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Welcome to the **October 2024 newsletter** from the Digital Futures Institute. In this issue, we feature:

- **EdTech Week Talent Fair for students**
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- **Teachers Supporting Teachers tech resources**
- **How to join the AI Explorers' Series - open to all**
- **AI Essentials Course for graduate students**
- **Designing for Empathy book talk**

**Register for the EdTech Week Talent Fair:
October 10**

Attention TC students! Are you interested in getting a job in the Educational Technology field? If so, [register](#) for the upcoming Teachers College-EdTech Week Talent Fair, which is being hosted at TC as part of its partnership with [EdTech Week](#).

- **Date:** **October 10, 2024**
- **Time:** **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
- **Location:** **Everett Lounge (Zankel 118) at TC**



Are you interested in a career in education technology?

EdTech Week Talent Fair

OCTOBER 10, 2024



FREE HEADSHOTS!



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

The Talent Fair offers TC students the chance to network with professionals from innovative firms in the education and technology sectors.



DIVERSE COMPANIES

The event features a variety of companies, including established educational software developers and startups focused on AI-powered learning tools.



CAREER SUPPORT & TECH EXPOSURE

Students can visit the TC NEXT career table for career advice and try out new educational technologies firsthand.



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EVERETT LOUNGE (ZANKEL 118)



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REGISTER NOW



TC NEXT

Teachers College, Columbia University



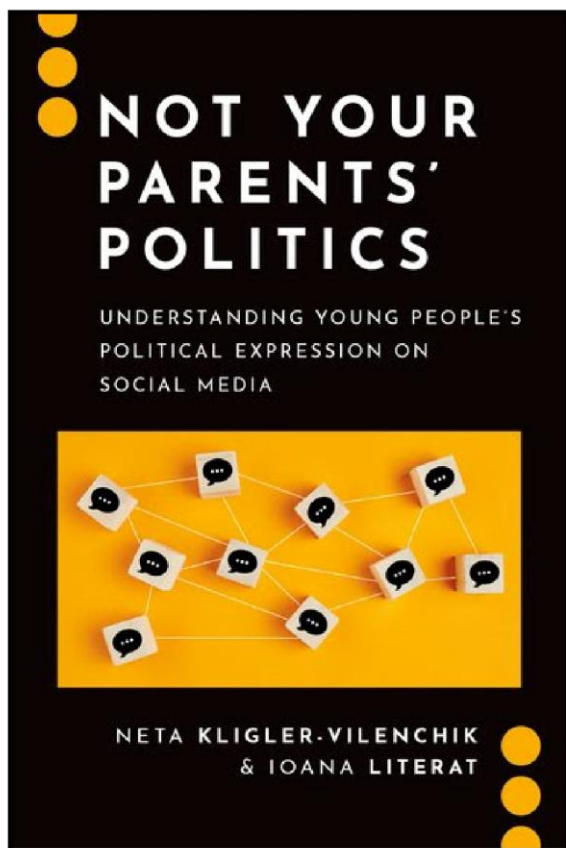
The Talent Fair brings together aspiring professionals and innovative firms at the intersection of education and technology. Graduate students can explore job opportunities, network, update their professional headshot, and also have the chance to try out new educational technologies firsthand.

In order to access the Talent Fair, [you must register](#). (Additional information will be emailed to you upon registration.) Looking forward to seeing you there!

Register

Digital Innovation Research News

Out now! Read these publications by DFI affiliated faculty members:



"Not Your Parents' Politics: Understanding Young People's Political Expression on Social Media", co-authored by **Ioana Literat** - Associate Professor of Communication, Media & Learning Technologies Design

"Developing teachers' cultural competencies through co-design of robot-coding mathematics activities for Latinx and Black elementary school students", co-authored by Irina Lyublinskaya, Professor of

 **UCLPRESS**

Mathematics & Education and Sandra Okita, Associate Professor of Technology & Education

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Tools Competition deadline: October 25 | [Apply now!](#)

The **Tools Competition** is officially open and accepting submissions through **October 25th!** This year, we're awarding **\$2+ million** for the most innovative technologies supporting learners worldwide. This prize purse is expected to grow!



