



National Creativity Network

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

February 20, 2026

### QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"We must never surrender. America will get better and better. Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!" – Jesse Jackson

"There are no such things as limits to growth, because there are no limits on the human capacity for intelligence, imagination, and wonder" – Ronald Reagan

"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them." – Galileo Galilei

"It is the business of the future to be dangerous; and it is among the merits of science that it equips the future for its duties." – Alfred North Whitehead

"To know that we know what we know, and to know that we do not know what we do not know, that is true knowledge." – Nicolaus Copernicus

"Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought." – Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

"There's two possible outcomes: if the result confirms the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery. If the result is contrary to the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery." – Enrico Fermi

### VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

**John Kounios: The Neuroscience of Creativity**  
*The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer*

**Revealing the lost codex of Archimedes | William Noel**  
*TEDxSummit*

**Announcing the Inaugural Neuroarts Global Summit**

*International Arts + Mind Lab*

**December 2 – 3**

**Museum of Innovation and Science features the mechanics of muscle plasticity**

*CBS Detroit*

**FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES**

**“The faces of CERN” at the Globe of Science and Innovation**

*CERN*

**Through March 1**

**Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026**

*The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain*

**Begins January 2, 2026**

**ALL TOGETHER NOW: A Sneak Peek into SXSW 2026**

*SXSW*

**March 12 – 18**

**Social Prescribing Day 2026**

*National Academy of Social Prescribing, UK*

**March 26**

**The Art of Prescribing: Advancing Arts-Based Pathways to Health**

*Social Prescribing USA*

**March 26 | Free Webinar**

*In recognition of Social Prescribing Day 2026, which is March 26, 2026*

**Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us**

*TED Conferences*

**April 13 - 17**

**ENCATC Academy**

*ENCATC*

**April 21 – 24 | Bilbao, Spain**

**Building Bridges: Connecting Communities with Culture and Commerce**

*2026 South & Appalachian Creative Placemaking Summit*

**April 21 – 24 | Memphis, TN**

**CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series**

*CreativeMornings*

**Various**

**Nesta Talks to...**

*Nesta*

**Various**

**Interactive Map | Science Festivals**

*Science Festival Alliance*

**Various**

**Call for Articles | General Issue**

*European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC*

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024**

*At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Various**

**Idea Jams 2025/2026**

*Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity*

**Series**

**ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

**These designers made a sustainable new building material from corn**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Are Thousands of Medical Cures Hiding in Plain Sight?**

*Freakonomics Radio*

**Jim Henson interviewing with Muppets is a delightful reminder of his magical genius**

*Mental Floss*

**Why the best problem-solvers think like jazz musicians**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**Announcing the 2026 Cohort of Jazz Legacies Fellows**

*Mellon Foundation*

**"Only a Woman Would Think of It"**

*Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter*

**Re|Shaping Policies for Creativity 2026**

*UNESCO*

**Creative Futures: The Springboard for Sustained Economic Growth and Diversification.**

*World Governments Summit*

**National Academy of Engineering Elects 130 Members and 28 International Members**

*National Academy of Engineering*

**Where Does Creativity Come From?**

*American Academy of Arts and Sciences*

**Heart Art and Healing: Women Veterans Connect Through Creativity at Providence Vet Center**

*US Department of Veterans Affairs*

**Women in STEM: Time to Change the Rules of the Game**

*United Nations Development Programme*

**Are women board members risk averse or agents of innovation?**

*Fast Company*

**An Innovation-Centric Culture Takes More Than Tools And Technology**

*Forbes*

**Yi receives more than \$530,000 industry sponsorship to advance computer chips that move data in a new way**

*College of Engineering and Applied Sciences | UW-Milwaukee*

**Don't deprioritize curiosity-driven research**

*Editorial | Nature*

**Why scientists played make-believe with an ape**

*Short Wave | NPR*

**Chinese scientists push limits of 300-year-old math problem in sphere packing**

*Interesting Engineering*

**Arts, health and humanities converge at interdisciplinary symposium**

*News | Florida State University*

**'We're no longer attracting top talent': the brain drain killing American science**

*US News | The Guardian*

**How Did Draco Malfoy Get Mixed Up With Lunar New Year?**

*The New York Times*

**How a Century-Old Rule Is Scrambling Late-Night TV**

*The New York Times*

**Investigators Blame NASA and Boeing for Starliner Failures**

*The New York Times*

**SUCCESS STORY: Growing Dance Educators Through Collaborative, Curated Professional Learning**

*Arts Education Partnership*

**Anthropic is fighting with a big client, and it's actually good for its brand**

*Marketing Innovation | Fast Company*

**Hollywood is freaking out over a viral AI video showing Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise fighting**

