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FRAM SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

Critical Thinking Conversations: Pairing Professors and Professionals - Evolving the Traveling Tech Artist. Thursday, Feb 6, 7:30 pm, webinar. Open to the RIT community and to the public. Join [Shaun Foster](#), Professor, CAD, and RIT alumni [Alden Pedulla](#), RIT 3D Digital Design program '17, for an hour exploring the impact Artificial Intelligence has upon the expression of creativity. This webinar is presented in Zoom and is open to RIT and the wider community. These conversations are an engaging chance for the participants to think, explore implications, opportunities today and in the future. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

The webinar will be auto-captioned and linked on RIT's Eugene H. Fram Chair in Applied Critical Thinking site a few days after the event. Participants requiring interpreters should contact Access Services [HERE](#) to request an interpreter.

FRAM AWARDS AT IMAGINE

- Fram Awards, Application due April 1st: Apply now to win up to \$250 Tiger Bucks! The Fram Chair seeks to recognize excellence in the application of critical thinking that was used in the preparation and creation of an exhibit at Imagine RIT. This recognition is not for the exhibit itself but for the thought processes used to arrive at or create the exhibit. For more information and to apply, click [HERE](#).

FRAM FINDS

- **FeezeFest:** February 5, 2025, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Location: Student Alumni Union, Fireside Lounge. Come and join Spirituality and Religious Life, the Interfaith Council, and Global Union as the different spiritual and religious staff and student leaders display, highlight, and explain the significance behind their spiritual symbols and iconography, food, and culture! What's the purpose of a paten and chalice at a Christian service or challah at Jewish Shabbat or Wuḍū' in Islam? Grab some food from ethnic restaurants around Rochester to sum up the experience, all while learning some interesting facts! For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Communicating with Confidence:** February 5, 2025, 12:00 – 11:45 pm. Location: SHED 3350. This workshop will provide practical strategies for clear and confident communication in settings like presentations and speeches, conferences, poster sessions, interviews, and career fairs. We'll cover tips for managing nerves, tailoring messages to different audiences, and improving clarity and impact. Additionally, we'll explore how AI tools can assist with refining content to make preparation more efficient. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Foreigners Everywhere: Stories of Black Diaspora in Renaissance Europe:** February 11, 2025, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Location: Liberal Arts Hall A205. Reframing the common understanding of Renaissance Europe, the film "We Were Here — The Untold History of Black Africans in Renaissance Europe" (2024) challenges the notion that all Blacks were slaves or servants. It reveals a diverse presence, including princes, ambassadors, merchants, and religious figures. Narrated from an Afro-European perspective, it explores stories absent from traditional history books and unveils the untold history of Black Africans in that vibrant chapter of history. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Get Career Fair Ready!:** February 19, 2025, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Location: Student Alumni Union, Fireside Lounge. Are you ready for the spring University-Wide Career Fair on Wednesday, March 5? Stop by this event to:
 - Learn more about the career fair.
 - Get your career fair questions answered by the Career Services team.
 - Learn how to view participating employers hiring your major.
 - Learn how to make a great first impression.
 - Get access to Bern's Closet, which offers RIT students professional clothing—at no cost—to wear for the career fair and beyond.For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Women Who Inspire: Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer:** Monday, February 3, 2025, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Location: Ingle Auditorium. Join us for an enriching celebration of Women Who Inspire, featuring the esteemed Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. As part of Women's History Month, Dr. Kimmerer will grace us with her profound insights and inspiring journey as an Indigenous woman, mother, scientist, and advocate for sustainability from the lens of Indigenous wisdom. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

A FEW THOUGHTS

In this issue, meet:

- **Pradip Ananda**, Associate Director, Career Guidance, RIT Certified, Academic Affairs. Read Pradip's thoughts related to critical thinking [HERE](#).

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- “[*Don't waste time correcting misinformation. Instead, try the “bypassing technique”*](#)” by Jonny Thomson, Big Think, January 3, 2025.
- “[*A four-step process to transform everyone into a fact-checker*](#)” by Stephanie Jean Tsang, Times Higher Education, January 10, 2025.
- “[*AI Tools in Society: Impacts on Cognitive Offloading and the Future of Critical Thinking*](#)” by Michael Gerlich, MDPI, January 3, 2025
- “[*What's Your Bias?*](#)” by Colin Lambert, The Full FX, November 18, 2025

