



Welcome to the **November 2024 newsletter** from the Digital Futures Institute. In this issue, you can learn how to:

- Attend the puppet symposium on November 1-2
- Take workshops on AI, video, VR, and podcasting
- Register for the DFI Speaker Series talk with Dr. Aaron Trammell
- Listen to 2 new TC community-member podcasts
- Join Teachers Supporting Teachers

DFI's Puppet Symposium - All are welcome!

- **Date:** November 1-2, 2024 (this Friday & Saturday)
- **Time:** 1:00-6:00 PM
- **Location:** DFI Gallery Space, Russell Hall 5th Floor



This symposium marks the conclusion of the exhibit on puppets in education hosted by the DFI Gallery. We're bringing together thinkers, creators, and educators to delve into the role of puppetry in learning, movement, expression, and storytelling.

Register

DFI Learning Opportunities: AI, Video, Podcasting, VR

Open to all! DFI's November workshops share info about building your AI skills toolbox, learning immersively with VR, finding your audience with podcasting, and engaging learners with video. Click on the links below to learn more and register:



Immersive Experience Club -
November 6 from 12:00-1:30 PM



Tech Playground: Artificial Intelligence in Education
- November 7 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM



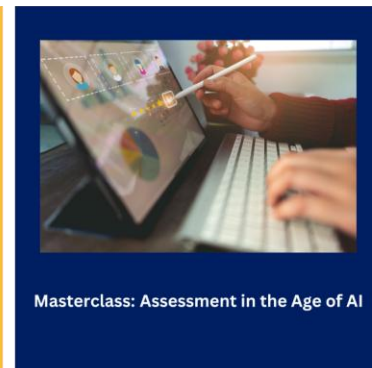
Masterclass: Enhancing Your Course Using Video Engagement -
November 12 from 11:00-11:30 AM



Podcasting: Find Your Audience -
November 13 from 1:00-2:00 PM



AI Meeting Assistants for Beginners -
November 14 from 12:00-12:30 PM



Masterclass: Assessments in the Age of AI -
November 26 from 11:00-11:30 AM

DFI Speaker Series - November 2024

DFI welcomes the TC community to “**The Privilege of Play: Connecting Games and Race in the 20th Century**”, a talk by Aaron Trammell, Associate Professor of Informatics at UC Irvine.

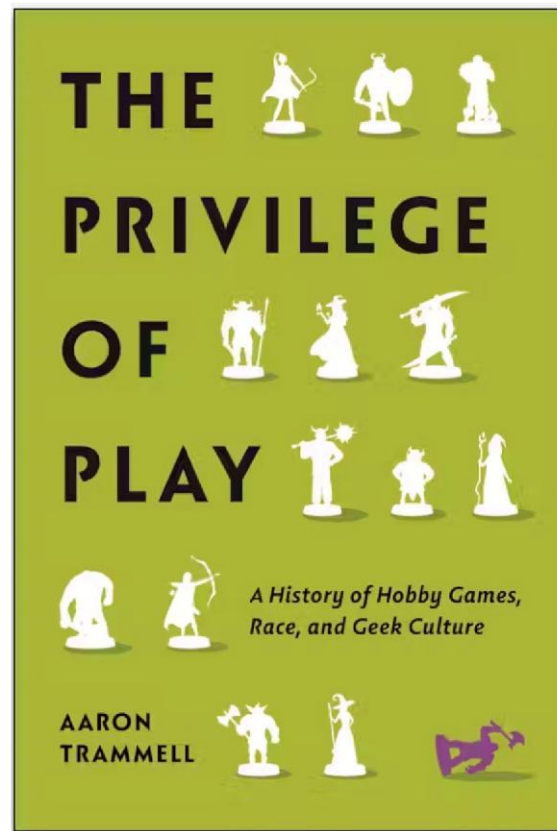
- **Date: November 19, 2024**
- **Time: 4:00-6:00 PM**
- **Location: Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor**

ABOUT THE TALK:

Race has been central to the history of games. Dr. Trammell will present historical research that shows how the early leaders of the game industry were able to thrive due to their community ties. He terms these white communities "networks of privilege" and offers evidence for how these networks developed during the course of the 20th century and used dog whistles to keep BIPOC people out. Dr. Trammell will foreground how the invisible politics of whiteness have shaped the history of games itself.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Aaron Trammell is interested in how tabletop games further values of white privilege and hegemonic masculinity in geek culture. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Analog Game Studies*, Multimedia Editor at *Sounding Out!* and the co-editor for the *Tabletop Gaming* series at University of Michigan Press. His books include [Repairing Play](#), [The Privilege of Play](#), and *Designing Dragons: Quantifying Fantasy in Dungeons & Dragons* (available late 2025).



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Community Podcast Highlights from DFI Studio Hours

Our media team has heard some great podcasts being recorded during [DFI's studio hours](#) in Macy 259, and we wanted to share some of the highlights with the Teachers College community.

This month, we are highlighting two podcasts from TC community members who have been making creative use of the studio. And this is just the start: Stay tuned to learn about more shows in future newsletters.

Beyond Beauty with Dr. Jacqueline Cofield



[Beyond Beauty](#) explores the aesthetic praxes of global women artists—including their perspectives, artistic strategies, and creation of material culture objects. A goal of this podcast is to illuminate the ways their work may inspire emancipatory possibilities in learning spaces. A central goal is to recognize the knowledge global women artists draw upon and produce. Visit the [Beyond Beauty website](#) to learn more and listen, and [subscribe on Apple Podcasts](#).

i.B.Artin' with Mars Cardwell and Kira Daniel

The i.B.Artin' Podcast is a dedicated platform inspiring Black arts and artists within the creative industry. Mars Cardwell and Kira Daniel share insights as Black women into their journeys as performing artists and arts administrators, aiming to illuminate the challenges and experiences unique to the Black community in the arts. Subscribe now on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Amazon](#).



Tech, Wellbeing & AI with Teachers Supporting Teachers

DFI's Teachers Supporting Teachers (TST) hosts events for K-12 educators to gather, reflect upon their instructional journeys, and discover meaningful ways to infuse technology into their everyday lessons and curriculum.



Teachers Supporting Teachers

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. Our next meet-up will be **December 7, 2024, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Russell Hall 4th Floor**. We will be discussing **Technology & Wellbeing in the Age of AI**: [Register now](#)

Not able to make this session? Sign up to [join our TST mailing list](#) to receive all educator opportunities at DFI.

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