

DFI April Faculty Newsletter!

With the spring semester quickly coming to an end, we are pleased to share all of the details that you will need to request support for getting your summer courses up and running. We hope you have a wonderful month, and thank you for reading!



What's New?

1. Support for your summer 2026 Canvas courses

Individual assistance from DFI:

If you would like assistance setting up your Canvas course, please [Open a DFI Support Ticket](#), 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
- Show you how to [request your readings through the Course Resource List](#)

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.

2. Classroom Technology

The [Digital Futures Institute](#) collaborates with Media Services (in TCIT) to provide you support for your classroom technology and digital pedagogy needs. See below for two ways to receive support for classroom technology use.

Open a Media Services Request:

Media Services can assist you with getting started at the beginning of each class session. Complete a request early to make sure you are on their schedule by filling out a [Media Services request form](#).

Classroom Specific Questions:

If you have a classroom specific technology question, [open a ticket](#), and Media Services will work with you to find an answer.

Upcoming Faculty PD



DFI Masterclass: Using YuJa Quizzes to Increase Video Engagement

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

11:00 - 11:30 AM

Online

Discover how to transform passive video viewing into an interactive learning experience using YuJa's built-in quizzing tools. This session will cover how to create and embed quizzes directly within videos, add multiple question types, review student responses, and sync grades with Canvas. Faculty will leave with practical strategies for checking understanding, reinforcing key concepts, and boosting student accountability.



[Register](#)



DFI Speaker Series: Dr. Edward Metz, 2025 report - From Seeds to Scale

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grace Dodge Hall 285

In this talk, Dr. Edward Metz presents key findings from the 2025 report From Seeds to Scale, which examines the social and economic impact of the ED/IES Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program between 2013 and 2023. The program serves as a critical source of early-stage capital for research-based education technology products. Metz shares results showing that research-based products emerging from the program reached more than 130 million learners and educators and generated an estimated 9:1 return on federal investment. He discusses how the ED/IES SBIR program pioneered approaches to integrating rigorous research into the iterative R&D of commercially viable EdTech products, while also engaging academic researchers in commercial product development as a mechanism for readying evidence for scale. The talk concludes with reflections on the dismantling of IES in March 2025 and why a next-generation IES is essential to ensuring that evidence-based research informs practice and improves outcomes for students.

[Register](#)

MediaFest 2026

Friday, April 17, 2026

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Smith Learning Theater

Join us for our second annual Multimodal Scholarship Showcase from the Digital Futures Institute! Learn about what Teachers College community members are making beyond the printed page, including podcasts, videos, design projects, and more!

This year's interactive showcase will feature a screening of multimodal work at Teachers College and a Q&A with the 2025-2026 Multimodal Faculty Fellowship recipients and DFI media producers collaborating on their projects.

Featured projects include:

- A sneak preview of the Reimagining Black and Asian Solidarity Podcast from Professors Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz and Judy Yu, and the Black and Asian Solidarity Collective
- A sneak preview of translational work on language and math learning from Professor Maithri Sivaraman
- Lenape Center video & curriculum collaboration with Professor Rachel Talbert
- A video featuring the work of Strage Prize recipient Professor Tamara Handy
- Launch of the DFI Podcast Network
- DFI Working Papers, Volume 1
- PlayEd magazine's 1st issue
- 5 years of DFI Media in the DFI Gallery
- Explainer videos on play, multimodality and more
- DFI's new Video Journal of Education
- TC students' original multimodal projects

Experience how you can be part of changing what scholarship looks, sounds, and feels like!

Light refreshments will be served.

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