



The sweltering summer days will give way soon to the crisp mornings of autumn, and amidst this transition, many of us will ease into another fall semester. In recognition of the time honored tradition of “going back to school” this month’s DFI newsletter contains information about resources and experiences that the Digital Futures Team has diligently prepared to support and enhance your work and play in the coming months. I encourage you to make use of these resources, including invitations to explore new technologies, learn with your colleagues in DFI’s design studio and gallery, and participate in events in the Smith Learning Theater.

We are also aware that the looming presence of artificial intelligence - both the tools and the hype - continues to inundate our lives through media, advertisements, enhancements in everyday technologies, and even casual conversation. While some TC colleagues have been engaged in pioneering AI research for many years, others have more recently expanded their research agendas to inquire into the human, societal, and ethical implications of AI. Many may still be new to the topic. DFI is collaborating with TCIT and academic departments to ensure that everyone can explore the domain of AI at their own pace, including through the [new AI Explorers’ Series](#). Please raise questions, share your ideas, and help inform the next phase of TC’s [AI and Education](#) efforts.

We'll be sharing more information about how you can get involved **in the coming weeks**.

As we approach the new semester, and prepare to meet new students and colleagues while navigating ongoing societal challenges, I invite you to take a moment to visit the [Digital Futures Institute](#) to discover a new exhibition, play with new tech and materials, to simply say hello...

“not for the sake of winning  
but for sheer delight and gratitude” \*

With all good wishes –  
Lalitha Vasudevan  
Vice Dean for Digital Innovation

*\*with thanks to Mary Oliver for those closing words from her poem “Invitation”*

## AI Explorers' Series

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# WEBINAR



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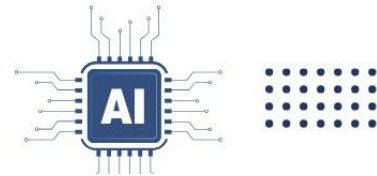
- ✓ Gateway to understanding and using AI
- ✓ Comprehensive and engaging
- ✓ Designed for beginners



**Register now!**

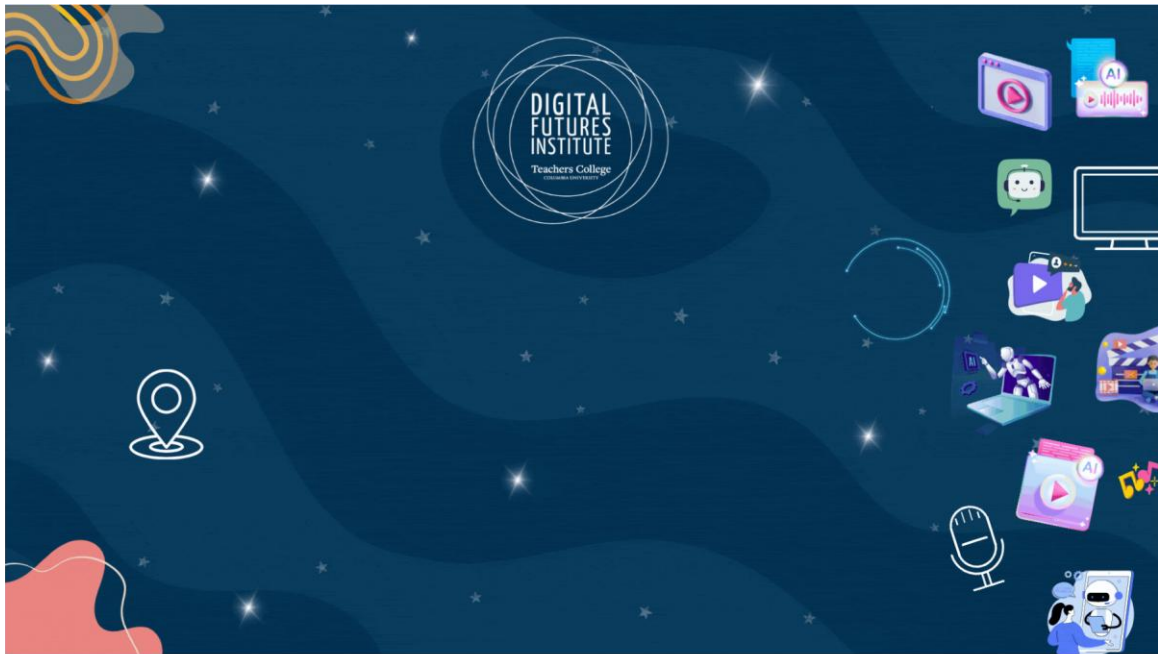


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[www.tc.edu/dfi](http://www.tc.edu/dfi)



### Webinar Series:

- **Getting Started with A I** - **September 25, 12:00 - 12:30 PM**
- **AI Prompting for Beginner s** - **October 17, 12:00 - 12:30 PM**
- **Masterclass: Lesson Planning using A I** - **October 29, 11:00 - 11:30 AM**
- **AI Meeting Assistants for Beginner s** - **November 14, 12:00 - 12:30 PM**
- **Masterclass: Assessment in the Age of A I** - **November 26, 11:00 - 11:30 AM**



### Tech Playground (On-Campus) :

- **What's New with Artificial Intelligence? - September 19, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
- **Artificial Intelligence in Education - November 19, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

These sessions are designed to be approachable, making AI accessible to everyone, regardless of technical background. Whether you're just starting or looking to learn more, this series is your gateway to understanding and using AI.

