



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

August 7, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better." – Samuel Beckett

"Never interrupt someone doing what you said couldn't be done." – Amelia Earhart

"The moment always comes when, having collected one's ideas, certain images, an intuition of a certain kind of development — whether psychological or material — one must pass on to the actual realization." – Michelangelo Antonioni

"Much of what we see in the universe ... starts out as imaginary. Often you must imagine something before you can come to terms with it." – Clifford D. Simak

"You need to let the little things that would ordinarily bore you suddenly thrill you." – Andy Warhol

"Education, for most people, means trying to lead the child to resemble the typical adult of his society... But for me, education means making creators... You have to make inventors, innovators, not conformists." – Jean Piaget

"Computer Science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes." – Edsger Dijkstra

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

How your pictures can help reclaim lost history | Chance Coughenour
TEDxHamburg

Bad Bunny's Residency Was an Economic Masterclass
Fast Company

What If Being a Stranger Is Actually Your Superpower? | Better in Person
Freakonomics Radio Network and Central Synagogue

The science behind using the arts to combat loneliness and social isolation
PBS NewsHour

Lina Ghotmeh: How to design buildings that remember the past
BBC Global

Wrapping Up Our Podcast Series on Exploring AI, Education, and the Workforce
Connect. Catalyze. Change | STEMconnector

Physical video games are disappearing
Fast Company

How technology has changed what it's like to be deaf | Rebecca Knill
TED@Wells Fargo

The future skills agenda of the creative industries | RSA REPLAY
Royal Society of Arts

A Short Film Sheds Light on the Garfield Phones Washing Up on a French Beach Since the '80s
Colossal

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

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

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio
Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn
Through January 10

NEW Every Student, Every Community: National Arts in Education Week Advocacy Webinar
Americans for the Arts
August 13 | Webinar

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series
Creating Abundance Collaborative
August 19 | Creative Youth Development Building Backstage, Media, and Production Pathways
September 23 | Creative and Durable Skill Development for the Future of Work
October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists
November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

NEW 2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit

WI Department of Public Instruction

August 21

NEW Art, connection and creativity converge at the threshold

BloomingtonMN.gov

September 22 – October 27 | Tuesdays

Artists and Cultural & Creative Professionals at the Centre: Rethinking Work, Policy, and Cultural Ecosystems

ENCATC Congress 2026

September 23 - 25 | Nice, France

CMU's AI Institute for Societal Decision Making presents Creative AI and the Ethics of Art

Free to the People | Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

November 17

TED 2027

TED

March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

Also

Join us at TED2027 in San Diego, March 1-4

TED Blog

March 1 – 4 | San Diego, CA

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

What Was the Internet?

Science | Boston Review

Disney's partnership with TikTok aims to blur the line between scrolling and streaming

Fast Company

This A.I. Just Created Viruses Not Found in Nature

The New York Times

This High Schooler Invented a Plant-Based Plastic That Removes Microplastics From the Environment as It Biodegrades

Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine

Fake subway ads mock artificial intelligence with human creativity

New York Daily News

Texas A&M to build self-driving laboratory for metals, open to researchers nationwide

Texas A&M Stories | Texas A&M University

Creating pathways to science for First Nations students

WEHI

White House plan for a 'golden age' of science ignores the structures that made the US a scientific superpower

The Conversation

US Stand Up for Science movement expands to Europe

Science | Business

Simons Foundation Funds 12 Targeted Math and Physics Research Groups

Simons Foundation

The visual brain hypothesis

Science

Taxi drivers rarely die of Alzheimer's – how complex mental maps and spatial reasoning protect your brain

The Conversation

Forget-Me-Not Choir

Virginia Department of Health

August 9

A Tiny Brain Map is Opening New Opportunities in Neuroscience

Mellon College of Science | Carnegie Mellon University

First complete songbird genome reveals hidden biology

EurekAlert! | AAAS

The Goddess of Truth Roosts in our Ridgepole...

