



In this issue, DFI shares about:

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- Registering for **media-making, Teachers Supporting Teachers, Immersive Experience Club** and more!
- **DEAD TECH exhibit** in the DFI Gallery

Dear TC Community,

The autumn semester is now underway, and with it a wave of energy from new and returning students is being ushered in.

The Digital Futures Institute (DFI) is ready to build on that energy, with more familiar programming – like the DFI Speaker Series featuring researchers, designers, and practitioners from many disciplines who address key questions of digital innovation in society. Learn more about the first talk happening in a couple of weeks: [Digital Decolonization: How Big Tech Exploits Us with Dr. Janine de Novais](#) – be sure to [register](#) and join us for this event and the whole series!

DFI is also growing ongoing efforts through a variety of new initiatives that are responsive to the pressing needs of the moment, including:

- Support for [Multimodal Scholarship](#) in the form of faculty fellowships, ongoing and customized workshops, opportunities for students pursuing [multimodal dissertations](#), and continued engagement of **research translation** efforts.
- Exploration of [Digital Pedagogy](#) through multimedia resources and network building, including a free and online course about **Generative AI for Educators** (more info soon).
- Exciting developments about Play and Digital Innovation, with the launch of a new season of [Pop & Play](#), and fresh opportunities to engage with researchers and practitioners who are advancing playful, digitally innovative ideas and practices.

Finally, this semester we will launch the next phase of TC's [AI and Education initiative](#). This phase will deepen collaboration across faculty, students, staff, and administration, creating spaces for discussion and deliberation while continuing to offer resources and troubleshooting support. Broad engagement across our college community is essential as we navigate the hype, concerns, and possibilities surrounding this evolving technology.

We aim to center the AI and Education effort on our commitments to scholarship (research, teaching, and learning) while also helping shape the broader discourse with that same emphasis. By equipping ourselves, our community, and our partners with knowledge and experience, we can engage more thoughtfully and effectively with this evolving landscape. I hope you'll join us for these vital conversations as we consider the future of education together.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the semester – and be sure to read more below.

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Vice Dean for Digital Innovation

Speaker Series - Fall 2025

- **Date:** September 24, 2025 (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
- **Location:** Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor

DFI welcomes Dr. Janine De Novais, who will give a talk on “**Digital Decolonization: How Big Tech Exploits Us.**”

Drawing from a work-in-progress, this talk will explore how social media and AI technologies represent a new form of colonialism in which human attention, identity, and community are commodified for corporate profit.



[Click to register](#)

AI in 30 Minutes - NotebookLM

- **Date:** September 25, 2025 (Thursday)
- **Time:** 12:00-12:30 PM
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Location: Online

In this webinar, you'll learn how to build your own custom AI-powered notebook. Upload PDFs, websites, YouTube videos, audio, Google Docs, or Slides, and see how NotebookLM can summarize them, connect ideas, create a podcast, and answer your questions. Great for studying, teaching, or planning. Sign up to learn more!

Immersive Experience Club

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

This workshop series offers the opportunity to explore the world of Virtual Reality (VR), where you'll discover its transformative potential through hands-on experiences with a variety of VR applications for education and then engage in discussions about its implications for teaching and learning. The club will meet three times this semester, once each month. You're welcome to register for as many sessions as you'd like!



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Learn about Mediamaking Support for TC Students!

Do you want to know what resources TC students can access for making podcasts, videos, design projects, and more? Check out our [student media resources site](#) to learn about the tools, groups, spaces and equipment students can access around campus. Are you a doctoral student doing a multimodal dissertation? We can offer additional support – click “ask DFI” on the tc.edu/dfi homepage to set up a meeting to learn more.

Want to learn more about what's available to TC students in DFI studio hours in Macy 259? Take a look at our [short video orientation](#)! Are you a faculty or staff member interested in making media?

Studio B is for you, too – and you can also [submit a ticket](#) for recording in Studio A or additional support!

Teachers Supporting Teachers

Teachers Supporting Teachers is back for another exciting year of programming! Discover new opportunities to connect with other educators, gain fresh ideas for incorporating technology into your lesson plans, and learn from the experiences of other classrooms.

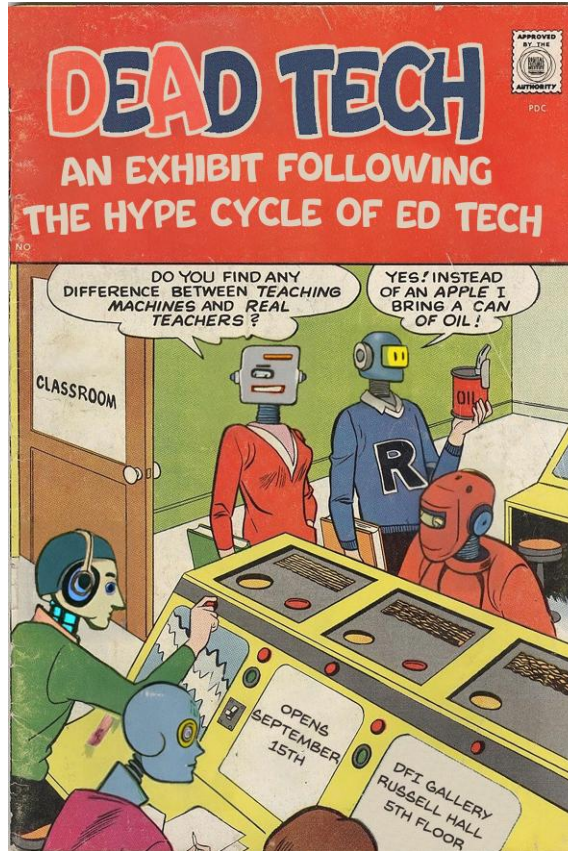
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DEAD TECH Exhibit - DFI Gallery

- **Opens:** September 15, 2025 (throughout the fall semester)
- **Time:** Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Friday: By appointment
- **Location:** DFI Gallery, Russell Hall 5th Floor

DFI is glad to invite you to experience DEAD TECH, an interactive exhibit that takes a closer look at the promises of education technology. EdTech has long promised faster, freer, more connected, more measured – and much, much more. At DEAD TECH, you'll explore those promises, see how they've shaped learning, and imagine what comes next.



**DFI Resources to Learn about and
Navigate AI in Education**



DFI has resources to help students and faculty navigate AI in education. See our recent video series featuring three TC students' AI projects, in the DFI Perspectives post about [AI beyond the headlines](#). Check out DFI's [video with TC Professor Irina Lyublinskaya](#) about how teachers can bring AI literacy into their classrooms, even without using AI tools. Visit our [AI in Education](#) page to learn more.

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