DFI Faculty Newsletter

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Welcome to the DFI August Faculty Newsletter!

Fall is just around the corner! This newsletter offers practical guidance for a seamless course start-up, including the latest Canvas features. We're also interested in your AI teaching journey. Share your experiences and inspire your colleagues. Happy reading!

What's New?

1. Support for your Fall 2024 Courses:

Individual assistance from DFI:

- If you would like assistance setting up your Canvas course please fill out our Canvas course support form and one of our Instructional Support Associates (ISAs) will contact you to assist.
- **We can assist with:**
  - Importing content from last fall
  - Any questions you may have about setting up your Canvas course
  - Utilizing one of the TC templates

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. Canvas Updates:

As with any technology the Canvas team works hard to make updates and improvements to the system and user interface. We would like to keep you updated with a few of the most recent changes.

Discussion and Announcement redesign

Watch the 3 minute video above to learn more about the new Canvas Discussion and Announcement redesign.

Discussion and Announcement redesign includes an updated UI and new features:

- Improved search with highlighting
- Edit History
- Flexible viewing options: Inline and split view
- Role Labels
- Quoting
- Reply Reporting and notifications to Instructors
- Full and partial anonymous graded discussions
- Sort options (Newest to Oldest, Oldest to Newest)
- Filtering (All, Unread, Read)

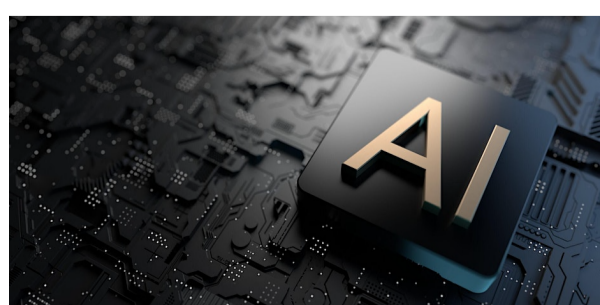**The "Manage Assign To" Feature**

The "Manage Assign To" Feature:

- The "**Manage Assign To**" link replaces the traditional location of the "**Assign To**" settings.
- Can be found in both Assignments and Discussion Boards.
- Allows you to assign to specific people or everyone in the class.
- Allows you to add due dates and availability dates.
- If the "Manage Assign To" settings is ignored it will default to "Everyone" in the course, and will exclude due dates and availability dates.

For assistance with navigating any of the new updates mentioned above please contact DFI and we will walk you through it.

3. Are you using AI in your classroom?

DFI wants to hear about it! Please email us at: TCDigitalFuturesInstitute@tc.columbia.edu and let us know how you are using AI in your classroom.

Upcoming Faculty PD

Tech Playground: What's New with Artificial Intelligence?

Tuesday 09/19/24: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Russel Hall 5 - Mixed-Use Space

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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