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ARTICLES OF INTEREST

There will be no NCN Articles of Interest next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday in the US. We are thankful for you, dear readers, and for all those who use imagination, creativity, and innovation to make our world a better place.

November 20, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“In the presence of eternity, the mountains are as transient as the clouds.” – Robert Green Ingersoll

“Who in the same given time can produce more than others has vigor; who can produce more and better, has talents; who can produce what none else can, has genius.” – Johann Kaspar Lavater

“To have real knowledge, one must understand the essence of things and not only their manifestations.” – Daniel Barenboim

“People make a grievous error thinking that a list of facts is the truth. Facts are just the bare bones out of which truth is made.” – Shelby Foote

“You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.” – Naguib Mahfouz

“The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.” – Theodore Roosevelt

“Teaching is a creative profession, not a delivery system. Great teachers do [pass on information], but what great teachers also do is mentor, stimulate, provoke, engage.” – Sir Ken Robinson

“A lot of being a poet consists of willed ignorance. If you woke up from your trance and realized the nature of the life-threatening and dignity-destroying precipice you were walking along, you would switch into actuarial sciences immediately.” – Margaret Atwood

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Listening to a Ghost - What Miles Davis teaches us about the art of innovation
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Making Art Through A Microscope
Fox 6 Milwaukee

The man behind some of Disney's most beloved animated stories
CBS Sunday Morning

The Poignant Animation 'Paper Trail' Chronicles a Life in Handwriting
Colossal

For Gen X women with aging parents, SNL's 'Sister' skit hits way too close to home
Upworthy

> Also
> **John Mulaney's "Sister" sketch sounded like a fake ad until it started sounding like a family group chat.**
> *AARP on Facebook*

6 Discoveries That Change How We Learn
The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer

Living the dream: the reality of working in the creative industries
Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre

Using Project-Based Learning to Teach Students How Local Government Works
Project-Based Learning (PBL) | Edutopia

Love on a Plate, A Pixar Artists' Film (Full Short Film)
Pixar

> Also
> **The Making of Love on a Plate: A Pixar Artists' Film**
> *Pixar*

Frozen winter tongue! @MayNERDsWWOS
MayNERD's Wild World of Science

He Built a Voting App for His City | #DIYCivics
Andrew Carnegie Foundation

E Underscored: Laying the Foundation for Engineering Communication
National Academy of Engineering

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
Through December

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

NEW Culture and Sustainable Development 2027–2036: From Ambition to Implementation
ENCATC Think Tank
November 26 | Virtual

We're inviting schools worldwide to join us as Crayola Creativity Week Global Ambassadors!
Crayola
Deadline: November 30

Neuroarts Global Summit 2026
International Arts + Mind Lab and Aspen Institute
December 2 – 3 | Washington DC and Virtual

Where Is the Public in Science's Social Contract?
Issues in Science and Technology
December 3

Applications Open for 2027 Fellows-to-Faculty Award Program
Simons Foundation
Deadline: January 13

Crayola Creativity Week 2027
Crayola
January 25 – 31

Sound Development
Sound Diplomacy
February 9 | Los Angeles, CA

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

Connected for Health: The Inaugural U.S. Social Prescribing Conference
Institute for Social Prescribing | University of Michigan + Social Prescribing USA
March 24 – 26 | Ann Arbor, MI

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 2026/2027
Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity
Series

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

How Imagineer Joe Rohde Dreamt Up Disney's Animal Kingdom
Animals | Ask An Expert Anything | National Geographic

Researchers are making Lego-like lunar dust bricks for building on the moon
Design | Fast Company

No More Lost Einsteins
Issues in Science and Technology

When AI and humans can both create, what becomes of human creativity?
UNESCO

AI For Math Proofs: Organized Monkeys Or Superhuman Genius?
Forbes

Watch: How a UC Berkeley innovation led to the microprocessors that run the world
UC Berkeley News

An exodus of innovators: Benchmark Canada
Canada News | National Post

Hand Turkeys - On the Cave Walls of History
Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

