

## **Fram Focus volume 6:8 - March 2021**

### **IN THIS ISSUE:**

#### **➤ Co-sponsored Events:**

- **"Is Speech Really Free?"**, Friday, March 5, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Co-sponsored with Gray Matters
- **First RIT Undergraduate Global Humanities Conference**  
**Being Human in the 21st Century: Challenges and Prospects**  
*Online, April 19 – 22, 2021.* Open to all RIT undergraduate students at all campuses from all disciplines. Call for Proposals due by March 8, 2021. Co-sponsored with RIT Global.

#### **➤ Fram Finds:**

- **Congratulations** to all nominees and recipients of RIT's 2020 Presidential Awards for Outstanding Staff!
- **McClure Lecture Featuring Kevin O'Leary: "Discuss the Cold Hard Truth with Mr. Wonderful."** Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Innovations in Global Health Conference**, March 27, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **"How educators and school leaders can help young people better understand—and challenge—racial injustices,"** Harvard EdCast: Schooling for Critical Consciousness.
- **"Cultivating Critical Consciousness in the Classroom,"** by Kaitlin Smith.
- **"A Short Guide to Building Your Team's Critical Thinking Skills,"** by Matt Plummer.
- **"3 Simple Habits to Improve Your Critical Thinking,"** by Helen Lee Bouygues.
- **"Covid-19 and Winter,"** by Karina Le.

#### **➤ A Few Thoughts**

- **Chris Hinesley**, Assistant Director, Center for Campus Life
- **Taj Smith**, Director of Diversity Education, Division of Diversity and Inclusion

### ➤ From Gene Fram:

- ***MIT Sloan study finds thinking style impacts how people use social media. Critical thinkers share higher quality content and information than intuitive thinkers.*** MIT Sloan School of Management, February 1, 2021.
- ***"As the U.S. innovation ranking falls, real critical thinking is needed,"*** by Steven J. Pearlman and David Carillo, February 18, 2021, Changing America. Other countries are doing a better job at teaching critical thinking to students.

## CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

- ***"Is Speech Really Free?"*** Friday, March 5, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Co-sponsored with Gray Matters, a facilitated, open dialogue on controversial topics open to the RIT community, practicing "controversy with civility." Contact: Chris Hinesley, [chhgsm@rit.edu](mailto:chhgsm@rit.edu). [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **First RIT Undergraduate Global Humanities Conference**  
***Being Human in the 21st Century: Challenges and Prospects***  
*Online, April 19 – 22, 2021*  
Open to ALL RIT undergraduate students at ALL campuses from ALL disciplines. This conference is organized to lead students to engage in the conversations on how we are humans in the 21st century. Who are we? What are we? How are we what we are? Your focus could be from a philosophical perspective (e.g. the changing meanings of 'being human'), psychological (mental wellbeing, anxiety, suicide, etc.), political (freedoms, representation, agency, etc.). [Call for Proposals](#) -- **Due Date: March 8, 2021.**

## FRAM FINDS

- Congratulations to all nominees and recipients of RIT's 2021 Presidential Awards for Outstanding Staff! Among this year's award recipients is Chris Hinesley, Assistant Director for Campus Life. Chris was awarded the **Isaac L. Jordan Sr. Staff Pluralism Award**. Chris is an exceptionally committed member of the RIT community. Students find him to be a passionate and caring advisor, mentor, and advocate. Chris is featured in this month's "A Few Thoughts" section below. Congratulations, Chris! Read more [HERE](#)
- **McClure Lecture Featuring Kevin O'Leary: "*Discuss the Cold Hard Truth with Mr. Wonderful.*"** The lecture will take place on Zoom Pre-registration is required to attend the keynote speech "Cold Hard Truth". Thursday, March 25, 2021, 3:00-4:30 pm.  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Keynote Address with Q&A

4:05 PM - 4:30 PM - VIP Meet and Greet. **Read more** [HERE](#).

- The Global Health Association @ RIT is proud to host the **3rd Annual Innovations in Global Health Conference**. March 27, 2021, from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. This year's event will focus totally on the impact of COVID-19 on our world and will be presented online and free for participants. All are welcome! Keynote speaker is Christopher Tanski, MD, an RIT alumnus, class of 2000, with a degree in information technology. Dr. Tanski has been a member of a federal disaster team for many years, currently serving on NY-4, a disaster medical assistance team based out of downstate New York. He has been deployed to numerous disasters and was very involved in overseeing the response to COVID-19 in NYC during the initial surge of the pandemic. Read more [HERE](#).
- ***"How educators and school leaders can help young people better understand—and challenge—racial injustices,"*** by Jill Anderson, April 8, 2020. Harvard EdCast: Schooling for Critical Consciousness. Read more [HERE](#)
- ***"Cultivating Critical Consciousness in the Classroom,"*** by Kaitlin Smith, September 24, 2020, Facing History: A Facing History Blog. Read more [HERE](#).
- ***"A Short Guide to Building Your Team's Critical Thinking Skills,"*** by Matt Plummer, October 11, 2019, Harvard Business Review. Read more [HERE](#).
- ***"3 Simple Habits to Improve Your Critical Thinking,"*** by Helen Lee Bouygues, May 6, 2019, Harvard Business Review. Read more [HERE](#).
- ***"Covid-19 and Winter,"*** by Karina Le, February 2, 2021, RIT Reporter Magazine. Institutions like RIT have been making changes to combat the pandemic. Getting through this winter is all about our behavior. Read more [HERE](#).

## **A FEW THOUGHTS**

**In this issue we meet:**

- **Chris Hinesley**, Assistant Director for Campus Life – The Q Center, since 2011, and adjunct in Women's and Gender Studies since 2006. I'm into permaculture and helping coach my daughter's ice hockey team. Read more [HERE](#).
- **Taj Smith**, serves as the Director of Diversity Education. He has a graduate degree in Social Justice Education. For fun, he enjoys fashion, trying out new restaurants, online shopping, sports and watching the Walking Dead. Read more [HERE](#).

## **FROM GENE FRAM**

- ***MIT Sloan study finds thinking style impacts how people use social media. Critical thinkers share higher quality content and information than intuitive thinkers.*** MIT Sloan School of Management, February 1, 2021. Critical thinkers share higher quality content and information than intuitive thinkers, MIT Sloan School of Management, February 22, 2011, MIT Sloan study finds thinking style impacts how people use social media. Read

more [HERE](#).

- **“As the U.S. innovation ranking falls, real critical thinking is needed,”** by Steven J. Pearlman and David Carillo, February 18, 2021, Changing America. Other countries are doing a better job at teaching critical thinking to students. Read more [HERE](#).