*Tech | Fast Company*

**The equal time rule is no match for the YouTube age**

*Plugged In | Fast Company*

**How AI could kill the return to office**

*Workplace Evolution | Fast Company*

**5 simple tips to hit breakthrough ideas**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**Lego's new Monet-inspired set is full of hidden details**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Google cofounder Sergey Brin's unretirement is a lesson for the rest of us**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**Urban sketchers find the sublime in the city block**

*Culture | NPR*

**What is the right time horizon for technology development?**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**Why does sound startle these caterpillars even though they don't have ears?**

*Animals | National Geographic*

**This odd-looking new Spinosaurus is reviving an age-old debate**

*Science | National Geographic*

**Leader Humility Facilitates Innovative Behavior**

*Humble Habits | Psychology Today*

**KUSC, KDFC Adopt Single Statewide Identity.**

*Inside Radio*

**Venezuela produces many of the world's top classical musicians. The pipeline is breaking.**

*WBEZ Chicago*

**Children's vocabulary shrinking as reading loses out to screen time, says Susie Dent**

*Children | The Guardian*

**Apocalypse no: how almost everything we thought we knew about the Maya is wrong**

*The Guardian*

**Meet Putu Tangkas Adi Hiranmayena, Infusing Experimentation into Balinese Music and Beyond**

*Arts Midwest*

**Why your most creative ideas may come after a night of sleep**

*The Washington Post*

**Meet an engineering student cultivating a love of reading through her nonprofit organization**

*Case Western Reserve University*

**New study: The brain may learn more from rare events than from repetition**

*EurekAlert! | AAAS*

**Cracking the Brain's Code: New Sensor Wraps the Human Mind in 3D Insight**

*College of Arts and Sciences | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

**The Sweet Lesson of Neuroscience**

*Asterisk Magazine*

**2026 Sloan Research Fellows Announced**

*Alfred P. Sloan Foundation*

**Education Ranked: The Best Countries at Creative Thinking**

*Visual Capitalist*

**Brendan Carr Confirms FCC Has Begun 'Enforcement Proceedings' Against ABC's 'The View' Over Equal Time Issues**

*Variety*

**Microsoft's Glass Chip Holds Terabytes of Data for 10,000 Years**

*Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo*

**Academy Sci-Tech Awards Announce 27 Recipients From DreamWorks to Sony Pictures Innovators**

*Variety*

**With an Experiment in Their Basement Photo Lab, Two Brothers Created a Paint That Outshines Them All**

*Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine*

**'Yankee Doodle' Was One of America's Earliest Protest Songs. But Its Origins Are Shrouded in Mystery**

*History | Smithsonian Magazine*

**IMLS Announces 2025 Winners of National Medal for Museum and Library Service**

*Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)*

**Oscar Winner Michelle Yeoh Broke Through Glass Ceilings on Her Journey to Stardom and Hollywood's Walk of Fame**

*Variety*

**Agile Is the New Smart**

*The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter*

**What Does Loss Look Like?**

*The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain*

**Why do cats' eyes glow in the dark?**

*Popular Science*

**FDA to review Moderna's flu jab on agency pivot**

*Pharmaceutical Technology*

**Google adds music-generation capabilities to the Gemini app**

*TechCrunch*

**Mark Zuckerberg Takes the Stand in Landmark Social Media Addiction Trial**

*The New York Times*

**I founded 1-800-Flowers.com 50 years ago. This is the secret to business success**

*Ask the Experts | Fast Company*

**Storytelling is a strategic imperative in the age of AI**

*Fast Company Executive Board*

**8 creative ways to build your village, according to our listeners**

*Life Kit | NPR*

**A Chronicle of Coexistence with Birds**

*American Scientist*

**Innovation Lessons from the 50 Most Admired Companies of 2026**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**How to write a coaching/learning prompt**

