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Welcome to the DFI April Faculty Newsletter!

With the Spring semester quickly coming to an end, we are pleased to share the New Quizzes feature on Canvas and all of the details that you will need to request support for getting your courses up and running. Additionally, go ahead and explore our [AI and Pedagogy](#) resources, which provide a comprehensive array of enriching materials.

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

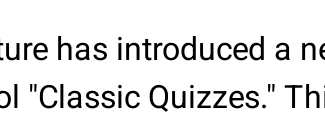


.....> What's New?

1. Introducing Canvas New Quizzes

Tutorial Video Series

- INSTRUCTOR -
New Quizzes Overview



Exciting news for faculty members: Instructure has introduced a new quiz tool for Canvas called "New Quizzes," while still providing the current tool "Classic Quizzes." This gives instructors the flexibility to choose between the two options, based on their preferences.

New Quizzes offers [four new question types](#) not found in Classic Quizzes and allows for partial points/credit for certain question types. Moreover, it provides more control over quiz settings and enhances the user experience for both quiz takers and builders.

Classic Quizzes and New Quizzes share many of the same quizzing functions. However, the two quiz tools function rather differently. For a more detailed comparison, check this [Canvas | New Quizzes Feature Comparison Table](#).

2. Support for your Summer 2024 Canvas courses

Individual assistance from DFI:

If you would like assistance setting up your Canvas course, please [Open a DFI Support Ticket](#), and one of our Instructional Support Associates (ISAs) will contact you to assist. We can assist with:

- Importing content from last summer
- Utilizing [one of the TC templates](#)
- Answering any questions you might have about adding content to your Canvas course
- Show you how to [request your readings through the Course Resource List](#)

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

The [Digital Futures Institute](#) collaborates with [Media Services](#) (in TCIT) to provide you support for your classroom technology and digital pedagogy needs. See below for two ways to receive support for classroom technology use.

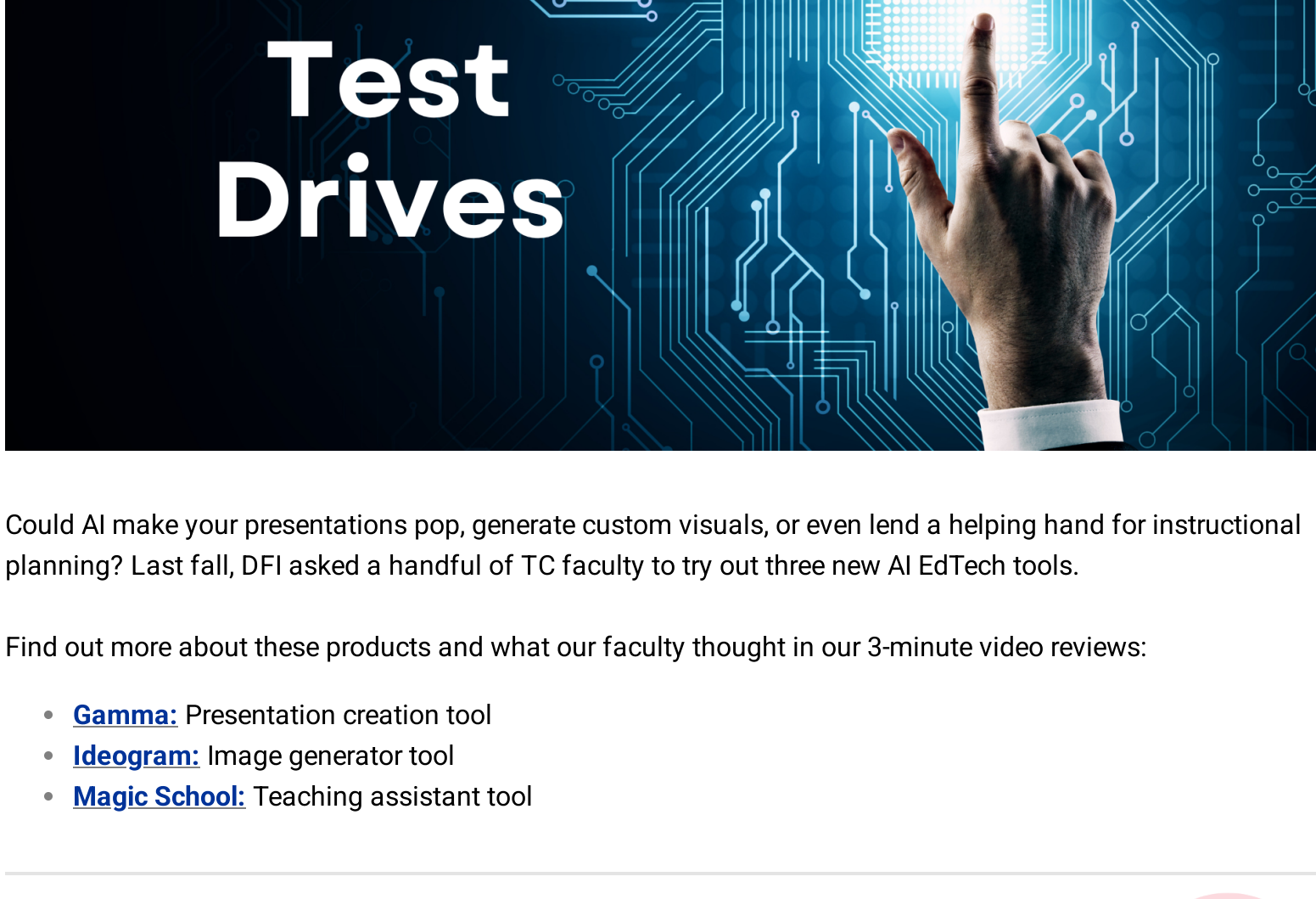
Open a Media Services Request:

