

Welcome to the **December 2024 newsletter** from the Digital Futures Institute. In this issue, find out more about the following:

- Online webinar: Multimodal learning and instruction
- Book talk: Not your parents' politics
- Research talk: AI for artificial creativity
- Reading group: Invitation to join
- · In-person workshop for teachers: AI and wellbeing

Online Webinar on Multimodal Learning

Masterclass: What is Multimodal Learning and how can you implement it into your instruction?

Date: December 3
Time: 11:00-11:30 AM
Location: Online - Zoom



In this 30-minute webinar, join us to uncover what multimodal learning is and how you can incorporate it into your instruction. Learn how using various modes of learning—visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and more—can enhance student engagement and comprehension. You will gain a solid understanding of multimodal learning and practical strategies for integrating it into your teaching methods. You will also discover techniques for evaluating the impact of these approaches on your students' learning outcomes.

Register

TCR BOOK TALK: Not Your Parents' Politics

Date: December 3Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

• Location: Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th Floor

Join Prof. Ioana Literat, author of *Not Your Parents' Politics: Understanding Young People's Political Expression on Social Media* (Oxford University Press, 2024, co-authored with Neta Kligler-Vilenchik) to discuss how young people experiment with their political voice online. This thought-provoking discussion will explore how, in considering social media as a space for youth political expression, we need to put aside conventional expectations about the forms that political expression should take.



Register

Research Talk: AI for Artificial Creativity

Date: December 5, 2024Time: 1:00-2:00 PM

Location: DFI Mixed Use Space, Russell Hall 5th floor



Join us for a conversation about artificial creativity with Professor Christoph Schommer, Associate Professor at the University of Luxembourg and head of the Al4Education focus area. In the talk, Professor Schommer will both present some selected projects from the fields of education, art, and others and also discuss various ideas with regard to artificial creativity.

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Reading Group Invitation



Open Practices is a hub for reading groups that explore unusual themes in education. There are three current opportunities for you to join.

In conjunction with the DFI Gallery exhibit *Puppets*, we are exploring archival material from the Gottesman Library as well as new material on the pedagogic implications of puppets. (Every other Thursday, 1pm EST, hybrid)

We are also restarting a reading group on *Gesture* that dives into embodied practices of learning. What do we do with our bodies in the post-digital age? (Fridays, 3pm EST, hybrid)

And lastly, we are planning a group on the Diagram as a theoretical concept and as a visual practice of study and thought. (December, TBD)

For more information, or to stay in the loop for further opportunities, visit openpractices.org.

Teachers Supporting Teachers: Technology & Wellbeing in the Age of AI

Date: December 7, 2024Time: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

· Location: Smith Learning Theater, Russell Hall 4th floor

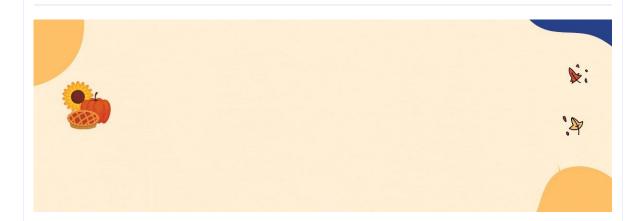




Teachers Supporting Teachers

Join us for a hands-on workshop focused on exploring the intersection of technology use and student wellbeing. We will delve into the benefits and risks associated with technology in education, identify effective strategies for promoting healthy technology habits among both students and educators, and examine digital tools and AI-powered resources designed to support mental health and wellbeing. You'll learn to develop a balanced approach to technology integration that prioritizes physical and emotional wellbeing, leveraging AI for enhanced monitoring and support. By the end, you'll craft an actionable plan to incorporate wellbeing practices into your technology policies and classroom routines, ensuring a supportive and balanced learning environment.

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The Digital Futures Institute wishes you a very happy Thanksgiving and holiday season. The next DFI newsletter will be sent in January 2025 for the spring semester.

DFI will be closed from December 24, 2024 through January 1, 2025 for winter

break. We will address all requests submitted through the ticketing system and to other DFI general email addresses after the holiday break on January 2nd.



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