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## DFI October Faculty Newsletter!

We hope your semester is off to a smooth start! This month The Digital Futures Institute is excited to host the **TC Teaching Innovation Week** - A week full of events to inspire the faculty at Teachers College to implement new and innovative ideas into their everyday instruction, the October **Tech Playground** is returning once again with an exploration of extended reality, and the call for applications for the 23-24 **DFI Innovation Fellows**.

You can find all of the details to these exciting events below.

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

## .....> What's New?

### 1. TC Teaching Innovation Week: October 23rd - 27th

DFI will be hosting a week full of events to inspire the faculty at Teachers College to implement new and innovative ideas into their everyday instruction.

#### Events to look forward to:

##### Monday, October 23:

- **Explore** MODES a multimodal dissertation exhibit - Russell Hall 5th floor 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Attend** a walk through of the Smith Learning Theater and learn how you can utilize the space. Russell Hall 4th floor 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. [Registration coming soon!](#)

##### Tuesday, October 24:

- **Learn** from you colleagues and participate in a discussion on pedagogy and innovative course design. Grace Dodge Hall 455 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. [Registration coming soon!](#)

##### Wednesday, October 25:

- **Attend** the DFI Speaker Series with Jason Autar and learn about the Bronx Rising Initiative created to reverse the effects of the pandemic on the Bronx. Russell Hall 4th Floor - 1:00 - 2:00 pm. [Register Now!](#)

##### Thursday, October 26:

- **Participate** in the AI Play Expo where you can play with various AI tools and discover how to integrate them into your everyday instruction. Russell Hall 4th floor - [Directly following the faculty meeting.](#)

### 2. DFI Fellows Program Cohort 23-24: Call for Applications



The **DFI Fellows Program** is a cohort-based incubator for TC faculty who are interested in exploring the process of designing and implementing innovative learning experiences.

Fellows will explore diverse examples of media, digital artifacts, emerging technologies, and immersive experiences both on and off campus. These will provide the context for engaging in critical and creative discussion and the development of new speculative projects. The program provides time to think and play together in a loosely-structured, experimental environment, with the goal of discovering emergent interests and potential outputs.

All full-time faculty members (including tenure-track professors, professors of practice, and full-time lecturers) are eligible to apply to the program. Up to five fellows will be selected for this year's cohort.

Six monthly meetings between November 2023 and May 2024.

Stipend: \$4000

Application Deadline: 11:59 PM, October 20th, 2023

Learn more about the program and submit your application on the [DFI website](#).

## Upcoming Faculty PD



#### DFI Speaker Series: D. Graham Burnett

**Thursday, October 5th, 2023:  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**DFI Mixed-Use Space: Russell Hall 5th Floor**

**Topic:** The history of the "attention economy," and sketch its implications for teaching and learning in the twenty-first century.

[Register](#)

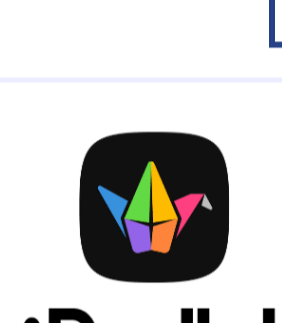
#### Tech Tuesday: Enhancing course engagement with Padlet

**Tuesday, October 10th, 2023:  
11:00 AM - 11:45 PM**

Remote via Zoom

This workshop offers educators a deep dive into the versatile tool, Padlet, a digital tool designed to foster interactive learning. This workshop will introduce participants to the fundamentals of Padlet, showcasing its features and functionalities. Attendees will gain hands-on experience in creating and managing Padlet boards along with ideas for how to use Padlet in your class.

[Register](#)



#### Podcasting: Edit Faster A, B, & C

**Wednesday, October 11th, 2023:**

**Timeslot A: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM  
Timeslot B: 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM  
Timeslot C: 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM**

**Macy 259**

Emerging technologies are changing the way podcast editors work. Learn about new tools and resources for editing podcasts, from putting together a paper edit to fixing problematic audio, all experience levels welcome.