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

A.I. Went to the Opera, Creating Images for an Anniversary Production of Wagner's 'Ring Cycle' at the Theater Where He First Staged the Masterpiece

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Find Evidence of Lost Amazonian Civilization That May Have Been Home to Millions

Human History | Gizmodo

Science Writer Nicola Twilley Discusses Mummy Sleuths, the Hunt for the Ancient Microbiome, and Finding Humanity in the Past

Science Communication, National Academies Sciences | Engineering | Medicine

August 2026: Serendipity

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore

John Carpenter Found a New Way to Give You Nightmares

The New York Times

On PBS Kids, Jacqueline Woodson Reminds Children Their Stories Matter

The New York Times

This Classic Cookbook Chefs Swear By Is 50 Years Old

The New York Times

This new human genome has almost no gaps

Chemical and Engineering News

10 essential tools for discovering, learning, and making music

Tech | Fast Company

How SpaceX rockets could transform the global cargo system

Tech | Fast Company

Nobody knows what it means to 'be more strategic.' Here's why (and how) to explain it

Leadership | Fast Company

Why do people actually prefer AI-generated stories to human writing? New study reveals surprising insights

Fast Company

Hybrid work isn't breaking employee engagement

Fast Company Executive Board

Treat AI like electricity
Fast Company Executive Board

Preserving the humanity of travel in the agentic AI era
IDEO Journal

Can reading set you free? This poet thinks so.
It's Been A Minute | NPR

The park service says Trump's arch would obstruct historic sites. Could it be moved?
Morning Edition | NPR

Are We on the Brink of Ending Aging?
Health | National Geographic

'The entire world is glowing in front of you': How Nat Geo photographers captured Pompeii
Photography | National Geographic

They evicted her after 40 years to claim her hand-painted murals. Her parting gift was perfect.
Upworthy

He Helped Clean Up the Last Crash. Does He See Another One Coming?
Freakonomics Radio

The Joy of Longing
Bodhisattva Wannabe | Psychology Today

The Highest-Grossing Theater for 'The Odyssey' in 70MM Hadn't Screened a New Movie in 35 Years
The Hollywood Reporter

Who were the Luddites? Their legacy ripples through politics, cultural commentary and literature
The Conversation

Right Ingredients, Wrong Recipe: What It Takes to Really Get Children Learning
Stanford Social Innovation Review

The Letters Nelson Mandela Wrote From Prison Reveal His Extraordinary Optimism
Mental Floss

The Winners of the 2026 Pure Street Photography Awards Invoke Happenstance and Commotion
Colossal

In Search of the Consolations of Age
New English Review

It has to be me

Creativity and Education | Felipe Zamana

These Are the Sharpest Images Ever Taken of the Sun, and They Might Solve a Decades-Old Mystery

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Exclusive: the science papers that patents cite the most

News Feature | Nature

I Asked Women Engineers to Write Fiction. Here's What Happened. Engineer Gayathri Shukla explores how writing fiction helped women engineers reimagine the systems they work within every day.

All Together | Society of Women Engineers

FCC Eliminates TV Station Ownership Cap in Win for Nexstar and Other Big Broadcasters

Variety

Thingamajig Convention encourages Innovation

WUSA9

New NSF State and Regional AI Infrastructure Hubs will power AI-enabled scientific research across the country

US National Science Foundation

The Neuroscience of Why You Can't Stop Buying Books

Inc. Magazine

At the Simons Science Summit, Leaders Explore How AI Is Transforming Scientific Discovery

Simons Foundation

4 of Google's Top AI Brains Are Leaving—and Launching Their Own AI Startup

WIRED

When Control Creates Chaos

Gapingvoid

Using Poetry to Strengthen World Language Students' Understanding of Grammar

Teaching Strategies | Edutopia

Fun Math and Science Activities for the Early Grades

Student Engagement | Edutopia

A New Study Points to Two Origins of Life on Earth by Tracing Early Chemical Reactions in Single-Celled Organisms

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

To Recover Artworks Looted by the Nazis, Researchers Are Getting Creative, With New Strategies Including an A.I. Chatbot and a Campaign of 'Wanted' Posters

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Discover the Story of Gertrude Ederle, an Olympic Gold Medalist and World Record Setter Who Made Waves as the First Woman to Successfully Swim the English Channel

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

Google DeepMind Boss Demis Hassabis Steps Down From CEO Role

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

These 25 Artifacts Explain America

The New York Times

A Four-Ton SpaceX Rocket Stage Hit the Moon, but Almost No One Saw It

The New York Times

Scientists unveil more than 600 new tissue models of human cancer

MIT News

July 2026: Artistry Contributions - A collaborative inquiry into the art of being human . . .