## Immersive Experience Club




This workshop series invites all TC community members to delve deep into the Virtual Reality (VR) world to explore its transformative potentials through hands-on experiences with various VR applications for education and engage in discussions of its implications for teaching and learning. The club will meet three times in the Fall semester on a monthly basis and you can register for as many sessions as you would like to attend. However, since we only have a

limited number of VR headsets, we ask that you cancel your registration to make room for others if you are unable to attend a meeting.

Register

## New Mediamaking Resources Page for TC Students



**STUDENT  
MEDIA RESOURCES**

Digital Futures Institute: Design Studio

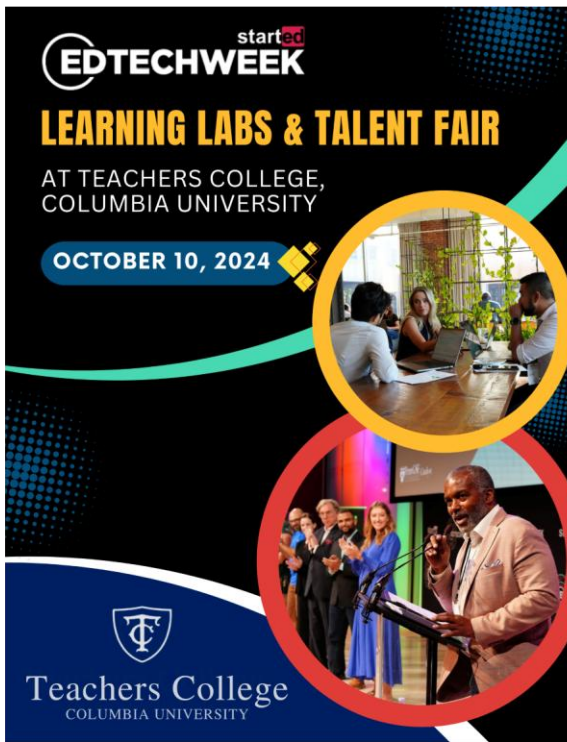
Digital Futures Institute: Macy Studios

Do you want to know what resources TC students can access for making podcasts, videos, design projects, and more? Check out our new [student media resources site](#) to learn about the tools, groups, spaces and equipment students can access around campus. Know of a resource available to TC Students that should be on the list? Open a quick [DFI ticket](#) and let us know!

Want to learn more about what's available to TC students in DFI studios in Macy 259? Take a look at our [short video orientation](#)! Are you a faculty or staff member interested in making media? Studio B is for you, too - and you can also [submit a ticket](#) for additional support!

## EdTech Week - Talent Fair

**SAVE THE DATE: October 10, 2024**



All TC students interested in ed-tech careers → On October 10, 2024, there will be an **EdTechWeek Talent Fair** on campus. You'll have an opportunity to network with employers, participate in mock interviews, and get your resume and cover letter reviewed. More details to follow!

## Teachers Supporting Teachers



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Teachers Supporting Teachers is back for another exciting year of programming! Discover new opportunities to connect with other educators, gain fresh ideas for incorporating technology into your lesson plans, and learn from the experiences of other classrooms.

[Join our mailing list](#) to be the first to learn about upcoming TST programming.

Join our mailing list

# Speaker Series - September

**Dr. Christina Parker - September 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM**

DFI welcomes Dr. Christina Parker, who will give a talk on “Neural Activity Patterning by Learning Modality in Military Learning and Performance.” All are welcome!

[Register](#)

## Happening at the Smith Learning Theater, DFI

Throughout September, the Fall Series: *Teaching for Democracy - When Democracy is on the Ballot* will take place in the Smith Learning Theater at DFI. Please click on the Register link for more details.

This series is open to all!

[Register](#)

Teachers College  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

### Fall Series: Teaching for Democracy When Democracy is on the Ballot

**9/16/24: Scholar Panel**  
Join the scholars **Thea Abu El-Haj** (Barnard College), **Jonathan Collins** (Teachers College), **Joseph Kahne** (University of California, Riverside), and **Mark Lilla** (Columbia University) as they discuss teaching amid this electoral season and how schools can foster meaningful youth engagement in our democratic processes.

**9/23/24: Educator Panel**  
Join educators **Jessica Taylor** (The Young Women's Leadership School, NYC), **Antony Farag** and **Bailey Verdene** (Westfield High School, NJ), **Jia Lee** (The Earth School, NYC), and **Jenna Ryall** (Civics for All, NYC DOE) as they lead workshops on teaching for democratic civic learning during this electoral season.

**9/30/24: Youth Panel**  
Youth from the **Youth Power Project**, **Cyphers for Justice**, **YVoteNY** and **Democracy Ready NY** will discuss their work within these organizations, their concerns and questions about the upcoming election, and what they hope to learn and talk about within their classrooms.

Smith Learning Theater, 4th floor Russell Hall,  
Teachers College, 525 W 120th St

Virtual and in-person attendees welcome

Organized by Teachers College's Program in Social Studies Education,  
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