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- **Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition:** RIT Graduate School. Finalists must be available to compete in person on Monday, November 4th, 2024. The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) was originally developed by the University of Queensland (UQ), Australia. The goals of the competition are to (1) highlight the excellent research conducted by graduate students and (2) challenge students to develop communication skills to explain their complex and technical research in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. 3MT Competitions are currently held in over 900 universities across more than 85 countries worldwide. For more information, please click [HERE](#).
- **2024 Global Humanities Conference Prep Workshop:** Fifth Annual RIT Undergraduate Global Humanities Virtual Conference. Theme: Conflict, Resilience, and Resolution: Transformative Humanity. Monday, November 18, 2024, 9:15 – 10:15 am EST. The 2025 [Global Humanities Conference](#) is an opportunity for students from every RIT campus to share a project related to our theme. Interested in working with other RIT students from across the world but not sure where to start? Come to this workshop to learn more and get ready to roll and make connections! The GH conference helps you

learn about global issues and build skills to make an impact! This one-hour workshop will focus on: Critical Thinking for Conflict, Recovery & Resilience, Critical Thinking across Difference: Creating a Team Project & Driving Success. For more information and to register for this virtual event, click [HERE](#).

FRAM FINDS

- **Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend:** October 18 - 20, 2024. Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend is a longstanding RIT tradition of celebrating families, students, alumni, staff, and friends of the University with one spectacular weekend. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Cog Sci Speaker Series: Being Alive: Agency, Biology, and Core Knowledge. Dr. Lilia Rissman.** October 25, 2024, 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Location: GOS-2365. What are the building blocks of human cognition? Drawing on evidence from crosslinguistic comparisons and child homesign, I will argue that the concept of agency (individuals acting to achieve their goals) is universal and may be part of innate core knowledge. I will then show that dimensions of agency are part of essential biological notions such as being alive. Although agency and biology have been argued to be part of distinct cognitive modules, I will discuss the possibility that they are tightly integrated in humans' foundational understanding of the natural world. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **Halloween at RIT Libraries:** October 31, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Location: 1st and 2nd Floor of Wallace Library. Celebrate Halloween with us at RIT Libraries! Enjoy spooky crafts, trivia, and a photo booth on the first floor. Plus lots of candy! Then travel up to the Cary collection on the second floor for more Halloween fun! For more information, click [HERE](#).

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- **Daniel Moscoe**, Director, Faculty and Academic Affairs, RIT Certified. Read his thoughts related to the impacts of Artificial Intelligence [HERE](#).

FROM GENE FRAM

- ["Could AI in the Classroom Be the Secret to Turning Soft Skills into Hard Currency?"](#) by Tobin Slaven, Foundation for Economic Education, September 13, 2024.
- ["College teaches human skills, not just hard skills"](#) by Lee Maxie, Chief Learning Officer, September 23, 2024.
- ["7 Ways College Education Prepares You for the Real World"](#) by Mark Berman, PI, September 24, 2024.
- ["UDL and the Why of Learning"](#) by Barbara Bray, Rethinking Learning, October 23, 2017.

