

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to another school year -- one that will undoubtedly expand our imagination in myriad ways.

In this month's newsletter you'll find a number of helpful hints, resources, and information to support your teaching this semester, including webinars and in-person workshops tailored to support the issues that are emerging related to the integration of technologies into your teaching.

Top of mind for many is the impact of AI on teaching and learning. At DFI, we are collaborating with faculty across the college who are engaged in research and development on this topic, to bring you the AI Explorers Series, in addition to the ongoing development of AI and Education resources at TC. I encourage you to make use of these resources, attend events, and share your questions and feedback which are vital to help shape the college's next phase of [AI and Education](#) efforts.

Wishing you a generative semester ahead --

Warmly,
Lalitha

What's New?

1. Fall 2024 Course Development Support

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 Fall
- Answering any questions you might have about adding content to your canvas course

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. Resources For Your Students

With many students being new to TC this semester we would like to share with you some guides and resources that may be helpful for you to post to your Canvas course to assist students as they navigate their first few weeks.

- [Canvas Quickstart Guide for Students](#)
- [TCIT Students Technology Resources](#)

If students ever need assistance outside of these guides they can always open a [Service Desk ticket](#).

3. 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 come and 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.

AI Bytes: Quick Tips and Resources

TC offers resources, guidelines, and learning opportunities to help you and your students navigate teaching and learning in an era of readily available AI tools. Whether you're new to AI or an experienced user, explore these valuable resources:

1. **Craft Your AI Policy:** The TC AI Working Group has developed [sample AI course policies](#) to help you create a tailored statement for your syllabus. Set clear expectations for your students as soon as your course begins.
2. **Stay Informed:** Familiarize yourself with the [TC Generative AI Guidelines](#). These guidelines are your roadmap for ethical and practical AI use at TC.
3. **Empower Your Students:** Want your students to be AI-savvy? Have them take our "AI Essentials for Graduate Students" course. It's a quick 30-minute self-paced course that provides a downloadable proof of completion. To enroll your class, simply open a [DFI ticket](#).
4. **Expand Your AI Horizons:** Join our [AI Explorers' Series!](#) DFI offers a range of webinars and on-campus events throughout the fall.

Upcoming Faculty PD



DFI Speaker Series: Dr. Christina Parker

**Wednesday, September 18th, 2024:
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Smith Learning Theater - Russel Hall 4th Floor

Topic: DFI welcomes Dr. Christina Parker to the Smith Learning Theater on September 18, 2024 at 4pm. Her talk is titled "Neural Activity Patterning by Learning Modality in Military Learning and Performance."

Christina K. Parker, Ed.D. is a Department of the Air Force civilian since 2023 and serves at the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) at Hurlburt Field AFB, FL as the Chief Learning Officer. Christina previously served as a Department of the Army civilian since 2003. She holds degrees from University of South Alabama and her doctorate from Indiana University. She has served as an adjunct professor for Southern Illinois University for 14 years and with Indiana University since 2020. Dr. Parker has presented at various education conferences and symposiums, publishing articles about talent management, change agency, educational technology, and the instructional design profession.

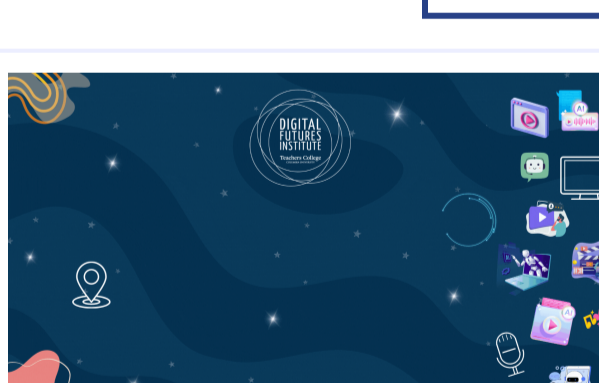
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Tech Playground: What's New with Artificial Intelligence?

Thursday, September 19th, 2024: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DFI Mixed-Use Space: Russell Hall 5th Floor

Stop by the Tech Playground on the 5th floor of Russell anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to explore 'What's New with Artificial Intelligence.' Discover the latest AI tools at several interactive stations, where you can learn more and try them out if you wish. Our knowledgeable DFI staff will be on hand at each station to provide assistance and answer your questions. Whether you're an AI enthusiast or have never used AI, this is a great opportunity for newcomers to AI to see the latest versions of popular AI tools.



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Getting Started with Artificial Intelligence: Basics and Beyond

**Wednesday, September 25th, 2024:
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM**

Online via Zoom

In this 30-minute webinar, we will explore the fundamental concepts of generative AI and share examples of various AI tools and applications, such as text, image, video, and voice generators. You will learn about the benefits and challenges of AI and be introduced to ethical considerations associated with its use. This beginner-friendly webinar offers the perfect entry point to understanding AI, providing you with the essential knowledge to begin exploring this technology.

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