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**Graduate Salon – Ways of World Making (PROF 799-04)**

**Explore a world of possibility where crossing boundaries is encouraged!**

*Graduate Students: Register through SIS for this one credit course today using the course information above.*

Every academic discipline creates knowledge and engages in “world making”. But in order to address complex problems, we need to explore how these different disciplines and “worlds” talk to each other. This salon will provide a venue for exploring how to do this.

# WORLD MAKING

An Experimental  
Graduate Salon

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## A Few Thoughts:

With this issue of the Focus we meet Elizabeth Hane, another of RIT's notable critical thinkers.



Elizabeth Hane is an Associate Professor in Environmental Science in the College of Science. She writes, "This fall, I am co-teaching a course with Scott Franklin on metacognition, so the whole subject of the course is really about applied critical thinking. A new activity we tried this year was to have the students read Drive by Daniel Pink, which examines research on motivation and what factors influence what motivates people. The students participate in Pink Time ([www.pinktime.org](http://www.pinktime.org)), which is time released from class during which they must learn something new (Baird et al. 2015). Read her answers to a few critical thinking questions here:

<https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/act-faculty-excellence-elizabeth-hane>

## Continue the Conversation:

Eric Hittinger shares some thoughts on, '*Why Solar Power Doesn't Threaten Electric Utilities*'.



“As with many complex fields, discussion and thinking around energy and environmental issues have become increasingly polarized. Too many people will uncritically accept a bold headline, even one that goes against basic physics or common sense. In the world of energy, I've found that a bit of healthy skepticism, a willingness to look up data, and the ability do a few simple calculations can go a long way.

Read the entire editorial [here](#) on our Facebook page.

## Fram It!

**The Challenge: Friend us on Facebook and join the conversation.**

**The Rules:**

- You 'Friend the Fram' and post your thoughts to our Facebook page.
- You email us a copy of your post to: [RITFramChair@rit.edu](mailto:RITFramChair@rit.edu). (why? Because FB identities don't match RIT IDs)
- You must have an active RIT ID to participate.

**The prize:**

The first 5 RIT community members who Fram It! Win a Java Wally's treat coin.

