



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

September 23, 2025

Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

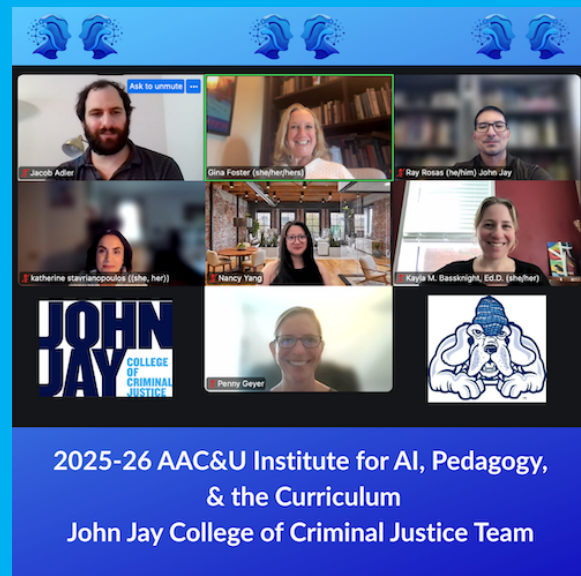
To those celebrating today: l'shana tova.

I've got three updates on (1) JJ team joining AAC&U AI institute, (2) the Digital Creation Lab is open, and (3) the OAR is hosting an open forum on federal funding and research on October 2.

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John Jay Team Joins Institute on AI, Pedagogy and the Curriculum

We continue to engage with the challenges of AI to higher education through education, discussion, and intentional action. This year, seven faculty and staff are participating in the [AAC&U's year-long Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum](#), "designed to help departments, programs, colleges and universities respond effectively to the challenges and opportunities artificial intelligence (AI) presents for courses, curricula, and higher education in general." Led by Teaching & Learning Center (TLC) Director Gina Rae Foster, the group includes Professors Penny Geyer (LPS), Jacob Adler (LIB) Kathy Stavrianopoulos (CHS), and Ray Rosas (ENG) as well as Director of Undergraduate Foundations, Nancy Yang, and Associate Director of Student Transitions, Kayla Bassknight.



Together, the group has three goals this year:

1. Develop of our students' learning agency and ethics with AI
2. Increase faculty resources and training for including AI in student-centered, inclusive, social justice pedagogies
3. Improve and expand communications and advocacy related to AI ethics and curriculum policies

Room 334 Haaren Hall Digital Creation Lab



Digital Creation Lab OPEN!

After planning and construction efforts guided by Anthony Bracco in Facilities and Sumaya Villanueva in Academic Affairs, the Digital Creation Lab is now open to John Jay students, faculty and staff. This fall, center manager Girard Tecson and a team of student tech leaders are offering drop-in tech support, workshop series, and developing collaborations across academic affairs to co-design technology-enhanced learning experiences—including AI-focused assignments, multimedia storytelling, and research-based digital projects.

The Digital Creation Lab (DCL) is a campus resource for all things tech and creative.

The DCL team assists students, faculty, and staff with editing videos, designing graphics, livestreaming, building presentations, podcasting, and creating online portfolios to showcase work. The lab provides hands-on support with software, equipment, and digital tools to bring your academic and creative projects to life. From beginners to tech-savvy creators, the DCL team and resources offers guidance, training, and access to the technology for all in the John Jay community to succeed.

Visit the DCL in Haaren Hall, Room 334: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DOrPgsgIRPx/>

Research & Federal Funding Open Forum

The Office for the Advancement of Research will host an **Open Forum on Thursday 10/2 at 1:40 PM** for faculty and staff to discuss and ask questions about recent changes in the federal funding landscape.

<https://jjay-cuny.zoom.us/j/82995562303?pwd=PDKMxyq1p6VjMmjLB7NYirLeYxWzXg.1>

Meeting ID: 829 9556 2303, Passcode: 807527



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