



DFI Faculty Newsletter

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Welcome to the DFI May Faculty Newsletter!

As the Spring semester draws to a close and graduation approaches, we are delighted to provide you with all the essential details required to request support for launching your Summer courses. Additionally, we offer instructions on concluding and posting grades for your Spring semester courses and inform you of the upcoming thrilling workshops by DFI scheduled for this summer.

We hope you have a wonderful month and thank you for reading!



.....→ What's New?

1. Support for your summer 2023 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. Final assessment and grading for the spring semester:

Whether you need guidance on crafting a final exam/assignment in Canvas or posting your final grades to Banner, DFI is thrilled to offer you comprehensive, step-by-step instructions that will ensure your success!

- [Canvas quizzing essentials](#)
- [Guides to Canvas assignments & rubrics](#)
- For questions about submitting your final grades via [Banner](#). Please [contact the TC Registrar's Office](#)

3. Participate in our virtual faculty focus group:

Happening Wednesday, May 31, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

Help DFI improve our services and Canvas templates by participating in a virtual faculty focus group. Come and share your opinions on how we can better support your needs in Canvas and with workshops!

[Sign up to Participate](#)

Upcoming Faculty PD



Inclusive Files: How to create accessible Microsoft Word Documents and PowerPoint presentations

Thursdays 6/15/23 & 7/13/23: 11:00 am
Remote via Zoom

Unlock the full potential of your documents and presentations by making them accessible to all! This hands-on workshop is designed to empower you with the knowledge and techniques to make your Microsoft Documents and PowerPoint presentations more accessible and user-friendly. In this workshop you will learn how to:



- Utilize Microsoft's built-in accessibility tool
- Follow best practices for structuring your files
- Add alternative text for images, charts, and other visual elements
- Create accessible lists and hyperlinks

[Register](#)



Demystifying Artificial Intelligence (AI): An Introduction to AI in Education

Wednesdays 6/14/23 - 11:00 am & 7/12/23 - 12:00 pm
Remote via Zoom

This introductory webinar will provide a basic understanding of AI technology and its potential applications in education. We will explore the fundamental concepts of AI and provide an overview of the various AI tools and applications that can be used in teaching and learning. You will learn about the benefits and challenges of integrating AI into education and will be introduced to ethical considerations associated with the use of AI. By the end of the webinar, participants will have a basic understanding of AI and its potential to transform education.

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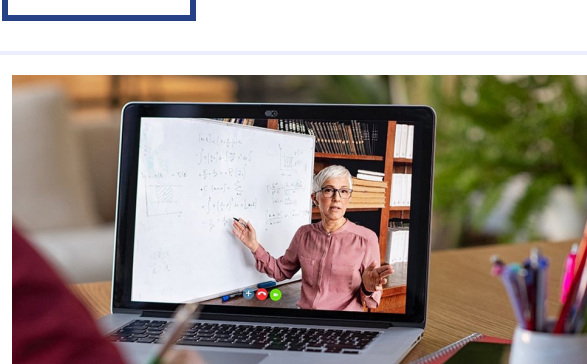
For Your Consideration: Creating Interactive Media with Thinglink

Thursday 6/1: 12:00 pm
Remote Via Zoom

In this webinar, we'll introduce you to Thinglink, a TC-supported easy-to-use tool for creating interactive media that can be completed in just a matter of minutes. You'll learn how to request an instructor account that would allow all students in your class also have access to the tool, how to use Thinglink to create a variety of interactive media, including but not limited to infographics, virtual field trips, galleries, maps, timelines, and even 360/VR learning experiences, and lastly how to share and use the media in your course to enrich learning experience for your students.



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Spice Up Your Course With Multimodal Learning Strategies and Tools

Wednesday 6/7: 12:00 pm
Remote via Zoom

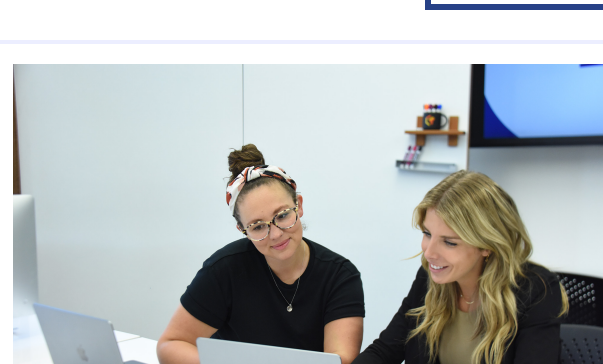
Are you looking for new pedagogical ideas and tools to invigorate your courses? Join us as we share a variety of practical strategies together with tools for creating engaging instructional content and facilitating interactive learning activities to engage your students across different modalities.

[Register](#)

Tech Tuesdays & Innovation Series

6/12, 6/26, 7/11 and 7/25: 11:00 am
Remote via Zoom

Tech Tuesdays and the new Innovation Series will highlight key platforms that will help better engage connection within your courses.



[Save the Date - Registration Coming Soon!](#)



.....→ Technology Corner

With the release of **ChatGPT**, an artificial intelligence (AI) tool that generates text responses to prompts, and its subsequent banning in multiple school districts across the country, increased attention is being paid to the challenges and opportunities these types of tools present.

DFI is creating and collecting resources to help envision new educational possibilities with this technology.

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