



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Information Technology

Teaching and Learning Technologies

Connect the Dots

May 19, 2016

Thursday

9:00 – 10:30 am

Faculty Club

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- Enabled HarvardX content to be easily re-used in Canvas.
- 42 third-party LTI tools in use this spring.
- Validating Canvas data in support of research.

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- Engage with Schools at multiple levels.
- Host May Canvas Governance Group meeting.
- Recently hosted May Coffee & Canvas.
- Participating in HILT's TLC meetings and events.
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- Hosting June academic developer meeting.
- Consulting with Schools on LTI development.
- 31 LTI tools have been built by 7 schools + 4 HUIT units.

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- Did what we said we were going to do ...
- In the time we gave ourselves ...
- Within the budget we had to work with.

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