this issue of the DFI Faculty newsletter, we want to share the exciting DFI Virtual Backpacking Trip Through NYC for TC Faculty that is happening August 12, 2025. During this retreat we will explore new ways to engage students, redesign assessments for the AI era, and reimagine your teaching practice. You can learn more and view the agenda below!

We would also like to remind you of the Summer B course support options DFI can provide faculty.

We hope you have a wonderful month, and thank you for reading!



.....> What's New?

1. Virtual Backpacking Through NYC:



TC Staff & Faculty join us on a virtual backpacking adventure through New York City, where we will explore new ideas to spark student engagement, redesign assessment for the AI-era learner, and reimagine your teaching practice in the age of AI. During this one-day virtual retreat, you will have the opportunity to learn from your peers, analyze your teaching practice, and earn merit badges and prizes!

[View the Agenda](#) to see what we have planned!

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2. Summer B Course Support:

Individual assistance from DFI:

If you would like assistance setting up your Canvas course please [fill out our Canvas course support form](#) and one of our Instructional Support Associates (ISAs) will contact you to assist.

We can assist with:

- Importing content from last summer
- Utilizing [one of the TC templates](#)
- Answering any questions you might have about adding content to your Canvas course

Do-it-yourself:

This simple [10-step Canvas Quickstart guide](#) is a great resource for faculty who would like to set up Canvas courses on their own.

Upcoming Faculty PD <.....



TST Retreat: Empowering Educators with AI

Tuesday 8/05/25: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Remote via Zoom

Teachers Supporting Teachers is back with a virtual summer retreat that will equip educators with practical tools and strategies to integrate AI into their teaching practice. We'll kick off the retreat with Professor Jin Kuwata, who will share insights on understanding learners at a granular level and how this understanding can guide the integration of AI into teaching and learning practices. Professor Kuwata will set the foundation for our hands-on exploration of AI platforms and help participants approach these tools with a deeper understanding of personalized learning principles.

By day's end, educators will leave with ready-to-use resources, student activities, lesson plans, and meaningful connections with fellow teachers.

Earn 5 NYC DOE CTLEs, badges, and prizes for participating in this retreat.

[View the Agenda now](#) to see what to expect.

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TC Faculty Retreat: Rethink. Reassess. Redesign.

Tuesday 8/12/25: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Remote via Zoom

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