DFI Faculty Newsletter

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DFI October Faculty Newsletter!

This month, we're excited to feature the **DFI Masterclass Webinar Series**, a group of monthly webinars designed to help you elevate your teaching, strengthen your digital pedagogy, and streamline your work in Canvas.

Right around the corner, on **October 20th, the AI for Educators Summit** will take place at Learner Hall at Columbia University.
Open to K–20 educators and administrators, attendees at this FREE event will come away with the skills and tools to navigate the impacts that AI has on education.

We're also looking forward to the **Open Faculty Seminar: AI at TC**. This series of conversations is designed exclusively for faculty to engage in open, peer-to-peer dialogue.

You can find all of the details below.

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

What's New?

1. Masterclass Webinar Series

This fall, the DFI Instructional Team invites you to join a series of 30-minute virtual masterclasses designed to help you elevate your teaching, strengthen your digital pedagogy, and streamline your work in Canvas. Each session offers strategies and time-saving tips you can apply right away.

October 14 | 11:00 AM
Fostering Digital Literacy in Your Course

- Empower students to move from passive consumers to active creators. Explore assignment designs that promote digital literacy through Google Sites, virtual galleries, and video projects.

👉 [Register Here]

November 11 | 11:00 AM
Canvas Tips for Grading and Feedback

- Simplify your grading workflow and enrich your feedback. Learn how to use rubrics, SpeedGrader, and multimedia comments for efficient and meaningful assessment.
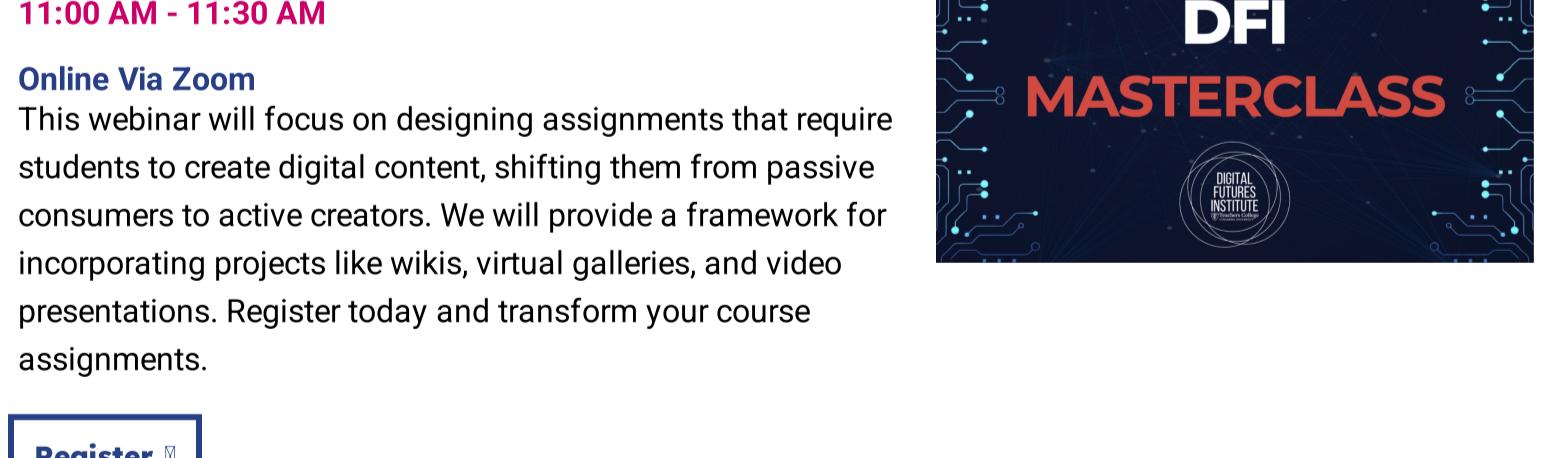
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December 2 | 11:00 AM
Mastering Modules: A Guide to Organizing Your Content in Canvas

- Streamline your course navigation and reduce confusion. Learn best practices for building organized, student-friendly course structures with Canvas Modules.

