

The latest news, views, and announcements connected to AI at A&M-San Antonio

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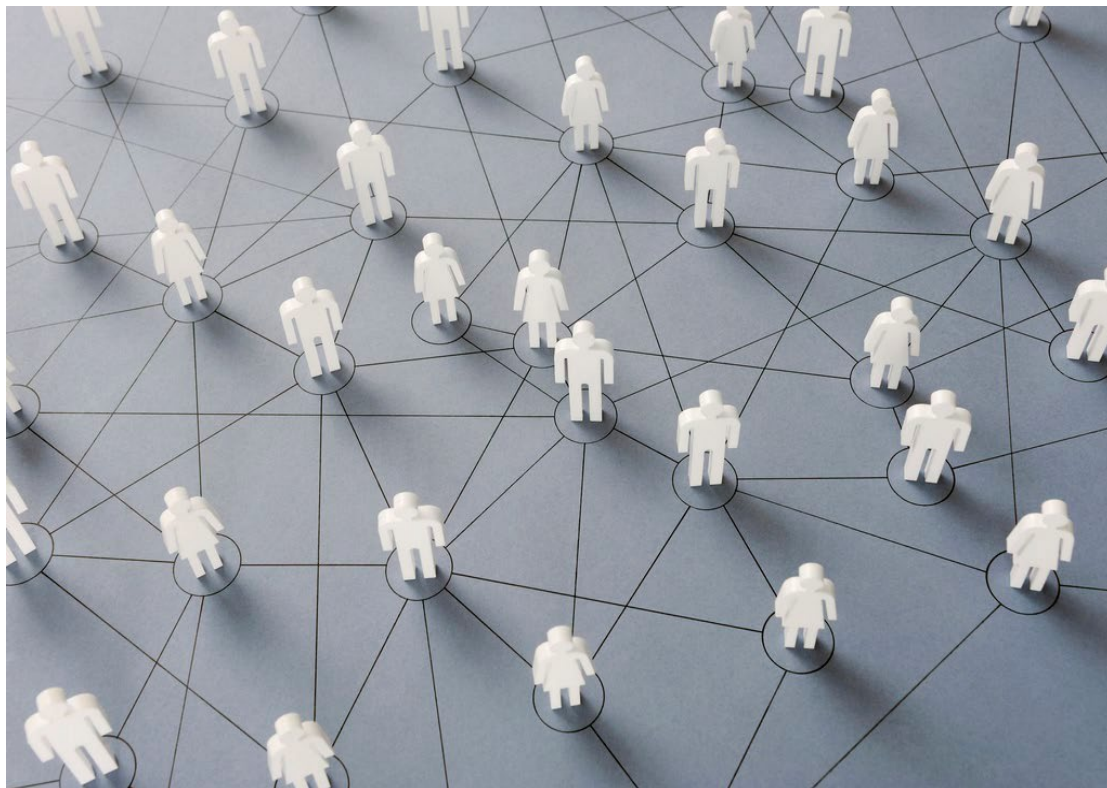
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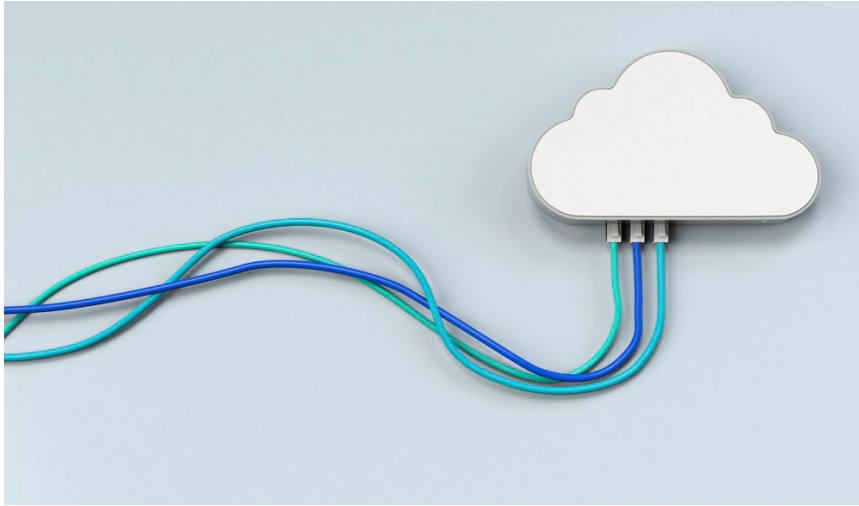
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## Upcoming AI Events

Learn more about AI tools, discover how to get started with AI, and attend an unconference on the A&M-San Antonio campus

- **First Fridays AI Playday** First Friday of each month from Noon-4pm. Library Room 202 *All students, faculty, and staff are welcome!* If you find a tool you think we should share in the newsletter, let us know. We can record clips of those cool tools and include them in our next newsletter.
- **Getting Started with AI** For guides to help you or your students get started with AI, visit the new AI website on the Academic Affairs page: [AI Resources] Visit <https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/ai-resources/index.html>
- **AI Unconference November 1, 2024. Library Multipurpose Room.** Come participate in an unconference. An unconference is a participant-driven event where attendees shape the agenda and we focus on open discussions and collaborative sessions rather than pre-planned presentations. Unlike traditional conferences, the unconference format is flexible and encourages spontaneous idea sharing and peer-to-peer learning. **Come discuss how AI is changing your field. Share your thoughts on policy changes. Talk about the impact AI will have on future job markets and society. Or raise any AI-related topic that is on your mind.**



## A&M-SA Participation in the 2024-2025 AAC&U AI Initiative

Members from the Center for Academic Innovation, the College of Education, and the Provost Fellow for AI are participating in a year-long Institute for AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum. The new AAC&U AI Initiative is a virtual institute to help selected higher education institutions develop effective practices and opportunities to bring AI usage in courses and curricula.

