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CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

- **Roundtable on Mistakes in Critical Thinking** Friday, November 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Zoom link: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/4045317477> . Co-sponsored with RIT Croatia. A roundtable discussion to present specific examples of good critical thinking, and the ones that don't fall in that category. Contact: Kristijan Tabak, kristijan.tabak@croatia.rit.edu.
- **"Which religious holidays should be recognized as holidays?"** Friday, December 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m in the [MOSAIC Center](#). Co-sponsored with Gray Matter. A facilitated, open dialogue on controversial topics open to the RIT community, practicing "controversy with civility". Contact: Chris Hinesley, chhgs@rit.edu.

FRAM FINDS

- **Meeting the Others in their Differences: Toward a Christian Approach to the Scientific Study of Religion**: a book by Dr. Francis Brassard. If there are many definitions of critical thinking, there must also be many ways of applying it. The wider the distance between that plane and the point of view, the more autonomy there is for critical thinking. In this book, Dr. Brassard proposes a model that identifies the presuppositions underlying the major religious discourses to better understand their specificity. Why a Christian approach? Critical thinking never occurs in a vacuum. It is always fueled by a desire to solve a problem, to bring about a state of affairs, to re-engage in a project. Thus, the Christian perspective of his model corresponds to an application of critical thinking and the project is to find a basis for reconciling religious differences without denying their validity. More information [HERE](#).
- **Know Your Stress Workshop**: Friday, November 5, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Join in for a session designed to help build your personal tool kit for managing your stress. More information [HERE](#).
- **The Land of Open Graves: Virtual Talk by Jason De León**: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 6:00 pm. – 7:00 p.m. Jason De León is a UCLA Professor of Anthropology and Chicano/a Studies at University of California-Los Angeles, and a recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. Register [HERE](#).

A FEW THOUGHTS

In this issue meet:

- **Dr. Cory Crane**, Associate Professor, College of Health Sciences and Technology. Dr. Crane explains how he uses applied critical thinking in clinical psychology [HERE](#).
- **Dr. Francis Brassard**, Instructor, RIT Croatia. Read Dr. Brassard's thoughts on critical thinking [HERE](#).

FROM GENE FRAM

- **"The Challenge of Thinking Beyond Thinking."** by Modar Bakir, Forbes, September 27, 2021. This article exams the difficulty of making decisions in today's world. Read more [HERE](#).

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