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Secondary Schools

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Helping schools navigate AI with clarity, confidence, and values-aligned purpose.

About This Practice

Artificial intelligence is already in your classrooms — whether you have a policy or not. Students are using it daily, teachers are uncertain how to respond, and administrators face pressure to act without clear guidance. Dr. Thomas Finan helps secondary schools move from anxiety to action. As a university professor, Digital Humanities Center director, and chair of an institutional AI Task Force, he brings rigorous academic expertise and genuine practical experience to help your school build policies, train faculty, and equip students to engage with AI thoughtfully and responsibly.

Consulting Services

Keynote Address

\$300 – \$500

A dynamic 45–60 minute presentation for faculty, staff, or school community on AI in education — what it is, how students are already using it, and how schools can respond thoughtfully and confidently. Ideal for faculty professional development days or parent/community evenings.

Half-Day Faculty Workshop

\$600 – \$900

An interactive workshop for teachers and administrators covering practical AI policy for K–12 settings, academic integrity guidance, classroom strategies, and age-appropriate AI literacy. Participants leave with ready-to-use tools and a policy starter framework.

Full-Day School Workshop + Policy Document

\$1,500 – \$2,000

A full-day engagement for the whole faculty or leadership team. Covers policy, classroom practice, parent communication, and student-facing guidance. Includes a customized school AI policy draft and a follow-up consultation call.

Ongoing Consulting Retainer

\$300/month

Monthly advisory support for schools actively building their AI program. Includes check-in calls, document review, and guidance as new questions arise throughout the school year.

Student AI Literacy Assembly or Seminar

\$250 – \$400

An engaging, age-appropriate presentation or seminar directly for students on understanding AI, using it responsibly, and thinking critically about its role in their lives and futures. Can be tailored for middle school, high school, or mixed audiences.

Custom Curriculum Development

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Development of AI literacy units, elective course modules, or advisory/homeroom programs tailored to your school's grade levels, mission, and community values.

Credentials & Background

Chair	College of Arts & Sciences AI Task Force, Saint Louis University
Director	Walter J. Ong Center for Digital Humanities, SLU
Associate Professor	Medieval History & Archaeology, SLU
Fellow	Society of Antiquaries (FSA)
Developer	AI-integrated research platforms: Oir (Irish Archaeology Knowledge Graph), Léigenn (Old Irish Language Learning)
Author	White paper series on AI, knowledge, and humanistic education; AI policy handbook for faculty and staff