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NEW FRAM CHAIR INITIATIVE

- **Create a Mind Field- a Fun, Fast, Furious, Focused learning opportunity.** Do you have a teaching & learning activity that just does not seem to fit within traditional frameworks? Are you interested in trying something new? Are you attracted to breakout rooms, crucibles or immersive experiences? [More information HERE.](#) Submit your proposal by January 3, 2021.

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

- **“Which religious holidays should be recognized as holidays?”** Friday, December 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Co-sponsored with Gray Matter. A monthly discussion series designed to promote critical exploration of provocative topics related to higher education and the RIT campus community. Contact: Chris Hinesley, [chhgsm@rit.edu](mailto:chhgsm@rit.edu).
- **Research Consortium** Fall-Spring 2021-2022. Co-sponsored with RIT China. A program designed to help students use research to solve existing human problems in the society. The Consortium is composed of selected groups of students who work together on a project with the goal of sharing that work as part of the Global Humanities Conference and/or participating in Imagine RIT. Contact: Jude Chudi Okpala, [jcocada@rit.edu](mailto:jcocada@rit.edu)

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- **Mike Eastman,** Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Continuous Improvement, College of Engineering Technology. Read about his thoughts on applied critical thinking [HERE.](#)

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- **“Aaron Rodgers Dropped the Ball on Critical Thinking – with a little practice you can do better”** by Joe Arvai, The Conversation, December 1, 2021. Mr. Arvai discusses critical thinking in relation to the football player’s recent statements on the COVID-19 vaccine. More [HERE.](#)
- **“Steven Pinker argues that critical thinking leads to progress in ‘Rationality’”** by Steve Donoghue, The Christian Science Monitor, October 28, 2021. Cognitive psychologist Steven Pinker’s book exams the idea that critical thinking can protect people from their worst cognitive instincts. Read more [HERE.](#)
“Logical Thinking” by Dr. Jim White, CEO World Magazine, November 20, 2021. Dr. White exams four major steps involved in the process of reasoning. Read HERE.