‘Just Ridiculous’: A Famed Philosopher Takes on AI Consciousness
WIRED

What Can Jules Verne Tell Us About Space Exploration?
Issues in Science and Technology

Johns Hopkins researchers pinpoint earlier evidence of Alzheimer's
Hub | Johns Hopkins University

New mathematical tools for neuroscience data offer a truer picture of brain activity
The Rockefeller University

Fall Bridge on Engineering a New Era of Human Health
National Academy of Engineering

Studies Could Pave Way for Blood Test to Detect C.T.E. in Living Patients
The New York Times

An elevator, a brick wall and a bathroom: scientists use gravity to send ‘practically unblockable’ message
Gravity | The Guardian

Chicago launches push to inform artists of labor rights
Axios Chicago

5 leadership lessons the music industry taught me
Impact Council | Fast Company

I voiced a character in 'Grand Theft Auto.' I never expected her to follow me for 17 years
POV | Fast Company

College may cost much less than you think, according to this calculator tool from the University of Pennsylvania
Fast Company

36 leaders share their worst business ideas
Fast Company Executive Board

Measles is back, and it’s a dire warning against shrinking the U.S. government
POV | Fast Company

The Best Way to Change Behavior
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Messing with the thermostat
Seth’s Blog

An ‘Eruption of Baby Sea Turtles’ Makes History on the California Coast
Environment | National Geographic

A New Mission Arrives at the Solar System's Most Mysterious Planet
Science | National Geographic

Build, Baby, Build!
Freakonomics Radio

Do AI Agents Have Minds? A Philosopher Explains
Singularity Hub

Skydance shakes up TV by collapsing two prominent studios into one
Los Angeles Times

One connection at a time: How 17 visits to China has united Philadelphia Orchestra members with residents in Asia
WHYY

County report finds steep drop in LA film, TV production as studio merger adds job risk
Santa Monica Daily Press

Literary Translators Warn AI Threatens Their Livelihoods in Copyright Case
Publishers Weekly

Preparing Students for What Comes Next - Educator and Student Perspectives on Career-Connected Learning in K–12 Schools
The Wallace Foundation

A New Jean-Michel Basquiat Documentary Considers the Artist Behind the Work
Colossal

‘We’re Still Here’ Celebrates Remarkable Quilts by 15 Contemporary Black Artists
Colossal

The Substack Solution
Columbia Journalism Review

Federal funding for public media is coming back, one way or another. But is it time for a deeper rethink?
Nieman Lab

Also
Election season lifted public radio sites. So did a Supreme Court scandal and license plate drama.
Nieman Lab

‘Everybody Is Going to Be Made Obsolete’
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Reciprocal Mentorship: Why Intergenerational Arts Matter
International Arts + Mind Lab | The Art Effect | Psychology Today

The Cables That Bring You High-Speed Internet Could Also Help Save Orcas
Environment | National Geographic

Ella Langley Breaks a CMA Awards Record by Winning Six in One Night, Including Entertainer of the Year: The Complete List of Winners
Variety

This featherweight, flying robot carries its own sensors and computers
MIT News

Franchise, faith and a better lid: 6 women entrepreneurs find opportunity in coffee
Bizwomen

Two groups win the first Women's Business Hackathon in Des Moines
Business Record

From Penicillin to the Polio Vaccine, a New Exhibition Reveals How Far We've Come With Lifesaving Medical Innovations—and How Much Further We Have to Go
Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

Cross-domain encoding models reveal shared and domain-specific neural representations across language and mathematics
Science Advisor | Science

Mastering the fusion: How to blend the arts and science
Physics Today

Numerosity is directly sensed and dynamically transformed in the human brain
Nature Communications

Jill Lepore on Silicon Valley Priests and Academic Rot
Open Questions | The Chronicle of Higher Education

IQ tests were built for an earlier era. See new science on what makes kids smart.
The Washington Post

