

### DFI October Faculty Newsletter!

This month, we're excited to introduce our new [Instructional Guides & Resources](#) site, where you'll find a wealth of instructional strategies and AI resources designed to elevate your teaching approach.

We're also thrilled to launch the [AI Explorers Series](#). This series delves into the various facets of Artificial Intelligence and explores practical ways to integrate AI into educational settings.

You can find all of the details below.

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

## What's New?

### 1. Instructional Guides & Resources

DFI has put together a group of comprehensive guides to help you leverage the instructional and informational materials developed at DFI. Utilize these guides to enhance your teaching methods, deepen your understanding of pedagogy and Artificial Intelligence, and ignite new ideas that you can implement in the classroom.

[View the Guides & Resources](#)

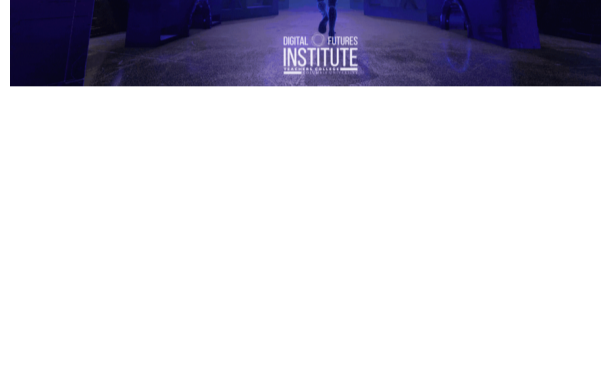
### 2. AI Explorers Series

Join us this fall for the [AI Explorers' Series](#), a comprehensive program to demystify artificial intelligence and its applications for the entire TC community. This series includes engaging webinars and our on-campus Tech Playgrounds.



[Register for Workshops](#)

## Upcoming Faculty PD



### Immersive Experience Club

**Tuesday, October 8th, 2024: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

**Smith Learning Theater: Russell Hall 4th Floor**

This workshop series invites all TC community members to delve deep into the Virtual Reality (VR) world to explore its 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](#)

### Qualitative Analysis with NVivo

**Tuesday, October 8th, 2024:  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Hybrid Russel Hall 5 - Mixed-Use Space**

This introductory workshop seeks to bring participants up to speed with NVivo for MAC, 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. Please bring your own computer with NVivo 14 installed.



### Teachers Supporting Teachers Utilizing AI in Your Teaching Practices

**Saturday, October 12th, 2024:**

**Smith Learning Theater: Russell Hall 5th Floor**

Join us for a hands-on workshop designed to introduce educators to the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its transformative potential in the classroom. You'll gain a solid understanding of AI concepts and explore a range of tools and experiences that can enhance both teaching and learning practices. Learn to develop effective strategies for integrating AI into your classroom practices, fostering personalized learning, and streamlining administrative tasks. We'll also address ethical considerations and challenges associated with AI in education. By the end of the workshop, you'll create a practical plan to implement AI-based solutions, aimed at boosting student engagement and improving educational outcomes.

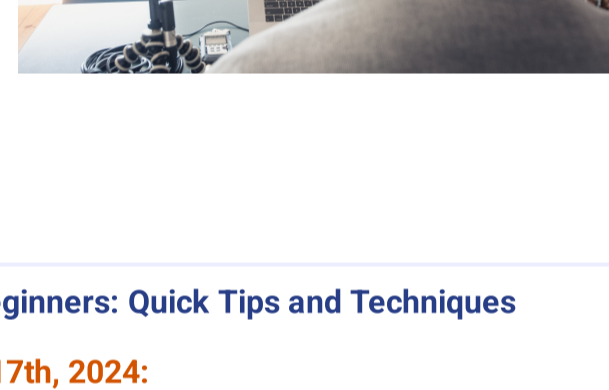
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### Podcast Recording Outside the Studio

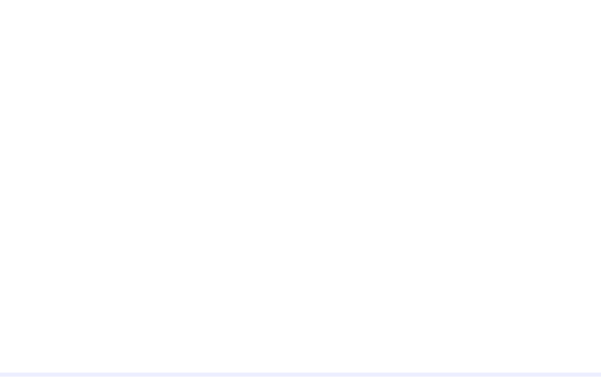
**Wednesday, October 16th, 2024:  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Macy 259**

It's great to come to our podcast studio in Macy 259 to record really good audio, but if you want to record and you need to be somewhere else? Learn tips and tricks for recording audio on location, remote recording, and making the most of the equipment and setup you have at home or out in the world.



[Register](#)



### AI Prompting for Beginners: Quick Tips and Techniques

**Thursday, October 17th, 2024:  
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM**

**Online**

Discover the basics of AI prompting in our 30-minute webinar tailored for beginners. If you are new to AI tools, this session will provide practical insights and strategies to start your journey. Learn how to craft effective prompts and engage in meaningful conversations with AI models. Join us to explore key concepts, best practices, and real-world applications that will help you achieve more accurate and creative outputs from your AI interactions.

