FACULTY RESOURCE NETWORK TRANSITION MEMO
From Dr. Charlton D. McIlwain, NYU Vice Provost for Faculty Development,
Pathways, and Public Interest Technology

The past few years have brought new challenges and opportunities for the Faculty Resource Network (FRN), its member institutions, and participating faculty. Over these years, we have shifted some of the network's programs to meet these challenges. This year, we are seizing an opportunity to begin transitioning the structure of the FRN to enable greater levels of institutional research collaboration and faculty development support, increase the potential for student and faculty exchanges, and more.

Here are some of the near-term implications of the FRN's initiated transition:

- We will not collect dues for Academic Year 2025 (September 2024 through August 2025).

- The FRN Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program will conclude at the end of the fall 2024 term. Faculty that have been accepted to participate this fall will not be impacted.

- We will continue to host the FRN Network Summer Program in 2025 and beyond, though there will be some changes in both structure and programming.

- Our remote fellowships and teaching consultations, Immersive Technology Lab Consultations, and University Associates Program will continue with modifications and participation limits.

- The FRN Leadership Initiative and Digital Leadership Community of Practice will continue.

- All current institutional members will continue to be institutional members with access to participate in all the network offers in the coming years.

- An invitation to meet with all of the FRN Liaison Officers to discuss the program changes and future engagement among schools was extended.

The decision to initiate the FRN's structural transition is part and parcel of our commitment to building up and significantly increasing the range of cross-institutional collaborations that we can help inspire among our member institutions. It is based on a combination of factors many of you are aware of and have discussed over the past few years, including institutional financial hardships; institutions building their own faculty development resources, a waning lack of capacity for significant participation and others.

Sincerely,

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The Faculty Resource Network and **NYU CFA** Team

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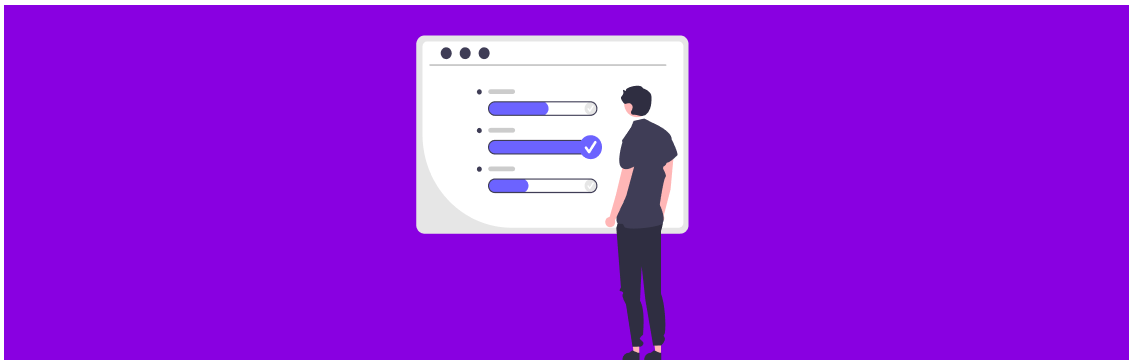FRN Newsletter Archive

Upcoming FRN Events

- **FRN Leadership Initiative Program**
- **FRN Visiting Scholar Programs**

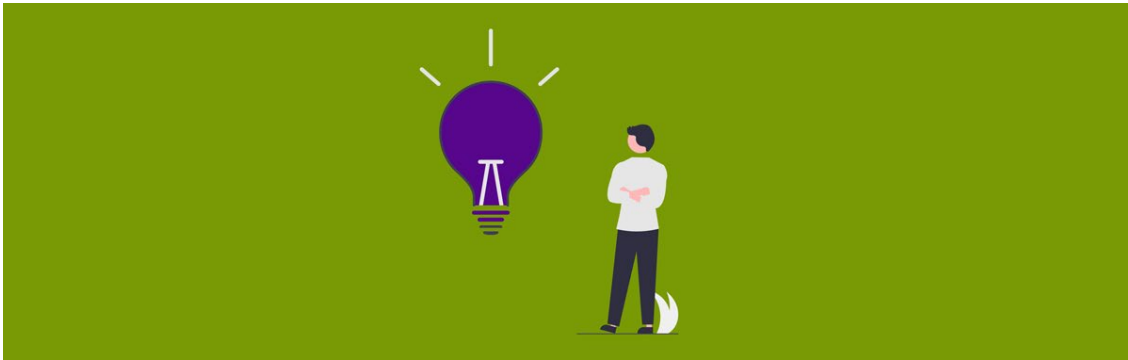# In the Spotlight

2024 FRN Network Summer Program Recap

The **2024 FRN Network Summer Program** (June 10–14, 2024) garnered exceptional feedback and demonstrated a significant impact on our faculty's professional growth. We offered eight concurrent seminars intended to enhance teaching skills, foster research collaboration, and promote innovative pedagogical practices.

