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## **Fram Focus volume 9:8 – March 2024**

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## **FRAM AWARDS AT IMAGINE**

- Fram Awards, Application due April 1st: Apply now to win up to \$250 Tiger Bucks! The Fram Chair seeks to recognize excellence in the application of critical thinking that was used in the preparation and creation of an exhibit at Imagine RIT. This recognition is not for the exhibit itself, but for the thought processes used to arrive at or create the exhibit. For more information and to apply click [HERE](#).

## **CO-SPONSORED**

- **ANNOUNCING the First Annual “Creative Use of Artificial Intelligence Contest” in affiliation with RIT DataFest and the Western New York Data Science Conference (UPSTAT).** Join us in the Gosnell Atrium on Friday, March 8th, at 4 PM for an inaugural social event and information session.

Please submit your work to be displayed and judged before 6 PM Friday, March 22nd, at RIT [DataFest](#). Top winners are invited to display their works at UPSTAT and Imagine RIT. Students will use 'prompt engineering' of ChatGPT and other AI systems towards a creative goal or task. Some examples might include AI-generated computer code towards a creative task, creative pieces of writing or visual art or design, deceptions such as a fake scientific article or a deep-faked news video, or a prompted AI interaction that probes its ability to appear human (Turing Test) or its potential for self-awareness (Gallup Mirror Test). Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **Fourth Annual RIT Undergraduate Global Humanities Virtual Conference – CALL FOR PROPOSALS.** Theme: Ethics and How We Conduct Our Lives. For more information and to submit your proposal click [HERE](#).

## FRAM FINDS

- **University-Wide Career Fair.** The University-Wide Career Fair is open to RIT students and alumni of any academic program who are seeking co-op, internship, or full-time opportunities! This signature fair includes employers that range from small firms to Fortune 500 companies. March 6, 2024, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Room: Mezzanine Floor. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **RIT Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Her Voice, Her Home."** The RIT Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Her Voice, Her Home" on International Women's Day in association with Asian Music Initiative 2024. The orchestra will be joined by the Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club. March 8, 2024, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Student Alumni Union in the Ingle Auditorium. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **Vignelli Center Lecture: Faride Mereb.** Faride Mereb is a Venezuelan award-winning book designer, researcher, and educator based in New York City. She is presenting on campus as part of the Vignelli Center for Design Studies' Design Conversations lecture series at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in MAGIC Spell Studios' Wegmans Theater. Having Caribbean and Middle Eastern heritage, and a profound love of books has deeply influenced her work, giving it a hybrid nature. Her experience encompasses designing for newspapers, directing creative projects for academic institutions, printed matter for children's books, and teaching. Mereb holds ongoing artistic collaborations in Latin America and Europe. For more information, Click [HERE](#).
- **Career Planning: Am I in the Right Major?** Are you having second thoughts about your academic path? Come meet with our career counselor to learn about the career exploration process. This session will give you resources to get started exploring alternative career paths and help you identify steps you can take to feel more confident with your career plan. March 21, 2024, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. This is a virtual event. For more information, click [HERE](#).

## A FEW THOUGHTS

In this issue, meet:

- **Phil Shaw**, Senior Lecturer, University Writing Program, Academic Affairs. Read about his thoughts related to the impacts of Artificial Intelligence [HERE](#).
- **Esa Rantanen**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts. Read about his thoughts related to the impacts of Artificial Intelligence [HERE](#)

## FROM GENE FRAM

- "[Teaching Excellence Through Mindful Reflection](#)," by Shawn R. Simonson, Megan Frary, and Brittnee Earl, Faculty Focus, February 21, 2024
- "[The Relationship Between Critical Thinking and Critical Theory](#)" by Christopher Dwyer Ph.D., Psychology Today, February 15, 2024

- ["Leaders want strategic and critical thinking more than anything. Most their workers don't have it."](#) by Jane Thier, Yahoo! Finance, January 31, 2024