Media Services can 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.

4. AI EdTech Test Drives



Could AI make your presentations pop, generate custom visuals, or even lend a helping hand for instructional planning? Last fall, DFI asked a handful of TC faculty to try out three new AI EdTech tools.

Find out more about these products and what our faculty thought in our 3-minute video reviews:

- [Gamma](#): Presentation creation tool
- [Ideogram](#): Image generator tool
- [Magic School](#): Teaching assistant tool

Upcoming Faculty PD <.....



Immersive Experience Club

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
12:00 - 1:30 PM

Smith Learning Theater

This will be the last meeting for the spring semester. This workshop series invites all TC community members to delve deep into the Virtual Reality (VR) world. Attendees will explore its transformative potential through hands-on experiences with various VR applications for education and engage in discussions of its implications for teaching and learning.



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Teachers Supporting Teachers: Extended Reality of Learning

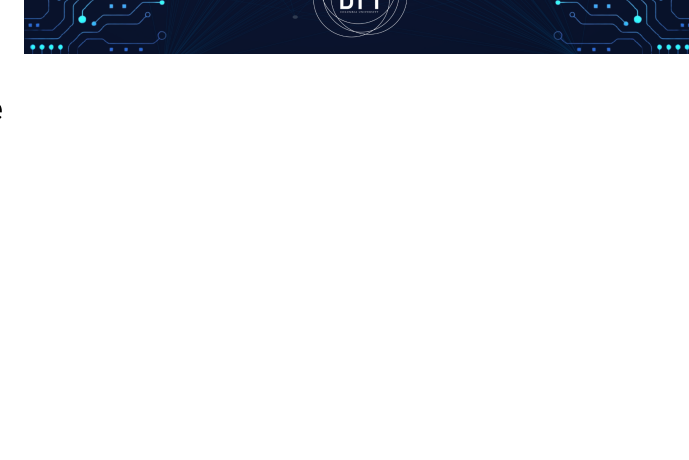
Saturday, April 6, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Smith Learning Theater

In the final Teachers Supporting Teachers meetup of the year, transport your students to new worlds with extended reality! In this hands-on workshop, explore how immersive technologies like virtual reality and augmented reality can transform K-12 instruction and captivate learners. Experience VR field trips, augmented science labs, and mixed reality historical reenactments. Learn best practices for implementing XR lessons and curating engaging content.

