

## Fram Focus volume 11:2 – September 2025

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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. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **We're seeking RIT faculty, students, clubs, and collaborators to showcase at our Signature receptions.** (e.g., posters, digital displays, 3D-printed materials, clubs, etc. Re-use of exhibit materials encouraged!). Register to exhibit [HERE](#) by September 5, 2025.

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## FRAM SIGNATURE LECTURE

- **2025 Fram Signature Lecture: Augmented Leadership: Critical Thinking in the Age of GenAI with Anshu Kak.** Sept 30, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Ingle Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Fireside Lounge, where light refreshments will be served.

**Abstract:** Discover how to lead with clarity and confidence in an AI-powered world. In this talk, Anshu Kak explores how critical thinking helps you navigate rapid change, collaborate with intelligent systems, and solve real-world problems. These are skills that matter whether you're launching your career, advancing in your field, or shaping what comes next.

**Bio:** Anshu Kak is Vice President of Google Cloud Platform and Data/Private AI at Kyndryl. A distinguished C-level executive and engineer, she brings over 25 years of experience at Google, IBM, and GE. At Google, she led the global Principal Architect community and created the Solution Design Method—an approach rooted in critical and design thinking to solve complex problems with clarity and purpose. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

- **We're seeking RIT faculty, students, clubs, and collaborators to showcase innovative activities (e.g., posters, digital displays, 3D-printed materials, student clubs, etc. Re-use of exhibit materials encouraged!).** Two receptions will feature these:
  - **Monday, Sept. 29 | 5:30–6:30 PM**  
*University Gallery*  
*Theme: Transforming the University Experience with AI*
  - **Tuesday, Sept. 30 | 5:00–6:00 PM**  
*Fireside Lounge* – Open to the RIT community (any and all interesting topics)

Register to exhibit [HERE](#) by September 5, 2025. Any questions? [ritframchair@rit.edu](mailto:ritframchair@rit.edu)

## FRAM FINDS

- **The Charrette Reception: September 4, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.**  
Room/Location: The SHED atrium.  
Each year, hundreds of RIT College of Art and Design students in Foundations classes take part in The Charrette, an intensive workshop that challenges them to use various materials to make creative wearable sculptures. This year's final designs will be worn and showcased during our reception in the SHED atrium. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **Transforming Instruction with Zoom AI Companion:** September 12, 2025, 11:00 am – 11:50 am. Room/Location: Virtual, Zoom. Learn to support instruction and enhance the student experience with Zoom AI Companion: summaries, transcription, and more! For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Critical Thinking with AI: Designing Transparent Assignments:** September 19, 2025, 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm. Room/Location: Wallace Library, 3620 Library Multipurpose Room. Join us for a series of three sessions on Critical Thinking with AI. In the first session, we will focus on Designing Transparent Assignments. Transparent assignment design (TILT) focuses on how and why students are learning course content, concepts, and skills in a particular way. Participants will explore TILT strategies that explicitly guide student engagement with AI. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Campus Connect: AI Jeopardy:** September 24, 2025, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Room/Location: Fredericka Douglass Sprague Perry Hall, 1250. Test your knowledge of Artificial Intelligence during a night of trivia with your favorite RIT Librarians! Whether you're an AI enthusiast or just in it for the fun, this event is the perfect combo of trivia, teamwork, and friendly competition. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **RIT's 11th Presidential Inauguration:** September 26, 2025, 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.  
Room/Location: Gordon Field House and Activities Center, GFH. Join the Inauguration of RIT's next president, William H. Sanders! For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **Critical Thinking with AI: Spotting Fallacies:** September 26, 2025, 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm.  
Room/Location: Wallace Library, 3620 Library Multipurpose Room. A series of three sessions on Critical Thinking with AI, session #2 will focus on Spotting Fallacies. Faculty will leave with ready-to-use strategies for teaching critical reasoning across disciplines. These techniques make abstract concepts like fallacies more concrete and give students low-stakes opportunities to engage deeply with logical thinking. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

## A FEW THOUGHTS

In this issue, meet:

- **Ellen Moser**, Fram Executive Advisory Board Member, RIT Alum (Computer Technology). Read Ellen's thoughts related to critical thinking [HERE](#).

## FROM GENE FRAM

- [“13 human skills gaps could threaten AI adoption, learning scientists say”](#) by Carolyn Crist, HR DIVE, August 19, 2025.
- [“The Skill That Makes You Irreplaceable”](#) by Umar Amin, Motivation, August 17, 2025.
- [“Beyond Code: Why Your Human Skills Are the Future of Success”](#) by Julia Streets, Finextra, July 29, 2025.

