DFI Faculty Newsletter

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Welcome to the DFI October Faculty Newsletter!

DFI has some very exciting workshop and events happening this month. We also have some *exciting* announcements reguarding faculty office hours, new software coming to yoour Canvas course, and faculty use of the Macy Studio B recording equiootment.

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

What's New?

1. Coming Soon to your Canvas Course

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.
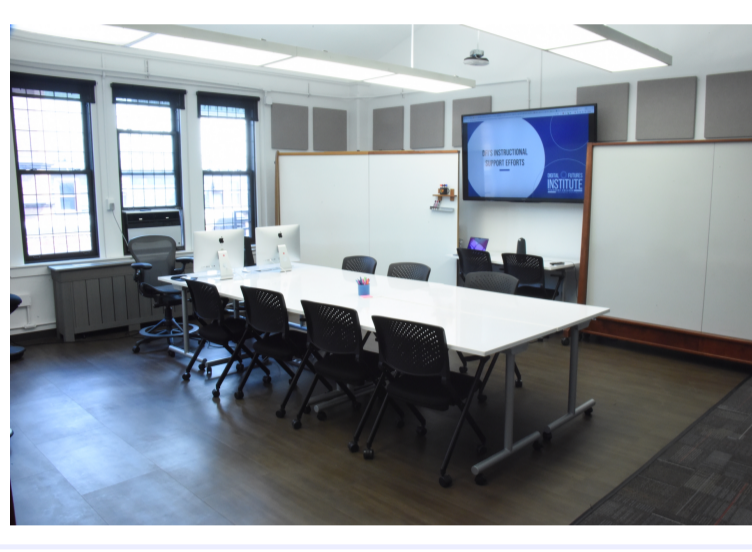
Ally for Teachers College ⧉

2. In-person Faculty Office Hours at DFI

We are excited to announce that DFI has begin offering Faculty drop-in Office Hours **Monday - Thursday from 10:00 am - 3:00 PM in Russell Hall 501.**

At In-Person Office hours we can:

- Show you how to set up course materials in Canvas.
- Consult on selecting a technology tool for your pedagogical needs.

3. Macy Studio B Hours

DFI is excited to launch "Studio Hours" in Macy Studio B **(Macy 259) on September 6th**. Studio hours will include:

- Access to a **recording station** designed for faculty, staff and students to record quality webcam presentations with the aid of lights, backdrops, a green screen, and a studio microphone.
- A **podcast station** with four microphones and a mixer for those looking for a place to record quality audio.
- **Assistance from a DFI representative** who will be available to provide support during your recording.

You can use these appointment slots to sign up for time in the studio.

Sign up for Studio Hours ⧉

Instructional Update

ALLY FOR TEACHERS COLLEGE

October Instructional Update - Ally at TC

This Fall DFI and OASID are teaming up to launch a new tool for your Canvas courses! Ally for TC is an option available in Canvas that checks the accessibility of your course and automatically provides your students alternative formats to your course resources, such as an audio version of your slide presentation.

If you would like Ally added to your course before it is implemented for all of TC on November 28th please contact DFI and we will help you out.

Upcoming Faculty PD

Research Software: EndNote X9 Workshop

Thursday 10/6; 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM
Russell Hall 5th Fl. Mixed-Use Space

Creating the bibliography is often the most tedious part of writing a research paper. Using EndNote, a bibliographic management software program, this task just became much easier. In this workshop learn: how to create an EndNote Library, how to download results from a literature search into EndNote, and how to organize your EndNote Library and much more. If you are attending in person, please bring your own computer with EndNote installed.

Register ⧉

Research Software: Intro to Qualtrics

Thursday 10/13; 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM
Russell Hall 5th Fl. Mixed-Use Space

Qualtrics is a powerful yet easy-to-use online survey tool that is free for all TC students, faculty and staff. In this workshop, you will log into Qualtrics, review the different question types, add logic to a survey, review the different methods for distributing surveys, and downloading survey results. If you are attending in person, lease bring your own computer.
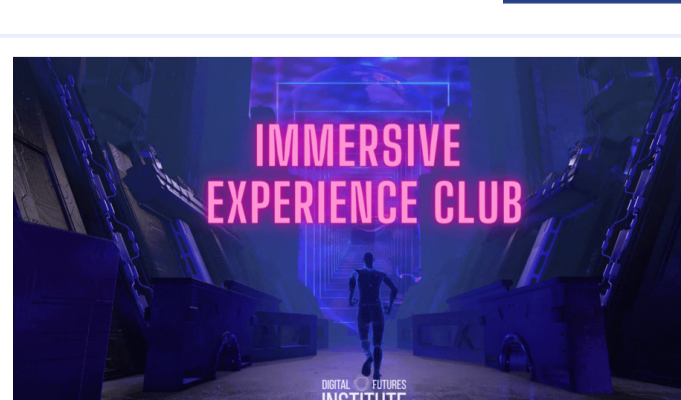
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Immersive Experience Club

Wednesday 10/19; 12:00 pm - 1:00 PM
Russell Hall 5th Fl. Mixed-Use Space

Calling TC's VR enthusiasts! Digital Future Institute (DFI) excitedly introduces the Immersive Experience Club where you can try out a wide range of VR applications and engage in discussions about how this technology can be leveraged for teaching and learning. The club is open to faculty and students at TC.

VR headsets will be provided and no prior knowledge or experience with VR is required.

The club meets 3 times during Fall semester.

Register ⧉

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