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FRAM SIGNATURE LECTURE

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Abstract: The generative AI revolution is fundamentally changing the tech landscape, demanding a radical shift in traditional day-to-day working, leadership, and operational paradigms. Anshu Kak's talk cuts through the noise, focusing on the critical role of leaders as orchestrators of intelligent systems and facilitators of seamless human-AI collaboration. We'll explore how to navigate complexities of autonomous agents, cultivate critical thinking in the context of industry-relevant use cases, and drive informed, strategic decisions. This session empowers *you*, the professionals of tomorrow, to understand and navigate the agentic AI transformation. Learn how to lead effectively in an era defined by continuous AI evolution, empowering your teams and fostering AI-driven decision-making. Discover practical strategies, real-world examples, and a fresh perspective: AI isn't here to replace you, it's here to augment your capabilities. The key is understanding *how* to leverage it effectively.

Bio: Anshu Kak is Vice President Google Cloud Platform and Data/Private AI practice at Kyndryl. She is a highly accomplished C-level executive and distinguished engineer, specializing in Data, AI, and cloud technologies. With over 25 years of experience at tech giants like Google, IBM, and GE, she has consistently delivered impactful results, including

leading Google Cloud's global Principal Architect community and driving strategic technical initiatives in financial markets. She has spearheaded Google's Solution Design Method that is based on critical thinking and design thinking, which are two distinct but complementary approaches to problem-solving.

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FRAM SUMMER READING LIST

- Looking for summer fun & serious thinking recommendations? Check out the community list [HERE](#).

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- **Fifth Annual RIT Undergraduate Global Humanities Virtual Conference:** May 8 – 10, 2025. Theme: Conflict, Resilience, and Resolution: Transformative Humanity. For more information, click [HERE](#).

FRAM FINDS

- **Summer Institute + AI Symposium**
Location: SHED and Wallace. The 2025 Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning, *Creativity and Innovation*, will be offered on May 14-16, 2025, hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning, sponsored by RIT Research, and offered in partnership with the AI Hub. Faculty can look forward to engaging workshops, panels, guest speakers, and presentations across four main tracks: Teaching and Supporting Students with Technology, Creating Engaging Learning Experiences, Advancing Faculty Success, and Exploring AI In Practice. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **Herbert W. Vanden Brul Entrepreneurial Award Luncheon**
Location: Lowenthal Hall Room 4050. June 10, 2025. Created in 1984 through an endowment fund established by Mr. Vanden Brul in conjunction with RIT's Saunders College of Business. The award is presented annually to an individual or business that has improved the economic life of Greater Rochester or whose innovation management skills have changed the course of an existing business. We will also honor RIT students with the Herbert W. Vanden Brul Student Entrepreneurial Award. For more information, click [HERE](#).

FROM GENE FRAM

- [“Should we kill the essay?”](#) by Luke Zaphir, University of Queensland, April 12, 2025.
- [“Enhancing self-regulated learning and higher-order thinking skills in virtual reality: the impact of ChatGPT-integrated feedback aids”](#) by Wang, WS., Lin, CJ., Lee, HY. *et al.*, April 10, 2025.
- [“The art of critical thinking”](#) by Ashti Tiwari, The Daily Pennsylvanian, April 6, 2025.
- [“Let the critical thinking guide you”](#) by Pablo Listingart, Fast Company Exec Board, March 20, 2025.

