

# THE TEACHING EXCHANGE

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## *Teaching Forum*

### *Professor Sherry Turkle*

*Abby Rockefeller Mauzé Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology,  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

presents a lecture on

### *“Tethered Teens”*

**Wednesday March 3, 2010**

**5:00 PM**

**Salomon Center 001 (Main Green)**

**Reception and book-signing to follow**

**Free and Open to the Public**

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“I would rather text than talk,” says a sixteen-year old high school junior. She is not alone. Prof. Sherry Turkle will discuss a new generational sensibility - how teens are tethered to their social network technologies. Today's teenagers have grown up with social network technologies that affect how they think about privacy, companionship, the nature of friendship. For these teens (and others): What is intimacy without privacy? What is democracy without privacy? Are we more together or alone with such technology?

This Teaching Forum lecture addresses a subject of concern to all educators - how to understand and anticipate the learning "assumptions" our students bring to the classroom, whether in elementary, secondary or higher education.