The Art of Being Human | Sam Chaltain

Trump's Head Start overhaul could deepen the digital divide

Tech | Fast Company

How a brilliant founder can become their company's creative bottleneck

Creativity At Work | Fast Company

TikTok and YouTube could fill a gap for musicians as space shrinks on late-night TV

Design | Fast Company

The modern library

Seth's Blog

Bad news isn't the only news

Proof of Progress | Gates Notes

The video game industry is imploding. What does it mean for Hollywood?

MSN, The Wrap

Also

Physical video games are disappearing

Fast Company

Towards an AI for Africa

Aeon Essays

A pressing issue: why are vinyl albums becoming so different from their digital versions?

Vinyl | The Guardian

David Ellison: In Defense of the Paramount-Warner Deal

The New York Times

Also

Judge Sets Paramount-Warner Bros. Antitrust Trial for March 2027

Variety

Regal Cinemas CEO Eduardo Acuna Backs Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger, Says Antitrust Trial ‘Creates More Uncertainty and Distraction’

Variety

U.K. Approves Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger

Variety

How LLMs Set My Fiction Free

The Yale Review

Why People Stop Bringing Their Ideas to Work

The Psychology of Creativity | Psychology Today

Rebuilding a city begins with imagination

Women, Peace and Security Blog | London School of Economics and Political Science

EA Announces Completion of Acquisition by PIF, Silver Lake, and Affinity Partners

Business Wire

An artist’s creative process is revealed beneath layers of paint

Soapbox Cincinnati

As a child, engineering professor Tahira Reid Smith sketched a machine that could turn Double Dutch skipping ropes without human help for a school assignment.

LinkedIn | Fintech Association of Kenya

What Is David Ellison’s Breaking Point?

Variety

UWM neuroscience professor works to combat memory loss and dementia

College of Letters and Science | UW-Milwaukee

Appeals Court Says E.P.A. Cannot Block Billions in Climate Grants

The New York Times

The 50 Best Thrillers of the 21st Century: A Printable List

The New York Times

100 Animals and Plants Just Got Some Much-Needed Help

The New York Times

LinkedIn's new anti-slop button is coming to every platform

Design | Fast Company

Forget Neuralink. This startup thinks your tongue is the better interface

Design | Fast Company

How the Trump administration is blocking the public's right to protect the environment

Fast Company

23 of the biggest misconceptions about leadership

Fast Company Executive Board

How Byron Allen plans to turn BuzzFeed into a YouTube rival

Rapid Response | Fast Company

Category Creation

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The disconnect between effort and value

Seth's Blog

The Power of Setting Intentions

Last Stop on the Struggle Bus | Psychology Today

The 25 Sculptures That Define the Modern Age

The New York Times Magazine

Move Over Microdramas, Here Come the Microsports (Exclusive)

The Hollywood Reporter

'Spider-Man: Brand New Day' and 'The Odyssey' Power Biggest Collective Weekend in Box Office History With \$430 Million

Variety

Inside PIAZZA, the privately funded arts precinct supporting emerging artists

ArtsHub, Australia

The Noonday Devil

Portico

Their Forefather Was a Grocer and Mozart's Most Important Librettist

The New York Times

Poetry Foundation Library Scraped for AI-Generated Educational Content

Publishers Weekly

White House Proposes Smallest Smithsonian Budget in Years and Cutting Full-Time Staff by 6 Percent

ARTnews

'I want to be ripped to shreds': writers flock to MFAs - but does it breed elitist literature?