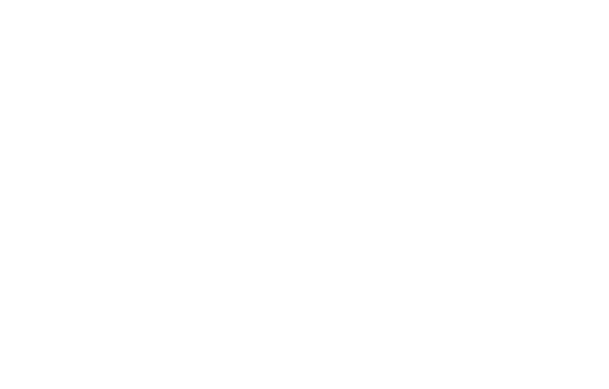
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### Book Talk: Designing for Empathy - The Architecture of Connections in Learning Environments

**Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024:  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Smith Learning Theater - Russell Hall 4th Floor**

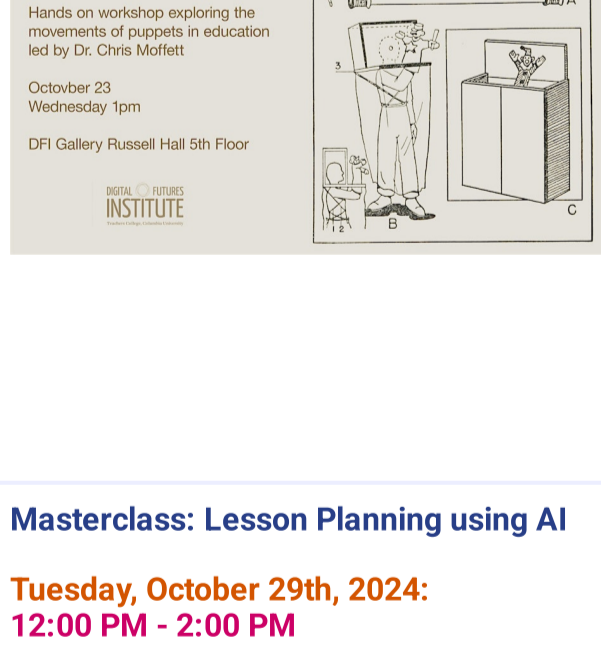
Join Aybars Ascı and Julia Higdon, authors of "Designing for Empathy - The Architecture of Connections in Learning Environments" to discuss the inextricable relationship between developmental psychology and our physical environment.



The conversation will be moderated by TC Record Executive Editor, Prof. Nancy Lesko with a panel of experts including Prof. Michelle Samura (Santiago Canyon College), Prof. Lindy Roy (Columbia GSAPP) and Prof. Elizabeth de Freitas (Adelphi University).

This thought-provoking discussion will explore how architectural design influences human behavior, emotions, and learning processes. Our distinguished panel will delve into Ascı's groundbreaking research on creating spaces that foster empathy, particularly in educational settings.

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### Puppet Movement Lab

**Wednesday, October 23th, 2024:  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**DFI Gallery Space: Russell Hall 5th Floor**

There is something intuitive and compelling about puppets. If you turn your hand into a puppet, people will understand the gesture and give it their attention. But what exactly are we doing when we puppet, and what is it about the gestures of a puppet that captivate us?

In this hands-on workshop, led by Dr. Chris Moffett, we will explore and deepen our understanding of puppets and education, by attending to their (and our) movements. We will explore practices of animating objects, while also attending to how they in turn bring life to our own expressive gestures. Open to all who want to deepen their appreciation of the educational potential of puppets.

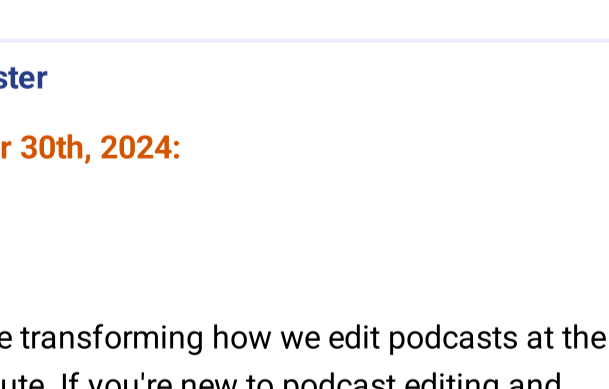
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### Masterclass: Lesson Planning using AI

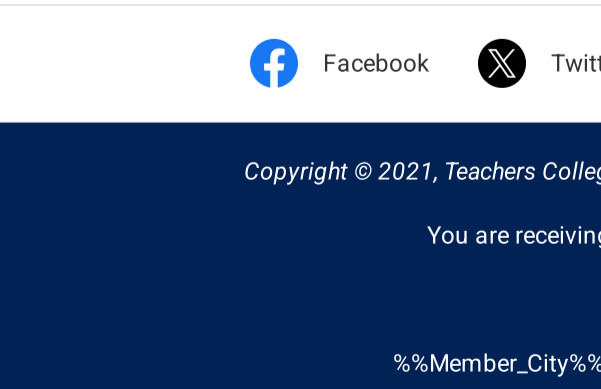
**Tuesday, October 29th, 2024:  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Online**

In this 30 minute webinar we will explore how large language models can be used to create lesson plans that are customized to your classroom regardless of the grade or subject. We will cover how to utilize these tools to boost creativity, create effective activities, handouts and other materials to support your instruction and student learning.



[Register](#)



### Podcasting: Edit Faster

**Wednesday, October 30th, 2024:  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Macy 259**

New editing tools are transforming how we edit podcasts at the Digital Futures Institute. If you're new to podcast editing and want to know where to start with audio editing, or if you have some experience but want to learn more about text-based editing and other tools that could help you edit faster and help your podcast sound better, this workshop is for you!

[Register](#)