



DFI Faculty Newsletter

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Welcome to the DFI November Faculty Newsletter!

While the leaves are changing and the air is getting crisper, DFI is excited to begin thinking about the Spring semester. We are pleased to include below all of the details that you will need to request support for getting your courses up and running.

We are also excited to announce that [Ally for TC](#) will be coming to your courses on **November 28th**. You can learn more about Ally below.

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

What's New?

1. Spring 2023 Course Development Support

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 fall
- 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.

2. Coming to your Canvas Course on November 28th

Ally for Teachers College:

Ally is an integrated tool in Canvas that helps instructors enhance accessibility of digital content in their courses. Ally instantly [checks your Canvas course files](#) for common accessibility issues using a scoring system.

Ally then provides guidance and tips for improvements that will drastically increase the accessibility of your course content and creates [alternative formats for your files](#), such as audio files, screen readable PDFs, etc. Instructors can improve file accessibility with Ally's step-by-step instructions.



Upcoming Faculty PD

Social Media for Educators: Social media trends to engage your students

Wednesday 11/16: 1:00 pm - 2:00 PM
Russell Hall 5th Fl. Mixed-Use Space

Learn how to incorporate social media trends into your lessons! In this workshop, we will discuss how a meme, TikTok assignment, or even a social club can shake things up and provide engaging and fun ways for your students to engage in learning.



Research Workshops



Research Software: Advanced SPSS

Thursday 11/03: 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM
Russell Hall 5th Fl. Mixed-Use Space

This workshop aims to help researchers get more out of the data they possess by using inferential statistics. Topics include Data Transformation, t-tests to ANOVA. You will learn how to go beyond just describing your data in terms of averages and percentages to making decisions about whether or not the findings from your data are significant. This workshop will show you how to use SPSS to perform analyses to check for statistical significance and interpret the data output in a manner relevant to your study. If attending in person, please bring your own computer with SPSS installed.



Research Software: NVivo

Wednesday 11/10: 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM
Mixed Use Space - Russell Hall 5th Floor

This introductory workshop seeks to bring participants up to speed with NVivo, a leading software program in qualitative data analysis. NVivo aids in finding, organizing and analyzing insights about unstructured data. That may include interviews, open-ended surveys, background literature, social media, multimedia, and web content. NVivo facilitates individual and team-based approaches. If attending in person, please bring your own computer with NVivo 12 installed.



Research Software: Intro to R

Thursday 11/17: 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM
Mixed Use Space - Russell Hall 5th Floor

Learn how to use R, a free statistical package for data analysis. This workshop will provide an introduction to R, including basic commands, data management, and descriptive statistics. Attendees will learn how to write basic R scripts, edit a dataset, transform variables, generate descriptive statistics, frequency tables, and histograms. The session will be hands-on, with the opportunity to run some common hypothesis tests such as correlations and t-tests. If you are attending in person, please bring your own computer with R and RStudio installed.

