



All are welcome to join DFI's April 2026 events, resources, and learning opportunities!

- MediaFest 2026!
- 2nd annual Multimodal Scholarship Showcase
- DFI Masterclass: Yuja quizzes & video engagement
- DFI Speaker Series: 20 years of impact on education research
- Making Wednesdays in the DFI Design Studio
- Open Study Groups: AI & Ed, Diagrams, Experimental Writing

**MediaFest 2026 from MASCLab:
You're invited!**



The Media and Social Change Lab (MASCLab) at Teachers College invites you to join us for MediaFest 2026, our annual celebration of media making and scholarship in its many playful, speculative, and weird forms.

We're thrilled to showcase lab members' explorations and experimentations at the intersection of media and social change. At MASCLab, research can mean many things, from film and sound to digital storytelling, dance, collage.

Come join us for an interactive afternoon of making, movement, reflection, experimentation, and reimagination as we celebrate the many ways we express what it means to work toward a better world. Refreshments will be provided!

Date: April 17, 2026 (Friday)

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor (in-person only)

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Multimodal Scholarship Showcase! All are welcome

Join us for the 2nd annual multimodal showcase from the Digital Futures Institute! Learn about what TC Community members are making—including podcasts, videos, design projects, and unique print publications!

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, including:

- *Reimagining Black and Asian Solidarity* podcast from Professors Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz and Judy Yu, and the Black and Asian Solidarity Collective
- Language and math learning from Professor Maithri Sivaraman
- Lenape Center video and curriculum collaboration with Professor Rachel Talbert
- Video collaboration with Strage Prize recipient Professor Tamara Handy

- And more, including TC students' work

See full list of featured projects and RSVP at the REGISTER button.

Learn how you can be part of changing what scholarship looks, sounds, and feels like! Light refreshments will be served.

Date: May 7, 2026 (Thursday)

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor (in-person only)

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DFI Masterclass: Using YuJa Quizzes to Increase Video Engagement

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.



Date: April 14, 2026 (Tuesday)

Time: 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Location: Online

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DFI Speaker Series: 20 Years of Real-world Education Research Impact

*This talk has been rescheduled from February 2026.
Please register to attend!*



At this DFI Speaker Series 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 served as a critical source of early-stage capital for research-based education technology products.

Dr. 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. **Come learn more about how academic and commercial research, plus federal funding, can work to support ed-tech development!**

Title: From Seeds to Scale:
Insights from 20 Years at IES Turning Education Research
into Real-World Impact at Scale
Date: April 15, 2026 (Wednesday)
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Location: Grace Dodge Hall 285 (in-person only)

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DFI Design Making Wednesdays



In academic settings, we are often asked to follow a singular path toward expertise. But what happens when we prioritize the process over the product? What emerges when we treat tools and materials not just as objects, but as active collaborators in our thinking?

Join us Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 PM in the DFI Design Studio for a dedicated time to move through the studio and play with the equipment through undirected inquiry. Each week we'll use a different prompt to help us get into the mess and see what happens.

This is an opportunity to see what is possible across different modes to let the materials lead the way before a project even starts. Whether you are a seasoned builder or just curious about the space, show up to experiment with us.

Who: Open to the public

When: Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Where: In-person at DFI Design Studio,
Columbia University, Teachers College,
5th Fl. Library (Russell Hall 511)

Open Study Groups (Open to all TC Faculty, Staff, and Students)

*DFI's Open Practices welcomes everyone to participate in three study groups:
AI & Education, Diagrams, and Experimental Live Writing*



AI&Ed

Come join our discussion of all things AI & Education, two recent articles at a time.

Hybrid: Russell Hall 508A (in person) and Zoom ([sign up for link](#))

Dates: Every other Thursday throughout Spring 2026 – 4/2, 4/16, 4/30

How to join: [Sign up for emails](#) of the readings and the Zoom link.

Diagrams

We often think of a diagram as a simple informational illustration. Upon closer scrutiny, they open onto any number of pedagogic problems and potentials. Come diagram a project you are working on, or jump into a collaborative one.

Hybrid: Russell Hall 508A (in person) and Zoom ([sign up for link](#))

Dates: Every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:00 PM ET

How to join: [Sign up for emails](#), for details, notifications, and the Zoom link.

Experimental Live Writing

Our study of gestures this semester revolves around the gestures of writing. Each week we pick a gesture and write on it together. (Previous week's gestures: writing on a whiteboard, typing, submitting, listing, writing aphorisms...) Jump in and explore collaborative writing!

Online: Zoom ([sign up for link](#))

Dates: Every Friday from 5:30 - 6:30 PM ET

How to join: [Sign up for emails](#) - for details, notifications, and the Zoom link.



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