Goals for participating in the AAC&U AI Initiative are to

1. Develop evidence-based models that connect research and scholarship with approaches to developing courses, curricula, and pedagogies
2. Discover and adopt new ideas or approaches to assignments, feedback, grading, and assuring academic integrity
3. Create fair-minded AI policies and practices that account for ethical issues and ensure equitable outcomes.

The A&M-SA team will be engaged with the AI Institute through April 2025.

## Spring AI-Enhanced Teaching Workshop Series

Interested in enhancing your class with AI? **In Spring 2025, we're offering a workshop series.** Come be a part of a professional development opportunity to retool your class and improve your teaching with AI.

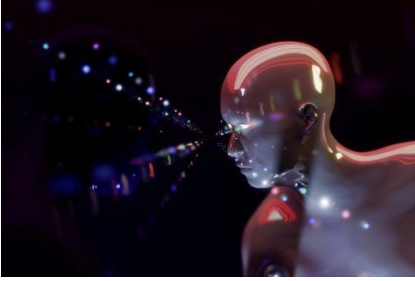
The workshop series is open to six (6) faculty members across the three colleges. A stipend is available for participants.

**A commitment is required:** Participants must be able to attend all 5 workshops offered.

There will be deliverables for each session and participants will present their work during the Student Research Symposium.

**To apply, send an email to [ateufel@tamusa.edu](mailto:ateufel@tamusa.edu) by November 10, 2024.** In your email provide your department, the course you'd like to update, why you believe refreshing the selected course will benefit your students, and your availability during the Spring 2025 semester.

## Quick News



**The College of Education and Human Development** is hosting a college-wide book club for Ethan Mollick's *Co-Intelligence: Living and Working with AI*. Eighteen interested faculty and staff members meet to discuss various aspects of AI pertinent to education fields. For more information, please reach out to Dr. Theresa Garfield or Kim Grotewold for more information.

### **If you're doing interesting or exciting things with AI in your college or department, we want to hear from you!**

Share the innovative ways your college or department or you are implementing AI in teaching, research, creative projects, or productivity. We'd love to feature your work in an upcoming newsletter. Reach out to Dr. Ashley Teufel [atuefel@tamusa.edu](mailto:atuefel@tamusa.edu) to share your story.



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## **Three Simple AI Tips for Professors**

If you're new to AI or if you're not sure where to begin, consider these three simple AI tips:

### **1. Update Your Syllabus Language**

Make your syllabus or assignment instructions more accessible to students. Try using this prompt with your favorite chatbot (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity):

"I am a professor teaching [subject] at the [undergraduate/graduate] level. Please revise the course description from my syllabus to make it more student-friendly, easier to read, and free from any biased language. Ensure that instructions are clear and concise to minimize potential misunderstandings. The tone should be professional but approachable."

Then paste the current syllabus text into the chatbot, hit enter, and see how the chatbot updates your text or instructions.

## 2. Refine Your Grading Rubric

Select a grading rubric from one of your assignments. Provide the learning outcomes for the assignment and ask your favorite chatbot (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity) to suggest how to rebalance the weighting of points to better reflect your desired learning outcomes. Try the following prompt to discover how to refine your current grading rubric:

"I am a professor teaching [Subject] at the [Undergraduate/Graduate] level. I need help refining the grading rubric for one of my assignments to better align with the learning outcomes. Below are the learning outcomes for the assignment:

1. [Learning Outcome 1]
2. [Learning Outcome 2]
3. [Learning Outcome 3]

Could you suggest how to rebalance the weighting of points in the rubric to better reflect the importance of each learning outcome? Provide a revised rubric using the one I've pasted below with adjusted point allocations and any suggestions for improvement. The tone should be professional and the guidance clear to avoid any misunderstandings."

Once you paste the information into the chatbot, hit enter, and see how the chatbot updates your grading rubric

## 3. Create AI-Generated Songs

There's no reason why you can't have a little fun with AI. Tap into your inner musician and check out <https://suno.com/> to generate a song with lyrics tapping into your favorite music style using on a topic or a subject you'll be discussing in class. If songs about educational topics worked for Schoolhouse Rock, imagine what songs about your topics or subjects might generate for class participation.

## Share Your Ideas!

If you have AI teaching tips, titles of articles or books on AI that you found interesting and helpful, or discovered a great new AI tool that improved your teaching or your productivity, feel free to send a short 50-100 word paragraph for inclusion in future newsletters. Send your items to Dr. Ashley Teufel [ateufel@tamusa.edu](mailto:ateufel@tamusa.edu) to be included in the monthly newsletter.



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