

## **Fram Focus volume 5:1 / August 2019 – Welcome Edition**

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### **Save the Date: Fram Signature Lecture**

In addition to engaging with students and faculty over the course of two days, Dr. Melton will be presenting:

#### **“POWERFUL STUFF: An Entrepreneurial Mindset Built Upon Critical Thinking” with Doug Melton of KEEN**

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Time: 3:30pm – 4:45pm

Place: Ingle Auditorium (*Reception immediately following in Fireside Lounge*)

\*Access Services will be providing interpreters for this event

Through the natural course of life and work, we get opportunities to pilot powerful vehicles. On a given day, they might take the form of an e-bike, a sports car, motorboat, an airplane – or perhaps ones that offer a different type of adventure: an educational endeavor, a project, or even a single brilliant idea. Through this interactive and fun presentation, you will have an opportunity to consider how mindset and critical thinking are vital to piloting vehicles of any type. From this presentation, you will take away an understanding of a particularly powerful combination; an entrepreneurial mindset built upon critical thinking and focused on creating value.

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## Co-Sponsored Event: Gray Matter

### **“Mass Shootings and Gun Violence: The American Illness or a Symptom of Something More?”**

With multiple mass shootings in one week from a food festival in California, at a discount store in Texas, and an entertainment district in Ohio, the world again turns its attention to the uniquely American carnage of gun violence. Pundits suggest gun violence is the fault of video games, social media or mental illness. Join us for a discussion!

**Date:** Friday, September 6, 2019  
**Time:** 12:00pm – 1:00pm  
**Place:** MOSAIC Center (SAU)

## A Few Thoughts

**With this issue of the Fram Focus we meet one of RIT’s notable critical thinkers, Provost Ellen Granberg:**

Dr. Ellen Granberg is the first woman in the history of RIT to hold the position of provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs. Throughout her career, Granberg has remained dedicated to furthering students’ ability to understand the importance of developing critical thinking skills and incorporating them into both their academic work, and their everyday lives. Read her answers to a few critical thinking questions [HERE!](#)

## 2019 AITU Summit on Critical Thinking

Dr. Jennifer Schneider, RIT Fram Chair, joined forces with the Association of Independent Technological Universities (AITU) to transform the landscape of academia by leading the [AITU Summit: Advancing Student Thinking for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Success](#) that was held August 7-8, 2019 in Chicago, IL.

### **AITU outcomes that will be expanded upon include:**

- Growing engagement in a new Applied Critical Thinking (ACT) network of a dozen universities
- Sharing *university strategies* for ACT in leadership, innovation, problem-solving
- Framing critical thinking for student retention, professional success and citizenship
- Collaborating on a white paper, expertise exchange and scholarship

## From Gene Fram

**“3 Simple Habits to Improve Your Critical Thinking”** by Helen Lee Bouygues, Founder of the Reboot Foundation, for *Harvard Business Review*. Read more [HERE!](#)

