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Community of Practice

- A collection of 65+ RIT community members' perspectives on critical thinking.

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FRAM SIGNATURE LECTURE

- **2023 Fram Signature Lecture Featuring Natali Valdez, Ph.D. Thinking Critically about Scientific Innovations + Medical Policy: A lecture, case study, and conversation. Co-sponsored with the College of Liberal Arts**

How do advances in science affect health policies and interventions? Do political and social factors either limit or advance the health of certain populations? Medical anthropologist and science and technology scholar Natali Valdez, Ph.D., draws on her research in race, gender, and power in the context of scientific knowledge and her recent book "[Weighing the Future: Race, Science and Pregnancy Trials in the Postgenomic Era](#)" for a talk focused on the relationship between emergent science and health policy. A response by Kristoffer Whitney, Ph.D., associate professor in the College of Liberal Arts Department of Science, Technology, and Society, will open the question and answer session. The conversation continues in the Fireside Lounge during a post-lecture reception. Light refreshments will be served. Come, listen, and participate in an engaging presentation and discussion. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

- **Faculty Panel on Generative AI in Education, August 18th, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Zoom**
Join the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) for a faculty panel on the impact of generative AI on teaching and learning in higher education. Faculty members from various disciplines will address a range of topics, including incorporating generative AI into courses, preparing students for generative AI in the workplace, and the use of generative AI to help accelerate and improve the teaching process. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

FRAM FINDS

- **CollegeFEST/Roc Campus Off-Campus, August 23rd, 12:00 – 5:00 pm, Location: Off Campus.** For more information and to register, please click [HERE](#).
- **2023 Tiger Walk, August 24th, 9:15 – 10:00 am.** The RIT community is invited to welcome and cheer on our incoming RIT Tigers as they make their way into Convocation! Join fellow RIT Tigers out near the Gordon Field House and Activities Center (GFH) and give our newest Tigers a warm and loud welcome to the RIT family. For more information, please click [HERE](#).
- **TigerFest: Tiger Take Off!, August 28th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.** TigerFest is RIT's welcome festival. Start your semester by getting connected and learning about all things RIT! For a complete list of events and sponsors, click [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

- With this issue, we begin a new Community of Practice (CoP) focused on sharing thoughts related to the impacts of Artificial Intelligence. This CoP joins our other practice groups- CATS (teaching and learning), disaster, and general.

A FEW THOUGHTS

- **Tiffany Brodner**, Exec Director, Student Hall for Exploration and Development, Office of the Provost and Senior VP for Academic Affairs, Academic Affairs. Read about her thoughts on critical thinking [HERE](#).
- **Esa Rantanen**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts. Read about his thoughts related to the impacts of Artificial Intelligence [HERE](#).
- **Phil Shaw**, Senior Lecturer, University Writing Program, Academic Affairs. Read about his thoughts related to the impacts of Artificial Intelligence [HERE](#).

FROM GENE FRAM

- ["The Use of Case Studies to Enhance Critical Thinking Skills in Students"](#), Rebellion Research, July 18, 2023
- ["The Significance of Essay Writing in Education: Enhancing Critical Thinking and Academic Skills"](#), by Mubashir Ali, Vents Magazine, July 3, 2023.
- ["AI Awareness Now A Must On Any Business Resume"](#), by Joe McKendrick, Forbes, June 26, 2023
- ["Emotional Intelligence: The Way Forward Amid Crisis"](#), by Aditi Maheshwari, Bizcatalyst 360°

