

## **Fram Focus volume 7:6 – January 2022**

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## CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

- **The AT&T & RIT ROCtheChange Game Jam** Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Golisano Hall. Co-sponsored with School of Interactive Games and Media. Local public-school students in grades 8-12 are invited to bring their imagination and desire to make social change and teamwork skills to the first ever youth game jam in the greater Rochester region. More information [HERE](#).
- **“Is it time for gender abolition?”** Friday, January 21, 2022 at 12:00 p.m in the [MOSAIC Center](#) and also on Zoom. Co-sponsored with Gray Matter. A monthly discussion series designed to promote critical exploration of provocative topics related to higher education and the RIT campus community. Contact: Chris Hinesley, [chhgsm@rit.edu](mailto:chhgsm@rit.edu).
- **Applied Critical Thinking for Teaching and Learning Workshop** Opens on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Co-sponsored with Teaching and Learning Services. In this self-paced online workshop for graduate students and post-docs, participants will learn strategies, principles, and good practice for designing instruction for applied critical thinking. Register [HERE](#).

## MIND FIELD INITIATIVE RECIPIENTS

- Congratulations to the first recipients of the Mind Field!
  - Alex Lobos (CAD), Mary McLoughlin and Jung Whan - “Critical Making Workshop”
  - Erin Auble (NTID) and Sacha Glasser - “Where Did the Tools Go? Painting Outside the Box”
  - Hinda Mandell (COLA) - “The Happy Haptic Toolbox for Problem Solving”
- Read more about their Mind Fields [HERE](#).

## FRAM FINDS

- **Let Freedom Ring:** Monday, January 17, 2022 from 10:30am – 11:30am in Ingle Auditorium. Celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> annual event commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. featuring keynote speaker Thomas Warfield and performances by Gospel Ensemble. Register [HERE](#).
- **AdvanceRIT: Coffee Chats with the Faculty Associates:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am in Liberal Arts Hall. More information [HERE](#).

## A FEW THOUGHTS

### In this issue meet:

- **Nathaniel Barlow**, Associate Professor, College of Science. Read about how he uses applied critical thinking in his math courses and research [HERE](#).
- **Albina Balidemaj**, Associate Dean of Students, RIT Kosovo. Read about her thoughts on critical thinking [HERE](#).

## FROM GENE FRAM

- **“3 Common Fallacies About Creativity”** by Pronita Mehrotra, Anu Arora and Sandeep Krishnamurthy, Harvard Business Review, November 24, 2021. Why do organizations have so much trouble enabling employee creativity? Read more [HERE](#).
- **“13 Top Skills That Make Nonprofit Professionals Invaluable Team Assets”** by Forbes Nonprofit Council, Forbes, November 23, 2021. Developing team skills is vital to keeping up with industry trends and changes. Read [HERE](#).
- **“Why Space Tourists Won’t Find the Awe They Seek”** by Henry Wismayer, The New York Times, November 27, 2021. Mr. Wismayer’s opinion essay on the lure of space tourism. Read more [HERE](#).
- **“Reopening and reconnecting: how to establish connection with first-years studying in the new normal”** by Agnes Chikonzon, The Campus/Times Higher Education, November 29, 2021. A guide on how universities can foster a sense of belonging and connection with first-year students during the pandemic. Read [HERE](#).