*Seth's Blog*

**All You Need Is Nudge (Update)**

*Freakonomics Radio*

**Into the Void With Moby**

*Brick by Brick | Psychology Today*

**Artist Domingo Zapata gets 'blank check' from Saudi government to paint mural visible from space**

*New York Post*

**FCC Attempt to Kill Stephen Colbert Interview Completely Backfires**

*The New Republic*

**The Day NY Publishing Lost Its Soul**

*The Honest Broker | Ted Gioia*

**The Obscure Media Theory That Explains '99% of Everything'**

*Derek Thompson*

**Writers Guild West's Own Staff Calls a Strike Against the Union**

*The Hollywood Reporter*

**When a Stage Director Trades Broadway for the Olympics**

*Playbill*

**"Terribly frustrating": After USPS changes, more newspapers aren't reaching subscribers on time**

*Nieman Lab*

**These South Dakota Quilters Honor Veterans, Comfort Neighbors with Their Craft**

*Arts Midwest*

**The Humanities Are About to Be Automated**

*Yascha Mounk*

**Jesse Jackson, Charismatic Champion of Civil Rights, Dies at 84**

*The New York Times*

Also

**A Life in Pictures of One of America's Most Influential Black Figures**

*The New York Times*

**Seven Pivotal Moments in Jackson's Life**

*The New York Times*

**The Rev. Jesse Jackson, an icon of the Civil Rights movement, has died at 84**

*Fast Company*

**Jesse Jackson, Civil Rights Activist and Two-Time Presidential Candidate, Dies at 84**

*Variety*

**Robert Duvall, Star of 'The Godfather' and 'The Great Santini,' Dies at 95**

*Variety*

Also

**Robert Duvall, a Chameleon of an Actor Onscreen and Onstage, Dies at 95**

*The New York Times*

**Robert Duvall Remembered by Adam Sandler, Viola Davis, Michael Keaton and More: 'He Was Greatness Personified as an Actor'**

*Variety*

**Robert Duvall: A Life in Pictures**

*The New York Times*

**Remembering Robert Duvall, Whose Acting Brilliance Colored in the Light and Dark Sides of Humanity**

*Variety*

**Al Pacino and Robert De Niro Remember 'The Godfather Part II' Co-Star Robert Duvall: 'I Will Miss Him'**

*Variety*

**Francis Ford Coppola Remembers Robert Duvall: 'Such a Great Actor and Such an Essential Part of American Zoetrope'**

*Variety*

**Actor Robert Duvall has died — he brought a compassionate center to edgy hard roles**

*Pop Culture Happy Hour | NPR*

**Judge Orders Trump Administration to Restore Displays About Slavery at Washington's House**

*The New York Times*

**A fluid can store solar energy and then release it as heat months later**

*Ars Technica*

**I vibe-coded a video game for under \$25. Here's how it went**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Your biggest competitor is paralysis**