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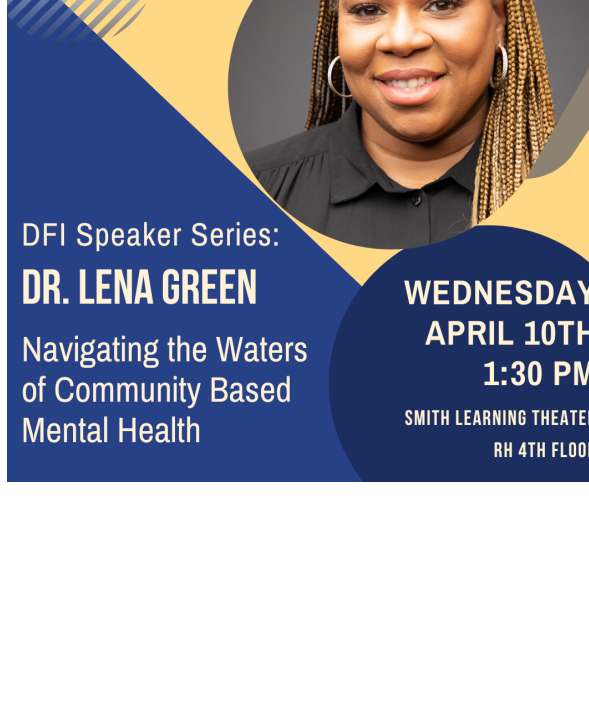
DFI Learning Lab: Interactive Learning with Padlet and Thinglink

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
11:00 - 11:30 AM
Online



In the last of the DFI Learning Lab series for the semester, we will explore how Padlet and Thinglink can revolutionize teaching by fostering engagement and creativity. Padlet offers a collaborative digital canvas for real-time idea sharing and resource organization, while Thinglink transforms static content into interactive learning experiences through multimedia integration. We will discover how to effectively integrate these tools into lessons, projects, and presentations.

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DFI Speaker Series: Navigating the Waters of Community-based Mental Health

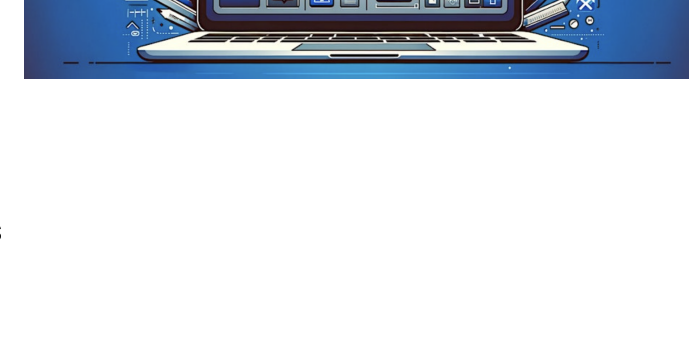
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Smith Learning Theater

In her more than 20-plus years of direct practice and management experience as a leader, clinician, professor and administrator, Dr. Green has had a tremendous impact on countless New Yorkers. Her work encompasses the integration of faith-based mental health services, reducing mental health treatment disparities in racial and ethnic populations, clinical interventions with various populations across the lifespan, including interdisciplinary approaches for new and expectant parents. Her research focuses on fatherhood, mental health in communities of color, and trauma-informed practices.

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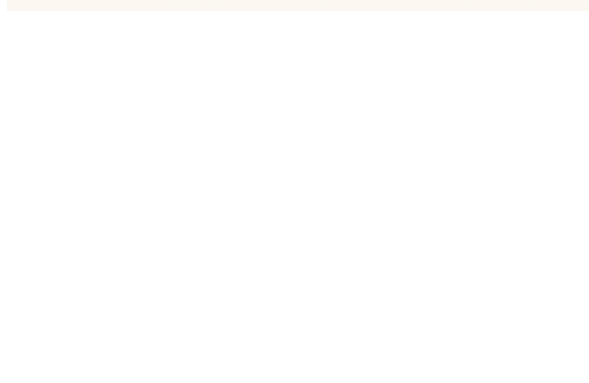
Tech Playground: AI Video and Audio Tools

Thursday, April 18, 2024
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Russell Hall 5 - Mixed-Use Space



Discover the transformative power of AI in multimedia at our Tech Playground for AI Video and Audio! See how these innovative tools will automatically generate recordings as you create them, let you create new videos directly from text, and allow you to edit audio and video as easily as a document. Our DFI experts will guide you through these fascinating features, ideal for enhancing your projects and teaching materials.

[Register](#)



Creating Images with Artificial Intelligence

Friday, April 19, 2024
12:00 - 12:30 PM
Online

Join our 30-minute webinar to get a quick overview of how to use AI image generators like DALL·E, Midjourney, and Ideogram. Whether for projects or teaching, learn how to easily transform your ideas into exciting visuals. We'll demonstrate the tools' functionalities, discuss ethical use, and encourage your creativity. Perfect for educators, students, and staff – no artistic skills required!

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