👉 [Register Here]

2. EDTECH WEEK: AI for Educators Summit on October 20th

All TC faculty are welcome to register for the AI for Educators Summit that will take place on Monday, October 20 as part of EDTECH WEEK.
Open to K–20 educators and administrators, attendees at this FREE event will come away with the skills and tools to navigate the impacts that AI has on education. The day features both engaging AI-focused panels and discussions and also an expo of ed-tech companies.
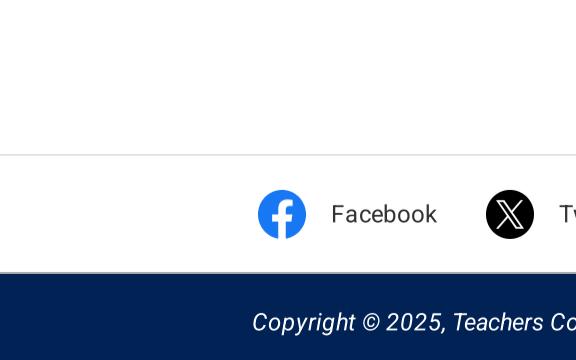
Location: Lerner Hall at Columbia University
Date: October 20, 2025 (Monday)
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

You can learn more and register here.

[Register Now 🔲]

3. Open Faculty Seminar: AI at TC

As generative AI continues to reshape our teaching, research, and service, many of us are grappling with complex questions that don't have easy answers. To address this, we are introducing the Faculty Forum on AI, a series of conversations designed exclusively for faculty to engage in open, peer-to-peer dialogue.

Unlike a formal presentation or a training workshop, this forum provides a space for small groups of TC faculty to have candid, unrecorded conversations where you can raise questions, share concerns, and workshop ideas in a collegial environment.

When: October 28, 1:00 - 2:00, Zankel 214
Facilitators: Lalitha Vasudevan and Debbie Beaudry

Please note: Registration is **limited to 25 participants**, and coffee/tea will be served. There will be another open faculty seminar later this semester.

[Register Now 🔲]

Upcoming Faculty PD

Groovin' Griot Season 2 Launch Party
Friday, October 10th, 2025: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Smith Learning Theater: Russell Hall 4th Floor

Come help kick off Season 2 of the Groovin' Griot podcast! There will be listening stations to catch up on Season 1, a discussion with the show's co-hosts and co-producers, a dance performance, and a dance party! Make sure to register to secure your spot, and we look forward to seeing you on October 10th.

[Register 🔲]

Fostering Digital Literacy in Your Course
Tuesday, October 14th, 2025: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Online Via Zoom
This webinar will focus on designing assignments that require students to create digital content, shifting them from passive consumers to active creators. We will provide a framework for incorporating projects like wikis, virtual galleries, and video presentations. Register today and transform your course assignments.

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TCR Book Talk: Teaching AI Literacy Across the Curriculum
Monday, October 20th, 2025: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Smith Learning Theater: Russell Hall 4th Floor

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the future of education. Are your students ready?

In an era where AI is revolutionizing every facet of life, from how we shop to how we get our news, it's inevitable that AI is changing the way we teach and the way students learn. For students to thrive in this world, they need more than just the ability to use technology; they need to understand how it works, its instructions, and its limitations. They need AI literacy.

Join us for a lively discussion about AI literacy with the authors of the new book, Teaching AI Literacy Across the Curriculum, Prof. Irina Lyublinskaya and Dr. Xiaoxue Du. With responses from experts in the field of AI and teacher education, Ronit Levavi Morad (Sr. Director, Program Management, Research at Google) and Stacey Schultz (President @ Educate). Moderated by Prof. Nancy Lesko, Executive Editor of Teachers College Record.

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