[Register for Workshop](#)

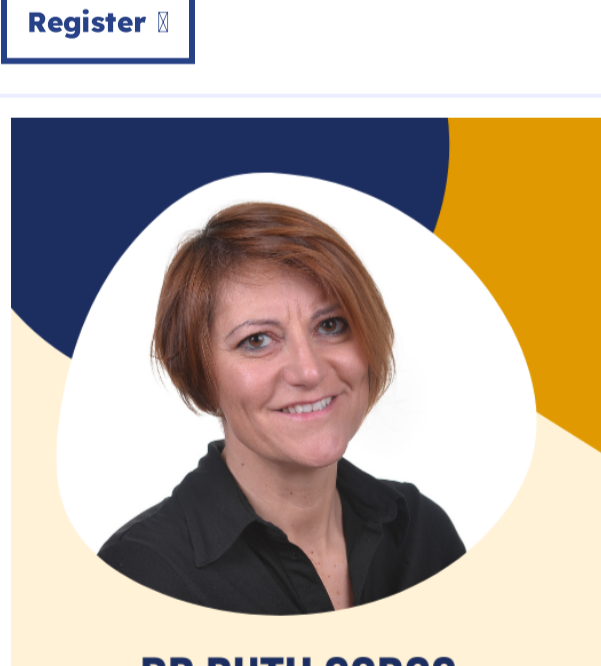
#### Multimodal Dissertation

**Thursday, October 12th, 2023:  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**DFI Gallery Space and Lobby - Russell Hall 5th Floor**

What can multimodal research look like and how might that shape the forms a dissertation takes? In connection to the current DFI gallery exhibit (Modes) we will host the five dissertation authors that inspired the exhibit discuss their motivation, design, and discoveries. From comic books, to dance, to podcasts, to photographs, to sculpture, each of these examples finds a way to go beyond the written page.

[Register](#)



#### DFI Speaker Series: Ruth Cobos

**Monday, October 16th, 2023:  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Smith learning Theater: Russell Hall 4th Floor**

**Topic:** Multimodal Learning Analytics Approaches in e-Learning

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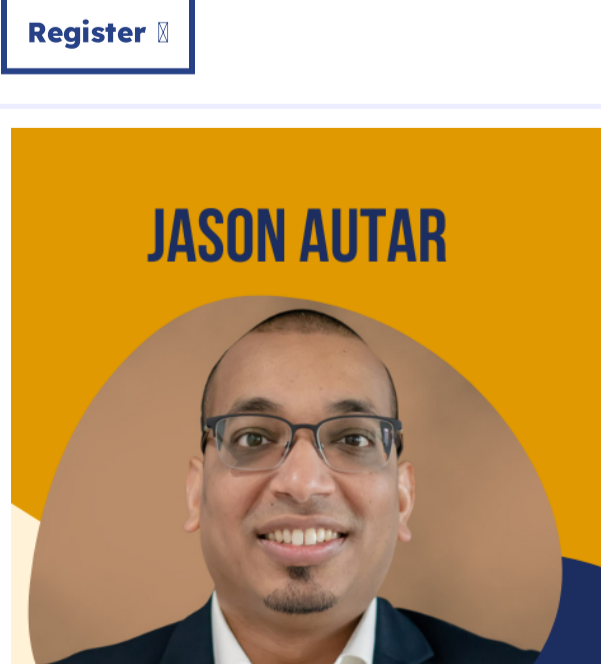
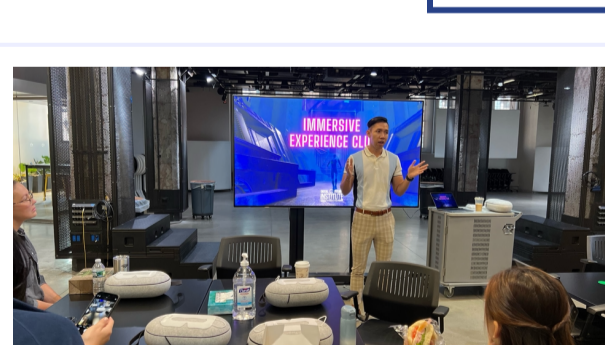
#### Tech Playground: Extended Reality (XR) of Learning

**Thursday, October 19th, 2023:  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**DFI Mixed-Use Space - Russell Hall 5th Floor**

The incorporation of Extended Reality (XR) - encompassing both Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) - in the learning context is not just a trend, but a continuing shift towards a dynamic, immersive, and multimodal approach to education. Come join us anytime between 11 am and 1 pm, to immerse yourself in the captivating world of XR. Experience firsthand a diverse collection of AR and VR applications in various educational domains and explore its unimaginable potentials for education. All members of the TC community are welcomed and no prior experience with these technologies is required.

[Register](#)



#### DFI Speaker Series: Jason Autar

**Wednesday, October 25th, 2023:  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**DFI Mixed-Use Space: Russell Hall 5th Floor**

**Topic:** How data collection and mapping led to the organization vaccinating over 40,000 New Yorkers deemed "unreachable" in under one year.

[Register](#)