

### DFI March Faculty Newsletter!

As the Spring season approaches, we are thrilled to bring you some exciting updates from [DFI](#) for the month of **March!**

In this volume, we will talk about Midterms and give you some ideas on how to utilize Canvas assignments and quizzes as well as some non-traditional assessment ideas.

We are also excited to share with you [PowerPoint's new instructional video recording tool](#), Cameo.

Wishing you a delightful month ahead, a well-deserved Spring break, and thank you for being a valued reader!

## What's New?

### 1. Midterm Resources

With midterms coming up quickly DFI is here to support you with a variety of resources.

- **Non-traditional assessment ideas:**
  - [Asynchronous Learning Activities](#)
  - [Designing Online Activities](#)
  - [Thinking about Assessment in the Time of Generative Artificial Intelligence](#)
- **Plagiarism Checker in Canvas:**
  - [Create a Turnitin assignment](#)
  - [Other Turnitin resources](#)
- **General information on using Canvas assignments & quizzes:**
  - [Canvas Assignment Resources](#)
  - [Canvas Quizzing Resources](#)

### 2. Recording an Instructional Video in Powerpoint

Want to create high-quality, engaging lecture videos without needing complex editing software? Our latest tutorial shows you how to use PowerPoint's Cameo feature to embed your talking head directly into your slides!

Watch the tutorial to see how easy it is to turn your standard slides into dynamic instructional videos.

## How to Record Instructional Videos Using PowerPoint Cameo

Utilize the instructions below to help you get started:

- [Ensure your PowerPoint software is ready to record](#)
- [Set up the Recording Environment](#)
- [Design your video feed with Cameo](#)
- [Record your Lecture](#)
- [Finalize and Export](#)
- [FAQ: The Recording Process](#)
- [FAQ: Technical Observation](#)

Have any other questions, or would like assistance with getting started? [Contact DFI](#), and we are happy to assist!

## Upcoming Faculty PD



### Quick Wins for Engagement in Hybrid & In-Person Classes

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**  
**11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Online

Explore simple teaching moves and tech-supported activities that make class time more interactive, polls, brief collaborative tasks, think-pair-share with tech, and inclusive participation strategies.

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**Thursday, March 10, 2026**  
**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

GDH 177/179

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### If AI Can Write, What Are We Teaching?

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**  
**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Online

Technology has always taken a front seat in shaping the American education system. From chalkboards to calculators, to computers, and now AI. This conversation series explores where we are not, where we have been, and where we're headed.

Join us live for our first episode of Ctrl + Alt + Teach, where we will have Lalitha Vasudevan, Professor of Technology and Education and Vice Dean for Digital Innovation, join us as we explore how writing instruction in the K-12 landscape has evolved in recent years and what prompted these changes. We will also discuss the challenges that educators are facing now with AI entering the picture, and what tools they need to address these challenges.

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