

## **Fram Focus volume 5:3 - October 2019**

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### **Focus on NTID: ARTiculating Deaf Experiences Conference**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - 8:00am - Saturday, November 9, 2019 - 8:00pm**

Scholars, students, deaf cultural studies and sign language teachers, artists, playwrights, filmmakers, poets, writers and historians will make their way to Rochester Institute of Technology’s National Technical Institute for the Deaf Nov. 6-9 for an international conference focusing on examining literary and artistic works about deaf experiences.

The ARTiculating Deaf Experiences Conference will feature exhibits at RIT/NTID’s Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center and Rochester’s Memorial Art Gallery, as well as sign-language literature performances, a play production, presentations, short panel discussions, a banquet, and deaf artist vendors and company exhibitors.. Read more about this event.

Keynote presenters are French anthropologist and performer Olivier Schetrit, teacher and deaf learning specialist Kristi Merriweather, and Brazilian poet Fernanda de Araugo Machado. Read more about this wonderful event [HERE!](#)

## Cosponsored Events

### Thought at Work

Date: October 18-20, 2019

Time: Varies by event

Place: Gannett and Booth Halls (location varies by event)

Thought at Work is a three-day, student-run, student-focused design conference that takes place each year on RIT campus in Gannett and Booth Halls. For the full schedule and more information click [HERE!](#)

### RIT Executive Day Visit with Alumnus David Piantanida

David joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in February 1990 and now serves in an environmental policy role in EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, Region 8 Office located in Denver, Colorado.

Piantanida is 1989 graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) where he received his M.S. in Organization and Human Resource Development from the College of Continuing Education. He is also a 1988 graduate of Le Moyne College (Syracuse, NY) with a B.S. in Business Administration and a concentration in Marketing. More information [HERE!](#)

## A Few Thoughts

**With this issue of the Fram Focus we meet one of NTID's notable critical thinkers, Joseph Hill.**

Joseph Hill is an Assistant Professor of ASL and Interpreting Education at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. He shares how he helps students develop critical thinking skills by embracing a student-centric teaching approach that incorporates essential elements of social justice, namely by respecting everyone's humanity, embracing mistakes as valuable teaching moments, treating challenges as opportunities to further personal growth and community engagement, and promoting social change inside and outside classroom. Read his answers to a few critical thinking questions [HERE!](#)

## Fram Find

### Design Conversations with Andrea Ponsi – a Vignelli Center for Design Studies Event

Date: October 16, 2019

Time: 4:45 PM

Place: University Gallery, Booth Hall (Building 7A, Level 2)

Based on Ponsi's books *Analogy and Design* and *Drawing Analogies*, the lecture will present a drawing method for moving directly from the study of a precedent to a design proposal based on the ideas derived from that precedent.

## From Gene Fram

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