2023-24
Tools Competition

**Announcing the
Winners**

50 winners across
6 unique tracks

\$8+ million awarded

24+ million learners
impacted worldwide

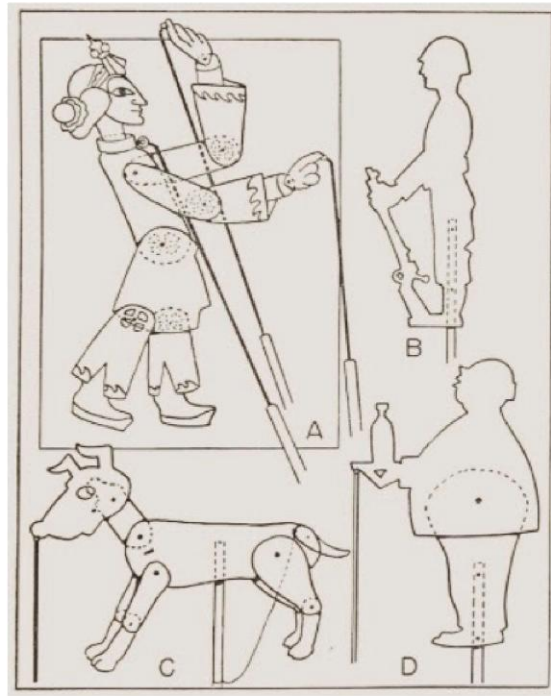
tools-competition.org | [@ToolsCompete](#)

Both Columbia and Teachers College are recent winners:

- **YiYa AirScience**, 2023-24 winner: Samson Wambuzi, co-founder and Chief Innovation Officer, is an Obama Scholar (2023-2024) at Columbia University and spoke at Teachers College in the Spring 2024 semester about YiYa's pioneering work.
- **Digital Futures Institute**, 2022-2023 winner: For the past couple of years, DFI staff have been working on the Elevate project, which focuses on generating learner models from disparate data sources.

[Learn More and Submit](#)

Puppets in Education Exhibit



The Puppets in Education exhibit is open throughout **October** in the **DFI Gallery, Russell Hall 5th Floor**. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for additional related events, including an artist's talk on October 14 with Polina Porras, creator of El Museo del Barrio's Three Kings puppets, and a puppet movement lab on October 23 with Dr. Chris Moffett.

Workshops on Podcasting and Podcasting Studio Hours Open to All at TC

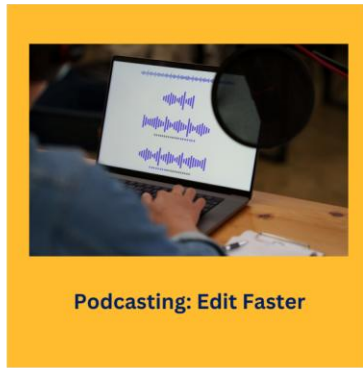
This Fall DFI is offering a series of three workshops on podcasting - if you're a student, staff or faculty member at TC interested in podcasting but you haven't gotten started or you're looking for a refresher, these workshops are for you! Space is limited - please RSVP via the link to each event (only if you plan to attend).

Look out in next month's newsletter for highlights from podcasts students have recorded in our DFI studio hours! Ready to record your podcast now? Learn more and sign up for [Studio B hours](#) in Macy 259



Podcast Recording Outside the Studio

Podcast Recording Outside the Studio -
October 16, 1:00 - 2:00
PM



Podcasting: Edit Faster

Podcasting: Edit Faster
- October 30, 1:00 - 2:00
PM



Podcasting: Find your Audience

Podcasting: Find your Audience - Nov 13, 1:00 -
2:00 PM

Teachers Supporting Teachers



**Teachers Supporting
Teachers**



Teachers Supporting Teachers is heading into its third year of programming. Inviting K-12 educators to gather, reflect upon their instructional journeys, and discover meaningful ways to infuse technology into their everyday lessons and curriculum.