We extend our gratitude to all who contributed to the program's success: our dedicated organizing committee, esteemed speakers, and enthusiastic participants. Your commitment and passion made this program a memorable and impactful experience.

A huge thank you to our seminar conveners, **Michelle Boissiere** (Xavier University of

Louisiana); **Paisley Currah** (City University of New York); **Shaina Dymond** (NYU); **Diana Epelbaum** (Marymount Manhattan College); **Rosanna Flouty** (NYU); **Jennifer Fredricks** (Union College); **Lori Jo Marso** (Union College); **Tahneer Oksman** (Marymount Manhattan College); **Liz Melleby Welch** (NYU); and **Cirecie West-Olatunji** (Xavier University of Louisiana) for fostering a culture of continuous learning and collaboration.

Opportunities for FRN Faculty

2024-2025 FRN Leadership Initiative Program

The FRN Leadership Initiative prepares emerging leaders to transform their campuses by recognizing opportunities to lead up, down, and sideways. This program builds a leadership community across the Faculty Resource Network for continuing leaders who want to facilitate change and maximize collaboration within and between institutions. Ultimately, the goal of this program is to contribute to the transformation of the higher education ecosystem.
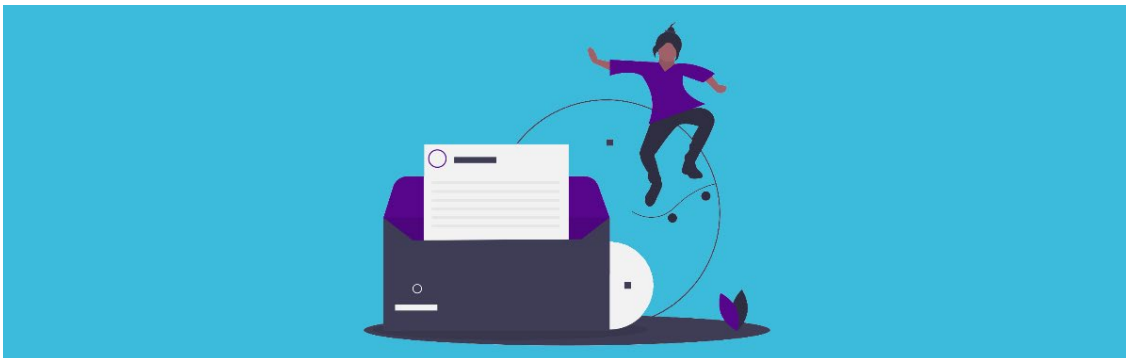
Our 2024–2025 program cycle will welcome a cohort of up to 21 participants. Delivered remotely via Zoom, the program will be held over two semesters (fall 2024 and spring 2025), with six sessions each term.

Every session will take place on Fridays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. ET. Applications close on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET. **Apply now**!

NYU's Immersive Technology Lab (iTLAB) Offers FRN Remote Services

NYU's Immersive Technology Lab (iTLAB) offers support to faculty exploring the potential of XR (eXtended Reality) technologies. Our remote services for the Faculty Resource Network (FRN) include consultations for beginner, intermediate, and advanced XR needs; remotely guided introductions to virtual reality for FRN members that have access to VR equipment; and guidance in determining the best methods to achieve goals exploring the potential of XR technologies. **Sign up for a consultation**.

FRN Faculty & Institution News

- **Deidre Hill Butler** (Union College) was appointed to Full Professor and is the first Black woman to hold this rank at Union College. Dr. Hill Butler's work has been widely recognized for her contributions to both teaching and research.

- **Yingfan Zhang** (St. Joseph's University), senior lecturer in the department of speech communication, presented her paper titled "Digital Exclusiveness and the Digital Vulnerable Elderly in China" at the Popular Culture Association and

American Culture Association conference held in Chicago, Illinois, March 27–30, 2024.

If you have any questions, please email us at FRN@nyu.edu

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