



## **Fram Focus volume 3:2 / September 2017**

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### **Did you know?**

**We have been building up the content of the Eugene H. Fram Chair in Applied Critical Thinking website!**

Under the Resources section of our website you will find a repository of articles & TEDx Talks guaranteed to inspire and inform. Take ACTION today and click [HERE!](#)

### **Co-Sponsored Events**

**Gray Matter is a discussion series designed by RIT faculty, students and staff to promote critical exploration of provocative topics related to higher education and the RIT campus community.**

“Failure, Fear & Fault: Is something wrong with you?”

Date: Friday, September 15, 2017  
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Place: MOSAIC Center (above Ben & Jerry’s)

## **Teacher's on Teaching**

Teachers on Teaching ACT: Faculty Assessing What We Value, Students Valuing What We Assess, Part 1

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017  
Time: 9:30am-11:00am  
Place: WAL – Wallace (05), A650

Your feedback on student work is vital in helping students learn to think critically. How can you make sure the feedback you're providing is effective? How can you be sure that students will use your feedback?

In this first of a two-part series, we will discuss how to assess and articulate what we value, and how rubrics can help. We will discuss how you can effectively apply rubrics and what value they bring to the educational process for both faculty and students. Participants will be encouraged to share their assessment challenges and participate in a rubric-design activity.

Part Two of this workshop happens in late November, when we come back together (and welcome additional participants) to discuss rubrics that we have customized or created and how we might best use these rubrics with students.

Register [HERE!](#)

## **Coming in November**

**Teachers on Teaching ACT: Faculty Assessing What We Value, Students Valuing What We Assess, Part 2!**

Part 2 of this two-part workshop brings together participants from Part 1 to talk about their assessment challenges and share the rubric that they've designed to address those challenges. Rubrics will be shared in advance of the class to give participants time to read them over and provide feedback.

New participants are encouraged to attend Part 2 with their challenges and rubrics to workshop at this event! More information/registration coming soon.

## A Few Thoughts: Bob Barbato

With this issue of the Fram Focus we meet Bob Barbato, another of RIT's notable critical thinkers.



Robert J. Barbato is a Professor of Management and Miller Chair in International Education in the Department of Management and International Business in the Saunders College of Business. This month, he shares with us how critical thinking intertwines with the business world with a focus on business ethics. Read his answers to a few critical questions [HERE!](#)

## From Gene Fram

Read a McKinsey & Company article by Amy Edmondson and Bror Saxberg “**Putting lifelong learning on the CEO agenda**” [HERE!](#)