The focus of this year's sessions will be AI in Education: how it impacts your teaching, how to integrate it into your classroom in a meaningful way, and what issues educators face when tackling the topic of artificial intelligence.

TST Fall 2024 programming:

- **Teachers Supporting Teachers: Utilizing AI in Your Teaching Practices:**
October 12, 2024, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Russell Hall 4th Floor - [Register Now](#)
- **Teachers Supporting Teachers: Technology & Wellbeing in the age of AI:**
December 7, 2024, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Russell Hall 4th Floor - [Register Now](#)

Join us for our Fall programming or sign up to [join our TST mailing list](#) for upcoming educator opportunities at DFI!

Join our mailing list

AI Explorers' Series

Join us this fall for the [AI Explorers' Series](#), a comprehensive program to demystify artificial intelligence and its applications for the entire TC community. This series includes engaging webinars and our on-campus Tech Playgrounds.

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Teachers College, Columbia University

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

Register now!

More information www.tc.edu/dfi

AI

The graphic features a dark blue background with a yellow wave at the bottom. It includes an illustration of a person in a white robot suit and another person in a blue shirt. There are also icons for a microphone, a speech bubble, and a circuit board.

AI Course for Graduate Students

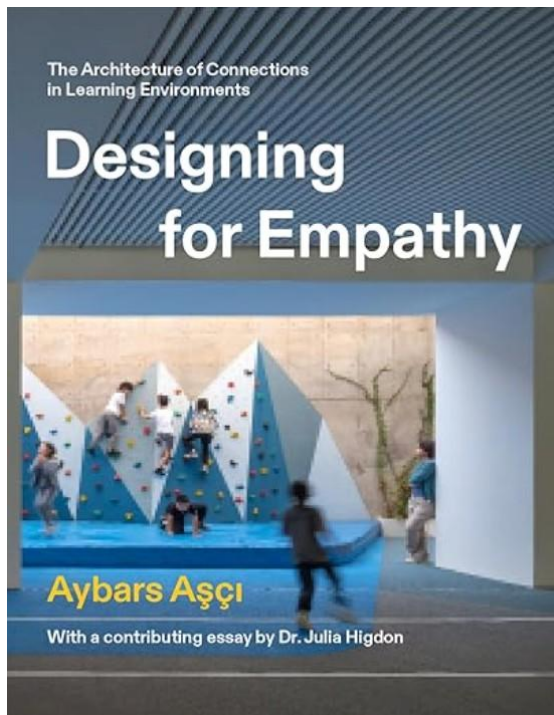
Get started with AI by enrolling in our new 30-minute self-paced course! AI Essentials for Graduate Students offers a beginner-friendly introduction to AI concepts, potential benefits, and responsible use. Learn how to leverage AI tools effectively to enhance your academic and professional pursuits.

Faculty: Encourage your students to complete this course to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to navigate the AI landscape responsibly.

For more information or to enroll, [contact DFI](#).

Book Talk: Designing for Empathy

On **October 22** in the Smith Learning Theater (RH 4th floor) from 4:00 - 6:00 PM



Join Aybars Aşçı and Julia Higdon, authors of [Designing for Empathy - The Architecture of Connections in Learning Environments](#) to discuss the inextricable relationship between developmental psychology and our physical environment.

The conversation will be moderated by Teachers College Record Executive Editor, Prof. Nancy Lesko with a panel of experts including Prof. Michelle Samura (Santiago Canyon College), Prof. Lindy Roy (Columbia GSAPP/Roy Projects) and Prof. Elizabeth de Freitas (Adelphi University).

We hope to see you at this important conversation!

[Register Here](#)



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