Don't just 'peanut butter' AI on top. Redesign roles and processes. | Alexis Krivkovich
Re:Think | McKinsey & Company

Some creators are turning YouTube back catalogs into sizable paychecks
Digiday

The Big One - Video game journalism isn't as central as it once was. But reporters are closely watching the release of Grand Theft Auto VI.
Columbia Journalism Review

It's Getting Harder for Young Adults to Deal With Uncertainty
The New York Times

National Book Award for Nonfiction Goes to Writer Denied Visa to Attend
The New York Times

Mightier Than the Sword? A New Book Gives the Pen Its Due.
The New York Times

Us School Districts Weigh Breaking Up With Google Search Over A.I.
The New York Times

Isolated Amazon Indigenous Group Makes Rare Contact
The New York Times

A.I. Has Changed How We Talk. Here Are the Words You Need to Know.
A Glossary of AI Terms You Should Know
The New York Times

New Report: 'Civic Synergies: Cultural Districts and Local Governments'
Global Cultural Districts Network (GCDN) in partnership with UCLG | United Cities and Local Governments

Anthropic's IPO asks investors to bet that a product can build a company, not the other way around
Tech | Fast Company

The loneliness economy is building tech for the average customer, but that customer doesn't exist
Tech | Fast Company

AI is today's light bulb
Impact Council | Fast Company

Could being bored save your creative career?
Design | Fast Company

UNESCO drives global action against racism and discrimination
UNESCO

Dancing with the trophy shortage
Seth's Blog

She photographed what people touched in a day. The objects tell surprisingly personal stories.
Upworthy

The 'Frasier' theme song sounds like a dinner order. Its composer was given a problem to solve.
Upworthy

How Each Music Listening Platform Is Treating AI Music (Updating)
Tech | Billboard PRO

‘It’s a crisis’: New York leaders on affordability for artists
City and State New York

Artists and creators are leaving Etsy in droves over its new AI policy
Creative Bloq

How ‘Sesame Street’ Bounced Back — and Reinvented Its Business
The Hollywood Reporter

How Are Four Arts Organizations Putting Community First?
The Wallace Foundation

America’s Home for Playwrights is in Minnesota
Arts Midwest

Three Key Behaviors of Highly Creative People
Creative Insights | Psychology Today

I Love My Librarian Award 2026
Andrew Caregie Foundation

A U.S. Film Incentive Would Help These Three States Most of All
Variety

Natalie Portman to Present Sundance’s Inaugural Women Filmmakers Award as Part of Fest’s New Dior Partnership
Variety

Boston Museum of Fine Arts secures exclusive 'life of a showgirl' Taylor Swift exhibit
Bizwomen

Does scientific collaboration with China make America stronger or more vulnerable?
Commentary | Brookings Institution

Elon Musk Has Invested in Skydance, David Ellison Confirms: 'To Have Him as a Shareholder Is an Honor'
Variety

The 100 Greatest Movie Stars of All Time
Variety

Gen Z is bringing back something retailers thought was dying
Fast Company

How the Supreme Court's college admissions decision has changed the job pipeline for Black and Latino students
Work Life | Fast Company

If AI doesn't take your job, Robert Pattinson might
Fast Company

Are school phone bans working so far? Here's what early studies show
Tech | Fast Company

Networking is awkward: Marriott and Second City want to improve your conference experience with improv
Experience Economy | Fast Company

Take a look, it's in his book: LeVar Burton writes a memoir
Author Interviews | Fresh Air | NPR

STEM Book Gift Guide 2026
American Scientist

Is the choice really ours?
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

One swell foop
Seth's Blog

How Guinea beat the tsetse fly
Gates Notes

Use AI Last, Not First
The Psychology of Creativity | Psychology Today

AI Is My Best Collaborator Ever
The Power of Prime | Psychology Today

How Dancing Became a Sin
History Matters | History Today

Jensen Huang's $75M gift to save an SF art college just got awkward
San Francisco Standard

