



Academic Technology

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The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and Academic Technology (AT) departments are excited to offer a robust lineup of professional development opportunities for October. Whether you're looking to integrate new technologies, strengthen your assessment practices, building experiential learning courses, integrating our WAVE commitment, or explore innovative pedagogical approaches, these sessions provide practical takeaways you can implement immediately in your courses. All sessions are designed to be interactive and immediately applicable to your teaching context.

We encourage you to join us for sessions that align with your interests and professional goals. Your participation helps build our community of practice and enhances the learning experience for our students.

Review the [October events](#) and [register here](#).

CONGRATS!

We had a record number of Change 1 Thing applications! The selection process was difficult, please congratulate your colleagues that were selected for the incentive!



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<https://www.ju.edu/academictchonology/>

change 1 Thing Awardees

2025-2026

Peter Bohn	Arpita Jadav
Steven Davis	Annmarie Kent Willette
Tiffany Donley	Brian Palmer
Chieu Duong	Jeremy Stalker
Dillon Hanson	
Lauren Holloway	

"Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future" -John F. Kennedy



Accessibility: Teaching Smarter, Not Harder

Designing with accessibility in mind isn't just about compliance; it's about making your job easier and learning more effective for everyone. Simple steps like captioning videos, structuring documents clearly, and adding alternative text reduce student questions, prevent last-minute accommodation requests, and create a smoother classroom experience. The good news? You don't need expensive software to get started. Free tools like [Blackboard Ally](#) (built into our LMS), accessibility checkers in [Microsoft Word and PowerPoint](#), and auto-captioning in [YouTube](#), [Collaborate](#), and Kaltura make it easy to boost accessibility with minimal effort. When creating multimedia, include captions or transcripts, provide clear titles and descriptions, and describe visual elements verbally so all students can follow along. By prioritizing accessibility up front, you'll save time, improve engagement, and foster an inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

Want to learn more about accessibility? [Register for our asynchronous accessibility course!](#)



AI Resources: Your Toolkit for Teaching in the AI Era

Navigating AI in your classroom? You're not alone, and we've got resources to help. Start by exploring how AI actually learns with [Quick, Draw!](#) it's a fun, interactive tool that demystifies machine learning and makes a great classroom activity. Our [Responsible Use Primer](#) provides a solid foundation in ethical AI practices and helps them understand how to use these tools thoughtfully and appropriately. When you're ready to use AI tools yourself, the [PHINS Framework](#) offers a simple structure for effective prompting: Personality, Hone in on the Specifics Instruct, Nail the Nitty Gritty and Specify Specifics. This approach helps you get better, more useful results from Generative AI. And don't forget to check out the [AI Student Guidance](#) handbook for clear, practical advice on setting expectations and fostering responsible AI use. These tools can help you confidently integrate AI into your teaching while supporting student success.

Have you been integrating AI into assignments or activities with your students? We're collecting examples to showcase on our website and to inspire future projects. [Complete the survey to tell us about it!](#)



Kaltura Video Tool

With the increase in media availability, it is imperative we make instructional design decisions that provide support while utilizing university resource effectively.

While video is an amazing resource to encourage learning, it can also be a drain on university resources to host video if not done properly. For videos you are uploading into your courses, we utilize Kaltura to ensure seamless playback and efficient storage. The Office of Academic Technology has a wealth of resources to make learning and using Kaltura a seamless process.

Please consult below, and reach out to a member of our staff to assist!

[Upload and embed video in Blackboard using Kaltura](#)

[Add video to discussion board using Kaltura](#)

[Create a video quiz in Kaltura](#)

NEED HELP WITH:



- Blackboard
- Kaltura
- Respondus Lockdown Browser
- Canva
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Podcasts
- Video or multimedia recordings
- Basic computer skills
- Digital assignments?

We're at Swisher Library!

M-F 9am-5pm

DIGITAL LITERACY LAB

Remember to send your students to the Digital Literacy Lab at Swisher Library!

Our staff provides one-on-one tutoring and small group workshops on topics such as Blackboard, Kaltura, Respondus Lockdown Browser, Canva, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud, podcasts, video or multimedia recordings, basic computer skills, and digital assignments. We encourage faculty to refer any students who are having issues with software needed for class or need help improving their digital skills and competencies.

The DLL is on the main floor of Swisher Library, in room 222 near the circulation desk. The lab is open 9am - 5pm, Monday through Friday. Students can drop in or make appointments through [bookings](#). We have computers and software available for students to use individually or for collaborative work.

Please let your students know the Digital Literacy Lab is here to bolster their technology abilities and give them the digital know-how to succeed both in the classroom and beyond. Feel free to add the image above to your Blackboard course!

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