

DFI December Faculty Newsletter!

With winter break right around the corner DFI is here to assist you with wrapping up your fall courses and assisting with the spring. Below is all of the information you will need to get a head start on your Spring 2025 courses and any information you might need in wrapping up your current courses to prepare for both a nice winter rest and a productive spring semester ahead.

We also have some exciting workshops and webinars coming up that you definitely don't want to miss.

We hope you have a wonderful month and thank you for reading!



What's New

1. Wrap up your Fall 2024 Semester with Help from DFI

Utilize DFI's resources so that you can finish up the Fall semester smoothly.

On-Demand Resources:

When wrapping up your fall semester take a look at our many on-demand resources that can assist you with:

- [Creating a Canvas assignment using Turnitin](#) to help you assess student writing.
- If AI is on your mind, read through [recommendations for generative AI use for teaching at TC](#) or [TC's recommendations for developing a generative AI policy for your course](#).
- Lastly, and probably the most important, remember to [Submit your End of the Semester Grades](#) to Banner before taking off to enjoy your winter break!

Individual assistance from DFI:

If you need assistance with anything remember that you can always [Contact DFI](#).

2. Support for your Spring 2025 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 spring
- Utilizing [one of the TC templates](#)
- Answering any questions you might have about adding content to your Canvas course

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.

3. Classroom Technology Support for your Courses

Open a Media Services Request:

Media Services can come and assist you with getting started at the beginning of each class session. Complete a request early to make sure you are on their schedule by filling out a [Media Services request form](#).

Classroom Specific Questions:

If you have a classroom specific technology question, [open a ticket](#) and Media Services will work with you to find an answer.

Upcoming Faculty PD



Immersive Experience Club

Wednesday 12/4: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Smith Learning Theater, 4th Floor Russell Hall

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](#)



Research Talk: AI for Artificial Creativity (Prof. Christoph Schommer, University of Luxembourg)

Thursday 12/5: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Russell Hall 5th FI - Mixed-Use Space

Join us for a conversation about artificial creativity with Prof. Christoph Schommer, Associate Professor at the University of Luxembourg and head of the [AI4Education focus area](#).

The field of artificial creativity refers to the idea of imitating human creativity and/or developing a computer system that is capable of being creative according to human understanding. This naturally raises questions, such as how such artificial creativity can be achieved and measured or to what extent it can be accepted. In the talk, I will present some selected projects from the fields of education, art and others and discuss various ideas with regard to artificial creativity.

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Teachers Supporting Teachers - Teaching Through Tech: An Interdisciplinary Exploration

Saturday 12/7: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Smith Learning Theater, 4th Floor Russell Hall

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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