Hollywood's microdrama boom reaches a milestone as Writers Guild welcomes full-time staff
Los Angeles Times

Trump Backs a Hollywood Tax Break So Movies "Must Stay in America." Netflix and Disney Could Gain
Yahoo! Finance | TIKR

The horse made the state
Aeon Essays

‘We Belong Here’: Iowa’s Latino Artists Rise, Thrive, and Organize
Arts Midwest

Science isn’t a series of lucky accidents
Works in Progress

Investing in STEM Opportunity: A Conversation With Funders and Educators
STEMconnector
November 18 | Virtual

New math tools reveal brain activity more accurately by correcting noisy calcium signals
Medical Xpress

$1 Million Berggruen Philosophy Prize Awarded to Thomas Nagel
Berggruen Institute

A Treasure-Hunting Game Offers Clues to Perception in Autism
Simons Foundation

Putting a spotlight on AI, society, and humanity
MIT Press

Does This Man Have a Right to the Data From His Own Brain?
The New York Times

Why we still need humans in math
Scientific American

The world’s most precious brain samples — and what they teach us about being human
Nature

Voyager 1 Beat the Odds and Is Still Working a Light-Day Away From Earth
WIRED

What Can Our Genes Reveal About Chronic Pain
The New York Times

National Book Award Finalist May Be Ineligible for the Prize
The New York Times

Schools Are Closing Nationwide as Enrollment Drops. Parents Are Livid.
The New York Times

Rie Lee: Writing across universes
UC Irvine School of Humanities

AI vs humanity: Why Cambridge Dictionary chose 'Human' as its Word of the Year 2026 | Explained
Mint

The U.S. Has Lost Its Measles Elimination Status, Which It's Held for 26 Years. Cases Have Now Surged to the Highest Levels in Decades
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Satisfying Our Curiosity Makes Us More Curious, Not Less
Columbia | Zuckerman Institute

Making Sense of the Midterm Shake-Up for Science Policy
Issues in Science and Technology
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Announcing the 2026 Joyce Awards Recipients
USA Artists

NBCUniversal Invests in Black Vertical Drama Platform From 'Girls Trip' Producer Will Packer
Variety

Is Science a Mirror, a Game, or a Conversation? What separates science from non-science
Nautilus

The Big Swing Series (Episode Two): The Egg Crate - What are the biggest innovations in the history of American education?
Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Reimagining the Neal–Marshall Black Culture Center Library
Office of Student Life | Indiana University

Brain cell mapping lays groundwork for better treatments for conditions like dementia
All Things Considered | NPR

Disney Quarterly Revenue Rises 16% and Profit Doubles; Company Forecasts $3 Billion in Annual Cost Savings by 2029 Including Through Layoffs
Variety

Dana Foundation announces 2026 Neuroscience & Society Champion Award recipients
EurekAlert! | AAAS

International Student Enrollment at U.S. Colleges Falls 3% as New Arrivals Decline
The EDU Ledger

The Intricate Textile Designs of William Morris Bring Into Conflict the Concepts of Art and Accessibility
Arts & Culture | Smithsonian Magazine

The Secret Work
Gapingvoid

Traffic is declining for local newspapers. Here are some things that helped small publishers make gains.
Nieman Lab

Scientists Are Stumped by This Strange Object in Space
The New York Times

Infectious Disease Scientist to Lead N.I.A.I.D. Amid Turmoil
The New York Times

Tetsuya Chiba Has Died. He Drew Some of the Greatest Manga of All Time.
The New York Times

Ahead of its IPO filing, Anthropic pledges to prioritize humanity's benefit. Here's how
Tech | Fast Company

Nat Geo's Most Compelling Images of the 21st Century (So Far)
Photography | National Geographic

Also
The Power of Photography
Photography | National Geographic

Pictures of the Year 2026
Photography | National Geographic

How a Self-Taught Photographer Took One of the Year's Best Wildlife Shots
Photography | National Geographic

