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2018 Fram Speaker Series

In partnership with the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, we are proud to announce “Ignite Your Creative Spark” with RIT Alum Jason Blythe of Google.

Blythe is a user experience lead designer for Google who graduated from RIT with an MFA in computer graphics design (now visual communication design) in 2005. He also earned his BFA in graphic design from RIT in 2002.

For his presentation, Blythe will walk through the design process and complexity of the 2016 redesign of Google’s desktop search experience — a project he led and initiated. He is also slated to cover the research, data and design thinking that impacted the launch.

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Place: University Gallery (James E. Booth Hall, Room 2700)
**Interpreting services will be provided*

For more information, click [HERE!](#)

2018 Fram Award at Imagine RIT

Working on an exhibit that demonstrates excellence in ACTION? For application and award details, click below:

The Fram Advisory Board
is proud to announce the

Eugene H. Fram Awards for Excellence in



Applied CR·I·Tical Thinking

Information at <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/applied-critical-thinking/awards>

Calling ALL exhibitors interested in winning \$250 Tiger Bucks

Teachers on Teaching

“Using Role Play to Contextualize Critical Thinking in the Classroom” with David Simkins

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018

Time: 11:00 am – 12:20pm

Place: Wallace A650

**Please request interpreters through Access Services*

Join us for a discussion about the effective uses of role play in classrooms. Role play is a form of experiential learning that engages contextualized critical thinking in practice. Good role play creates learning opportunities, enhances uptake, encourages ongoing engagement, creates opportunities to put critical reasoning into practice, and improves comprehension of complex topics.

David Simkins is involved in role play as a tool for learning in a variety of different fields, and believes we would be served by understanding techniques and best practices for applying role play across disciplines and practices. If you have used role play in classrooms, have thought about using it, or simply want to learn more about an innovative technique, join us for this guided conversation.

For more information or to register, click [HERE!](#)

Co-Sponsored Events

DATE CHANGE: Women of Excellence Supporting STEM (WOESS) – STEM Olympics

NEW Date: Friday, March 30, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: SAU 1829

** Please request interpreters through myAccess.rit.edu*

The STEM Olympics is A night filled with fun, food, friendly competition and prizes! Act quickly because space is limited – get more information and register yourself for general admission or as a 4-person [HERE!](#)

In partnership with the College of Science Distinguished Speaker Series, we are excited to invite you to “The Seven Deadly Sins of Big Data and How to Avoid Them” with Richard De Veaux of Williams College.

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Time: 1:25 pm

Place: GOS A300 (Thomas Gosnell Hall)

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For more information, click [HERE!](#)

A Few Thoughts: Pamela R. Conley

With this issue of the Fram Focus we meet Pamela R. Conley, another of RIT and NTID’s notable critical thinkers.

Pamela R. Conley is an Associate Professor in the NTID Department of Liberal Studies. This month, she shares with us how a special teacher who challenged her own applied critical thinking skills continues to influence her instructional style to this day. Read her answers to a few critical questions [HERE!](#)

From Gene Fram

Read the *Environmental Research Web* article entitled “Critical Thinking Could Be Key for Debunking Climate Myths” by Simon Davies [HERE!](#)