*Fast Company Executive Board*

**Why Canada is walking away from the Canadian Start-up Visa**

*Fast Company Executive Board*

**Why top brands and agencies use GenAI to bolster creativity**

*Fast Company Executive Board*

**Dr. Erica Halverson: How the Arts Can Save Education**

*The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer*

**Amber Ruffin's 'Bigfoot!' musical offers hope to anyone who's been othered**

*Morning Edition | NPR*

**Dualism is Bunk – Emergentism Rules!**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**Misguided optimization**

*Seth's Blog*

**The Year of the Fire Horse is back—for the first time in 60 years**  
*History & Culture | National Geographic*

**How elephants pass on crucial survival skills to next generations**  
*Animals | National Geographic*

**Toilet Paper as a Weapon**  
*Seeing What Others Don't | Psychology Today*

**AI Part 1: What the Story-Writing Machines Are Doing to Us**  
*3 Quarks Daily*

**New IMLS Guidelines Echo Trump's Vision for American Culture**  
*Artnet News*

**Words Without Consequence - What does it mean to have speech without a speaker?**  
*The Atlantic*

**How Pokemon became a source of soft power and among the world's biggest media franchises**  
*CBC Radio*

**Tualatin resident Tom Swearingen wins cowboy poetry award — again**  
*Oregon ArtsWatch*

**Minneapolis left to decide future of streetside memorials to 2 people killed by federal officers**  
*MPR News*

**Losing Faith in Atheism**  
*The Weekend Essay | The New Yorker*

**Finding the Salt in Your Creative Diet**  
*The Naked Creative | Psychology Today*

**Art And Design As Civic Action: How Creativity Strengthens Democracy**  
*Forbes*

**Dancing with Your Default Mode**  
*Gapingvoid*

**Thomas Edison On Powering The Future: A 1929 Forbes Interview**  
*Forbes*

**The Books That Blew These Scientists' Minds**  
*Nautilus*

**Commemorate Presidents' Day With 15 Images That Celebrate the Founding Fathers**  
*History | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Beethoven and Divergent Thinking**

*Creativity Research Journal*

**TECH & INNOVATION: Why innovation needs continuity**

*The Berkshire Edge*

**He Studied Cognitive Science at Stanford. Then He Wrote a Startling Play About A.I. Authoritarianism.**

*The New York Times*

**Cleveland Clinic teaching artificial intelligence to read brain waves and detect seizures in seconds**

*WKYC*

**“A Plague of Mysterious, AI-Written Emails from “Fellow Authors” - Early AI adopters are using it to scam authors.”**

*Virginia’s Newsletter | Virginia Postrel*

**He spent decades perfecting his voice. Now he says Google stole it.**

*The Washington Post*

**Malcolm Gladwell tells young people if they want a STEM degree, ‘don’t go to Harvard.’ You may end up at the bottom of your class and drop out**

*Fortune*

**Arts in Health Today | February 2026**

*Center for Arts in Medicine | University of Florida | College of the Arts*

**‘The Simpsons’ Hits Another Milestone**

*The New York Times*

**These Unsinkable Tubes Could Help Harvest Energy From the Ocean**

*The New York Times*

**Trump Wants Smithsonian to Create a Different Official Portrait**

*The New York Times*

**Trump Erased a Bedrock Climate Rule. Here Come the Lawsuits.**

*The New York Times*

**How George Washington’s mistakes in Pennsylvania's wilderness provided valuable leadership lessons**

*Leadership | Fast Company*

**This classic MTV website goes where Netflix dare not venture**

*Tech | Fast Company*

**3 research-backed improv tricks to help manage stress**

*Your Most Productive Self | Fast Company*

**Ben Affleck has one word for AI-generated creative writing. His take on LLMs is going viral**

*Fast Company*

**Make life harder (and better): Learn another language.**

*It's Been a Minute | NPR*

**Your Feelings Are Often Triggers That Mislead You**

*Human-Centered Change and innovation*

**Things that feel risky**

*Seth's Blog*

**Why Ramadan is the most sacred month in Islamic culture**

*History & Culture | National Geographic*

**Expanding access to health care through AI**

*The Doctor Can See You Now | Gates Notes*

**Warner Bros. Discovery Eyes Renewed Discussions With Paramount Skydance After Latest Bid**

*Variety*

**PEN America Names New Leadership After Gaza Fallout**

*The New York Times*

**Viral AI video of Brad Pitt fighting Tom Cruise shakes Hollywood**

*Y! Entertainment, Los Angeles Times*

**Indie bookstores provide readers with information, relief amid ICE surge**

*MPR News*

**With 200+ Artworks, 'Rainbow Dreams' Revels in the Vast Creativity of the Color Spectrum**

*Colossal*

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The **National Creativity Network** believes that by fostering creativity in our society as a whole, and specifically with future generations, America can remain a leader in innovation and free enterprise. The very future of our communities and institutions

depends on our ability to nurture and harness imagination to creatively solve problems. If creativity is to be nurtured, systems, institutions and networks must be transformed.

The opportunities that emerge to transform our nation are largely dependent upon the degree to which we are connected to each other. Our connection will become a catalyst:

- to enhance the flow of relevant information,
- and to improve the ease with which key nodes of creativity, be they in the domains of Education, Commerce, Culture or across disciplines, can gain access to the best thinking, best questions, and most successful practices as well as other resources their ventures may require.

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