

DIGITAL FUTURES INSTITUTE

Building the future of learning

DFI Gallery presents: Freedom Dreaming for Educational Justice

An exhibition of artwork exploring education
dreams by K12 educators, students, and
university faculty

October 13 - 27

5th Floor of Russell Hall



Exhibition Opening & Gallery Talk: October 13th, 3:00pm -
5:00pm

Interactive art-making for children and families: October 14th

DFI Visiting Scholar Prof. Kelly Wissman (University at Albany) and colleagues, joined by our own Prof. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz, will give a gallery talk about the exhibition on October 13th at 3:00pm.

Later this autumn, Dr. Wissman will facilitate a seminar about the ongoing research connected with the project.

The [Freedom Dreaming for Educational Justice](#) project explores the possibilities of designing new educational futures through the arts. This public engagement research project brought together K-12 educators, aspiring teachers and mental health counselors, K-12 students, authors, artists, faculty, and the broader community to create education freedom dreams for exhibition in online and public spaces. Inspired by concepts of freedom dreaming within the work of Robin D. G. Kelley and the abolitionist scholarship of Bettina L. Love, this diverse collective has engaged in arts-based inquiries into the creation of more equitable and humanizing educational spaces.

See the [DFI website](#) for more details.

What's Going on at DFI?

Tech Playground - Immersive Technologies

Wednesday, Oct 5, 11 am - 1 pm



Want to get more comfortable with using technology? Want to explore immersive technologies (augmented reality and virtual reality) and learn how they can be used for teaching and learning? In this workshop, you will get hands-on experience with AR and VR applications that can be used for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) education in a safe and fun environment.

Tech Playground Series: The DFI Tech Playground Series encourages curiosity, experimentation, and exploration through hands-on play with technology. Our first session will be on [Immersive Technologies](#) in October. After that, be on the lookout for more sessions, including [Create your Own Media](#) in November and [Assistive Technology](#) in December.

Faculty Office Hours

We are excited to announce that on Tuesday, September 27, DFI began offering Faculty drop-in Office Hours Monday - Thursday from 10:00 am - 3:00 PM.

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](#).

[Learn More about Faculty Office Hours](#)

Instructional Update Videos

Keep up to date with our [most recent Instructional Update](#). You can also view all previous episodes on our [Instructional Update playlist](#). New updates will be posted the first Tuesday of each month.

7 Tips for Boosting Your Classroom Presentations

Looking to use a Powerpoint or Google Slides presentation in class? We offer you some [useful tips](#) that you can use to easily share your presentation with your students and help you feel like you are getting the most out of your class time!

How's School? DFI's new podcast

A New Podcast from DFI Launches October 12. Subscribe now!

“How’s School?” The question adults reflexively ask and kids hate to answer. The truth is, we care about our young people; dare we say, even worry about them. But staying connected to their world and all the complexity they navigate can be a challenge. The scope of issues we look at includes education, health, and psychology – but at the core is their well-being and our ability to face things that impact them without losing heart. Follow [“How’s School?”](#) wherever you podcast. The series begins Oct 12, 2022.



Immersive Experience Club

Beginning in October!



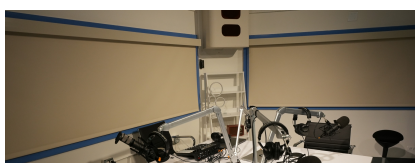
Calling TC’s VR enthusiasts! DFI excitedly introduces the [Immersive Experience Club](#) where you can try out a wide range of VR applications and engage in discussions about how this technology can be leveraged for teaching and learning. The club meets 3 times during the Fall semester on Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 5, 12pm - 1 pm at the Smith Learning Theater, 4th floor of Russell Hall.

Lunch will be provided.

Studio Hours

DFI is excited to have launched “Studio Hours” in Macy Studio B (Macy 259) this semester - now available! Use the [Studio B hours sign-up calendar](#) to reserve your slot today! 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.





Dissertation Defense in the Smith Learning Theater

Are You Looking For An Immersive Space To Defend Your Dissertation?

The Smith Learning Theater is well equipped with technology and tools you can use for your dissertation defense.

The space welcomes all innovative ideas for dissertation defense.

WITH A FEW SLOTS AVAILABLE
KINDLY SUBMIT A REQUEST

SUBMIT REQUEST AT:
<https://forms.gle/MtBJgmy4XXRvNqfN9>

DFI is launching a call for innovative, immersive dissertation defenses to be held in the Smith Learning Theater. What makes an innovative dissertation defense? You tell us! We're open to different formats and types, and our team is available to work with you and offer ideas on how to set up your dissertation defense as a multimodal experience.

The theater is well-equipped with audiovisual and livestreaming technologies and tools for projection and documentation that you can use during your interactive or multimodal defense. In this pilot phase, we will accept a small number of innovative defense proposals. Selection will be based on SLT availability, innovativeness of the defense design, and creative and effective use of technology that would be well suited for the Smith Learning Theater. Kindly submit* [an application](#) and our team will review them in a timely manner.

****Please note that students whose requests are selected will be asked to submit a letter directly from their dissertation sponsor in support of the innovative dissertation defense.***





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