US News | The Guardian

How Fairy Tales Nurture the Creative Self

Brainstorm | Psychology Today

Creativity and the Search of the Eureka Factor

Explorations of the Mind | Psychology Today

In 1790, Samuel Hopkins was issued the first patent in the United States. It spurred American innovation.

Upworthy

One photographer's quest to reveal every animal on Earth

Photo Ark | National Geographic

Creative Forces Expands Arts Engagement Opportunities for Military Nationwide

National Endowment for the Arts + Mid-America Arts Alliance

Morehouse College Receives NSF Grant for EdTech Innovation Project

Morehouse College

NSF stands up 2 Materials Innovation Platforms with \$50M investment

US National Science Foundation

Also

New UW-Madison center accelerates discovery where materials meet their limits

College of Engineering | University of Wisconsin-Madison

Not just a figment of imagination

eLife

Songs You Imagine Can Be Decoded Directly From Your Brain

Neuroscience News

Did an AI Music App Just Snitch on the Song of the Summer?

WIRED

The SpaceX Falcon 9 Moon Crash Is a Warning for Lunar Bases

WIRED

Ridiculous Is The Future

Gapingvoid

The AI boom has college majors of all types dabbling in computer science
Tech | Fast Company

To navigate the fraught AI landscape, we need to shift from debate to dialog
Tech | Fast Company

JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon says playing this game as a child helped develop his legendary investing skills
Fast Company

When everyone can build software, judgment matters more
Fast Company Executive Board

How Trump's cuts to Head Start could leave the signature early education program in tatters
Fast Company

Natural food dyes are winning the snack wars
Design | Fast Company

The cost of underestimating the ageless generation
Impact Council | Fast Company

Science Decade in action: How UNESCO is closing the global scientific gaps
UNESCO

You Need a Strategy Not a Slogan to Overcome Resistance to Change
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Preference falsification
Seth's Blog

Celebrity art
Seth's Blog

The extraordinary comeback of Zimbabwe's endangered black rhinos
Animals | National Geographic

What yellowjacket stings reveal about how scientists measure pain
Animals | National Geographic

How will we explain glaciers to generations who have never seen one?
Environment | National Geographic

Art as a Hallmark of Human Consciousness
The Behavioral Microbiome | Psychology Today

Decision-Making Alternatives
Explorations in Positive Psychology | Psychology Today

AI gone rogue? Call in the philosophers!

The AI Humanist | Bruce Barcott

Bars, bowling alleys, and movie theaters cost too much to run and visit.

Americans have run out of places to hang out and we're paying with our health

Fortune

The Mantra of Misty Copeland? Ballet Is for Everyone.

The New York Times

Dancing to Stave Off Dementia - The connections between a regular dance practice and cognitive health are just now being understood

Harper's Bazaar

Monumental Joyful Murals by Ella & Pitr Fill Urban Rooftops and Fields

Colossal

Let Everything Change | On Sonny Rollins

n + 1

The Lost Civic Life of Movie Rental Stores

The MIT Press Reader

Brain-Computer Interface Advances Help Reconnect the Mind and Body

The Scientist

Scientific talent is global. Access to the world's scientific stage is not.

The Transmitter

The Wonder Gap: What is worth the carry? A Kentucky monk, Aspen Art Week & human primacy as culture evolves with machine intelligence

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

Fast and forgettable: Why human creativity still beats AI

SmartBrief

A record-breaking eight Pulitzer awardees disclosed AI use this year

Nieman Lab

Who Marches for HBCU Bands' Graduation Success?

The EDU Ledger

S6:E8 The simple formula... Kristina Newman-Scott, VP of Arts, Knight Foundation | Kristina Newman Scott

LinkedIn

Power Corrupts, Then Again So Does Gravity

Gapingvoid

The Bassist Who Captured Quebec's Soul Takes on It's Scientific Future

The New York Times

How Emily Wilson's Takedown of 'The Odyssey' Ignited a Debate
The New York Times

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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.

Our strategy is to engage thought leaders across North America to create a powerful network for transformation.

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