Dior faces AI accusations over supposedly all-human, hand-drawn holiday film
DesignTAXI

These A' Design Award Winning Designs Bring Joy & Discovery To Everyday Objects
DesignTAXI

Opinion | Television Is Terrible at Getting Middle-Aged Women Right
Guest Essay | The New York Times

45% of US Independent Arts Publications Face Existential Crisis, Report Finds
Hyperallergic

They left the Kennedy Center to survive. It was an artistic rebirth.
The Washington Post

New NPR strategic plan prioritizes ‘app-first’ digital infrastructure
Current

The Queen of Hearts - Knoxville celebrates the life of Dolly Parton.
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Whatever Happened to Social Impact Bonds?
Impact Investing | Stanford Social Innovation Review

The Lost World of Aquaterra
The Atlantic

The Complete Works of Daniel Singer, Abridged
In Memoriam | American Theatre

Grammy Nominations 2027: Raye Leads With 11 Noms as Rosalía, Olivia Rodrigo, Ella Langley and Other Female Artists Dominate
Variety

Also
Grammys Snubs and Surprises: Harry Styles Shut Out, Raye’s Huge Year and Noah Kahan Only Gets One Nomination
Variety

Physician — A Street Artist — Wins MacArthur ‘Genius Grant’ For Work on Navajo Nation
The EDU Ledger

Robert Pattinson Is Officially James Bond: Meet the New 007 Actor
Variety

What Brian Eno Can Teach You About Creativity And The Art Of Thinking Differently
That Eric Alper

Opinions: President Goldsmith’s ‘Silicon Island’ dream leaves the humanities stranded
The Statesman | Stony Brook University

Freaked out: Is it ethically okay to create animals with human tissue–including from the brain to help save lives?
Science Literacy Project

People with autism show remarkable variability in brain activity
EurekAlert! | AAAS

What Is Science, Really? Even Scientists Can't Agree
SciTechDaily

8 Standout Moments From the Governors Awards: Glenn Close Finally Gets Her Oscar, Diane Warren Pitches Olivia Wilde a Christmas Song and More
Variety

SpaceX Makes History With Successful Rocket Catch in Texas
The New York Times

Brain Implants Give A.L.S. Patients the Voice to Speak and Sing
The New York Times

Why an answer isn't always the answer
Ask the Experts | Fast Company

AI doesn't belong in the idea
Fast Company Executive Board

Dolly Parton told Elvis no. That decision is a master class in personal branding
Design | Fast Company

A new generation of disability rights activists carry on Judy Heumann's legacy
All Things Considered | NPR

Preparing for Luck is the True Formula For Success
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Practical empathy
Seth's Blog

Confusion about causation
Seth's Blog

Michelangelo and the Tomb that Tormented Him
History & Culture | National Geographic

Co-Regulation: We Don't Outgrow the Rhyme and the Rhythm
Positively Different | Psychology Today

Why Your Most Original Colleague Can't Get Anything Done
Silicon Psyche | Psychology Today

Why We Love Talking Animals
Ataraxia | Psychology Today

Writer Lauren Elkin discusses the power of women's voices in her book, 'Vocal Break'
Weekend Edition Saturday | NPR

Fugitive imagination
Aeon Essays

Steen Ostergaard, Danish Modern Furniture Designer, Has Died at 90
The New York Times

The End of the Editor | Ross Barkin
Political Currents

How the Telephone Changed the World
Literary Hub

Wagering on Views: The Economics, Culture, and Ethics of Sports Gambling in Live Media Part 2
Arts Management and Technology Laboratory

Amid Flight Halt, Trump Meets With Jon Voight to Talk U.S. Film Incentive: 'Get This Done!'
Variety

The 2026 New York Times/New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Books
The New York Times

AI Ushers in a New Age of Creativity for Engineers
Design News

Michael Mann Seeks to Reclaim Rights to Original 'Heat' Screenplay
Variety

The Higher You Rise, The Further Your Shadow Falls
Gapingvoid

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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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