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Welcome to the April newsletter. In this issue, you'll learn how to:

- **Attend** TC Take Action—Learn and Mobilize: March 26
- **Interact** with Multimodal Scholarship
- **Get immersed** in the Immersive Experience Club
- **Hear** about YPAR for your classroom (book launch) **Take**
- webinars on AI and Canvas

TC TAKE ACTION—Learn and Mobilize: March 26!

- **Date:** March 26, 2025 (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
- **Location:** Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor

The TC community is invited to join us for a faculty panel discussing the public good, the value of academic research, and recent cuts to research, as well as an opportunity for community strategy building. Hear specifically about cuts to TC research and how they affect our communities. Join us to connect with each other and move forward together.

A blue poster with white and yellow text. At the top, it says "TC TAKE ACTION" with a double arrow icon. Below that, it says "March 26th 11:00am - 1:00pm" and "Smith Learning Theater". The main title is "Learn and Mobilize". Below that, it says "Hear about cuts to TC research and how they affect communities. Join us for a chance to move forward together." There is a QR code on the right. At the bottom, it says "Join us for a faculty panel discussing public good, the value of academic research, and recent cuts to research, as well as an opportunity for community strategy building." and "RSVP:". Logos for "DIGITAL FUTURES INSTITUTE" and "Research at TC" are at the bottom. A small text at the very bottom says "To request disability-related accommodations contact OASID at oasid@tc.edu, (212) 678-3689, (646) 755-3144 video phone, as early as possible."

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Multimodal Scholarship Showcase

- **Date: April 16, 2025 (Wednesday)**
- **Time: 5:00-7:00 PM**
- **Location: Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor**

You are invited to attend an interactive showcase of research and scholarship from Teachers College faculty. Did you know that faculty right here at TC are changing the way scholarship looks, sounds and feels? Come see video projects, podcasts, and arts and design-based research and scholarship! Explore our new MODES exhibit of multimodal dissertation work. And see what's happening at Teachers College pushing research and scholarship to new audiences in new ways.

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Immersive Experience Club

- **Date:** April 16, 2025 (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 12:00-1:30 PM
- **Location:** Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor



This workshop series invites all TC community members to delve deep into the Virtual Reality (VR) world to explore its transformative potentials through hands-on experiences with various VR applications for education and engage in discussions of its implications for teaching and learning. This is the last meeting of the semester. Since we only have a limited number of VR headsets, we ask that you cancel your registration to make room for others if

Registration is required to attend

you cannot attend.

Youth Participatory Action Research: Book Launch

- **Date:** April 21, 2025 (Monday)
- **Time:** 6:30-8:00 PM
- **Location:** Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor

You're Invited to Participate!

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YPAR Workshop and Book Launch

Dr. Beth C. Rubin
Professor of Social Studies Education
Teachers College, Columbia University

Youth Participatory Action Research in Your Classroom
empowers educators to engage students in meaningful civic action. This practical guide outlines the five-stage civic action research cycle, offering lessons and activities for all grade levels. At this book launch, six authors will share their experiences using YPAR to promote engaged civic learning and turn classrooms into hubs of student-led change.

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Dr. Beth Rubin, Professor of Social Studies Education at Teachers College, is releasing her new book, *Youth Participatory Action Research in Your Classroom: Teaching and Learning for Active Citizenship*. The book is a joint publication of Teachers College Press and the National Council for the Social Studies. At this launch, six authors will share their experiences using Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) to promote engaged civic learning and turn classrooms into hubs of student-led change. Register below to hear these experts and participate in a YPAR workshop.

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Develop Your Canvas & AI Skills

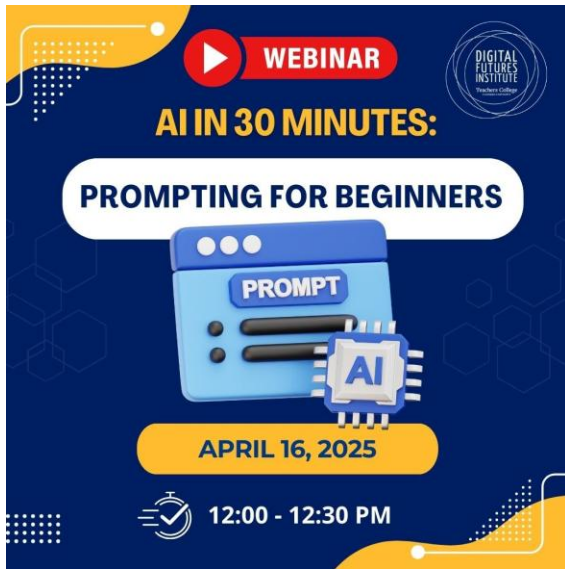
In April, DFI will offer **two online webinars** to help you build relevant edtech skills. Read more and click on the links below to register:

How to Customize Your TC Canvas Template: Tips and Tricks Join this 30-minute webinar to explore Padlet's versatile features, from creating collaborative boards to fostering student engagement. Learn practical tips to set up, customize, and integrate Padlet into your teaching for more interactive and dynamic learning experiences.

- **Date: April 8, 2025**
- **Time: 11:00-11:30 AM**

The poster is for a webinar titled "How to Customize Your TC Canvas Template: Tips and Tricks". It features the Digital Futures Institute logo at the top left, which includes the text "DIGITAL FUTURES INSTITUTE" and "Teachers College, Columbia University". A red play button icon with the word "WEBINAR" is in the top right. Below the title, the date "April 8, 2025" and time "11:00 - 11:30 AM" are listed. A "Register Now" button is at the bottom left. The background is yellow with a blue banner for the title. An illustration of two people interacting with a large screen displaying a play button and a graduation cap is on the right.

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AI in 30 minutes: Prompting for Beginners

Discover the basics of AI prompting in our 30-minute webinar tailored for beginners. If you are new to AI tools, this session will provide practical insights and strategies. Learn how to craft effective prompts and engage in meaningful conversations with AI models. Join us to explore key concepts, best practices, and real-world applications that will help you achieve more accurate and creative outputs from your AI interactions.

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- **Date: April 16, 2025**
- Time: 12:00-12:30 PM**

Check out DFI's entire [AI in 30 Minute Series](#), including self-paced courses!



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