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Cosponsored Events

- The Fram Office of Applied Critical Thinking partnered with Alumni Relations to present three virtual events in May and early June that focused around the pandemic. These events were so well received that we will continue them virtually. Topics included: [Community Critical Systems](#) (05/19/2020); [Social Vulnerabilities and Covid-19](#) (06/02/2020); and [Medical Innovations in times of Crisis](#) (06/17/2020).

Signature Series Event

- Due to COVID-19, we had to postpone our Fram signature events and reschedule them for September 2021. We will be hosting a series of webinars with various RIT colleges including the Saunders College of Business. More information will be forthcoming.

A Few Thoughts

- With this issue of the Fram Focus we meet **Dr. Deborah Blizzard**, Professor in the Department of Science, Technology and Society; College of Liberal Arts. This month she shares with us the importance of applying critical thinking during a disaster. Read her answers to a few critical thinking questions [HERE](#).

From Gene Fram

- **Restoring Common Sense in an Age of Experts & Artificial Intelligence**, by Vikram Mansharamani. *Mr. Mansharamani currently lectures at Harvard University where he teaches a course entitled, “Humanity and Its Challenges”, and previously taught classes at Yale University. Read more [HERE](#)*
- **‘No specific skill will get you ahead in the future’—but this ‘way of thinking’ will**, Harvard Lecture, June 15, 2020, by Vikram Mansharamani. To make it in today’s world of rapid changes and uncertainties, successful business leaders prove it’s better to be a generalist, rather than a specialist. Read more [HERE](#).
- **The Need for Critical Thinking in Investing**, June 1, 2020, by Bill Hertz. Mr. Hertz is an independent business consultant and founder/dean of the Institute for Innovation Development, a financial services business innovation platform and network. Read more [HERE](#).

