



Welcome to the May 2024 edition of DFI's Newsletter!  
As we congratulate our graduates and celebrate the end of the semester, we are thrilled to share with you the AI EdTech Reviews, DFI Masterclass Series, Pop and Play Season 4, and the Groovin' Griot Podcast.

## AI EdTech Reviews

### ▶ Reviewing AI Educational Tools

We recently selected three popular AI educational technology tools and asked a few of our faculty members to take the tools out for a "test drive." Our AI EdTech Reviews are a series of short videos demonstrating these products and providing details about both their benefits and challenges, in order to help educators navigate this rapidly changing landscape.



Gamma Review



Ideogram Review



Magic School Review

# DFI Masterclass Series

## ▶ Introducing AI Tools for Educational Purposes

The DFI Masterclass Series offers engaging webinars that delve into the latest trends and topics surrounding various technology tools. This past semester, we focused on Artificial Intelligence and the various ways you can utilize Large Language Models (LLMs), as either an instructor or student. Discover the insights and practical applications showcased in our three Masterclass Webinar videos below:



Using AI to Receive Feedback on Your Work



Tips & Tricks for Prompt Writing with Generative AI



Reimagining Assessment in the Age of AI

# Podcast : Pop and Play Season 4

## ▶ Pop and Play Season 4 Highlights



Have you checked out this season of Pop and Play yet? We have our biggest season ever, all about play, identity and “playing roles.” Check out all our episodes, including our [episode on Drag featuring Lil Miss Hot Mess](#): Drag queen, children’s book author, and board member of Drag Queen Story Hour. Or maybe you are a theater kid, and our episode on [connecting to community and identity through theater](#) is for you!

On [the latest episode](#), Haeny and Nathan are back at the table—the tabletop-gaming (think games like Dungeons and Dragons) table, that is, with Kent Davis, author of the [A Riddle in Ruby](#) fantasy series and co-author of [Epic RPG](#), a tabletop role playing game. He talks with Haeny and Nathan about how *risk* comes into gaming. What makes playing roles feel risky, and how can players be encouraged to take risks in a gaming environment, without pushing too hard? And of course, Haeny pitches Kent on her Kardashian-themed role playing game.

Follow now on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or search “Pop and Play” wherever you listen to podcasts and subscribe!

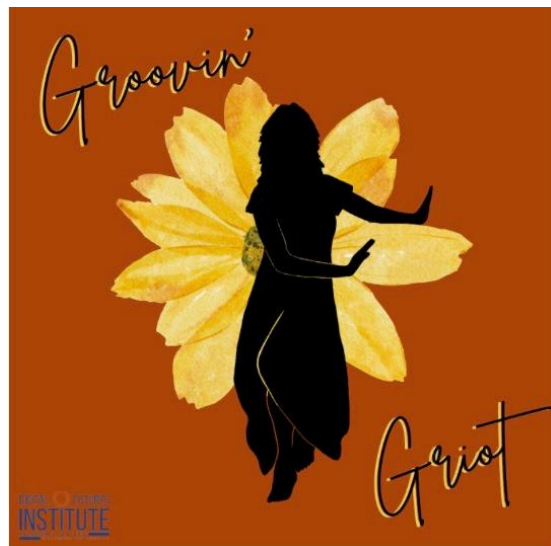
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## Podcast : Groovin' Griot

### ▶ Introducing the Groovin' Griot Podcast

Groovin’ Griot is a podcast about how we use dance to tell stories, co-hosted and produced by OreOluwa Badaki and Azsaneé Truss. The term “griot” (pronounced as gree-oh) comes from the West African tradition of oral and embodied storytelling. Griots are traveling poets, musicians, genealogists, and historians who preserve and tell stories via a variety of modalities.

On Groovin’ Griot, we center the African Diaspora and honor the legacies of the griot by talking to the storytellers in our communities who help unpack the role of dance in remembering and reimagining the lessons of the past. We’ll talk roots, rhythm, rituals, recommendations,



and much more. Come groove with us!

Episodes released bi-weekly. Listen and subscribe on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), or wherever podcasts are found . Email us at [groovingriot@gmail.com](mailto:groovingriot@gmail.com) and follow us on Instagram [@groovingriot!](#)

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**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES 2024!**

The Digital Futures Institute would like to congratulate students on their May 2024 graduation, including the following DFI staff members!

- Anna Charles
- Moira McCavana
- Juan Serraty
- Lucius Von Joo

We wish you the best in your future endeavors!



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