



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

No *NCN Articles of Interest* next week. It returns Friday, November 21, 2025.

November 7, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Men may move mountains, but ideas move men.” – Lois McMaster Bujold

“You know, “power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely”? It’s the same with powerlessness. Absolute powerlessness corrupts absolutely. Einstein said everything had changed since the atom was split, except the way we think. We have to think anew.”
– Studs Terkel

“All great human deeds both consume and transform their doers. Consider an athlete, or a scientist, or an artist, or an independent business creator. In the service of their goals they lay down time and energy and many other choices and pleasures; in return, they become most truly themselves. A false destiny may be spotted by the fact that it consumes without transforming, without giving back the enlarged self.” – Lois McMaster Bujold

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.” – George Bernard Shaw

“Good sense travels on the well-worn paths; genius, never. And that is why the crowd, not altogether without reason, is so ready to treat great men as lunatics.” – Cesare Lombroso

“A central lesson of science is that to understand complex issues (or even simple ones), we must try to free our minds of dogma and to guarantee the freedom to publish, to contradict, and to experiment. Arguments from authority are unacceptable.” – Carl Sagan

“He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution which rejects progress is the cemetery.” – Harold Wilson

"If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade." – Tom Peters

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

"You can be creative at anything." Creativity isn't limited to the arts - it's a feature of human intelligence

Sir Ken Robinson Foundation

CTRL + ALT + MUTE: Silencing one woman journalist is silencing a thousand women's voices

UNESCO

Integrating AI into the Classroom: Helping Students Leverage AI to Advance STEM Learning

STEMconnector

Salman Rushdie on "The Eleventh Hour" and free speech

CBS Sunday Morning

'Au 8ème Jour,' an Award-Winning Animated Short Film, Weaves a Cautionary Tale

Colossal

How Can Classical Music Unlock Creativity? | Art of Learning™

Crayola Learning

8 Ways To Build Self Esteem Through Creativity!

Crayola Learning

The secret to successfully pitching an idea | Mar Hershenson

The Way We Work | TED Talks

How to build the 3D world of your dreams with just a text prompt | Kiran Bhat

TED2025

How Centro University is Transforming Creative Education in Mexico

Harvard Business School

Making Learning More Playful for Teens

Edutopia

How Southwest Airlines Changed Flying with Low Fares and Free Whisky

Business History Podcast

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Illinois Humanities and Illinois Arts Council organize first statewide convening

Capital City Now

Through November 7

TED Next

TED Blog

November 9 – 11 | Atlanta, GA

NEW The Case for Curiosity: Why Discovery-Driven Research Matters

Morgridge Institute for Research

November 13

Imagine and Inspire Speakers Series

Creative Oklahoma

November 13, February 19, May 14

Also

ARSHAY COOPER | "Beyond Rowing: How Belief and Opportunity Transform Lives"

Creative Oklahoma

November 13

NEW Artists, This One's for You: Creative West Artist Fund Now Open

Creative West

Deadline: November 30

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 2024/2025

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

Series

Creativity Week

Crayola

January 26 - February 1

2026 Best Communities for Music Education Award

NAMM Foundation

Deadline: January 31

ALL TOGETHER NOW: A Sneak Peek into SXSW 2026

SXSW

March 12 – 18

Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us

TED Conferences

April 13 - 17

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Dance Artists Are Playing a Significant Role in the Development of Robotic Technologies

Dance Magazine

The Unpredictability of Innovation is Predictable

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Watch TEDNext 2025 — live from anywhere

TED Blog

November 9 – 11

High Jump & the Urge to Fly

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

How Your Brain Creates ‘Aha’ Moments and Why They Stick

Quanta Magazine

2026 GRAMMYS: See The Full Nominations List

Grammy Awards

Also

Bad Bunny Makes Grammys History as First Spanish-Language Artist to Earn Best Album, Record and Song Nominations in One Year

Variety

Grammy Nominations 2026: Kendrick Lamar Leads With Nine as Lady Gaga, Bad Bunny, Sabrina Carpenter and Leon Thomas Land Among Top Nominees

Variety

10 Visionary Women Preserving And Shaping Ukrainian Art And Culture

Forbes

The role of organizations in fostering innovation

Science

Illinois Humanities and Illinois Arts Council convene in Urbana-Champaign
Chambana Today
Through November 7

Canada's new budget aims to lure U.S. researchers to relocate
Science

In Memoriam Professor Mark Hallett, MD (1943–2025)
World Federation of Neurology

What We Can Learn From Brain Organoids
The New York Times

Researchers 'decode' Mandarin Chinese from neural signals
Science

This Professor's Open-Source Robots Make STEM More Inclusive
IEEE Spectrum

First-ever atlas of brain development shows how stem cells turn into neurons
Nature

Fighters versus Fakers
Gapingvoid

Bob Iger Points to Disney Transition Ahead in Podcast Interview on Legacy, Succession and Walt Disney's Genius
Variety

109-Year-Old Messages in a Bottle Written by Soldiers Heading to Fight in World War I Discovered on Australian Beach
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

AI Is Supercharging the War on Libraries, Education, and Human Knowledge
404

SAG-AFTRA President Sean Astin on Jimmy Kimmel Suspension, Tilly Norwood AI Controversy, Microdrama Boom and More
Variety

The Endlessly Adaptable Frankenstein
The New York Times

Microsoft launches 'superintelligence' team targeting medical diagnosis to start
Yahoo! Tech, Reuters

Zuckerberg, Chan Shift Bulk of Philanthropy to Science
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Universe's expansion 'is now slowing, not speeding up'
Royal Astronomical Society

Why the Grand Ole Opry is still the most significant stage in country music

History & Culture | National Geographic

How the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is building a modern brand

Design | Fast Company

AI isn't replacing jobs. AI spending is

Tech | Fast Company

This battery-electric hydrofoil could supercharge a ferry transformation

Tech | Fast Company

Four ways emotional intelligence helps us navigate turbulent times

Mental Health at Work | Fast Company

He's drawn Donald Trump hundreds of times. Now he's drawing Zohran Mamdani

Design | Fast Company

Human stories break through

Impact Council | Fast Company

AI is the next frontier of collaborative innovation

Fast Company Executive Board

Time travel

Seth's Blog

Inside the Horse-Industrial Complex

Freakonomics Radio

Breaking Down the Bidders for Warner Bros. Discovery

Yahoo! Finance, The Wrap

Why AI's hallucinations are like the illusions of narcissism

Psyche

Are you Confusedocene? As a scientific concept the Anthropocene is dead. But it's such a helpful idea to think with, should we use it anyway?

Aeon Essays

Shout-out for yodeling? Swiss seek recognition from UN cultural agency as tradition turns modern

AP News

A Retrospective of Trailblazing Artist Faith Ringgold Centers Narratives of Black Americans

Colossal

It Pays to Be Creative: Detroit Teen Interns Turn Trash into Art

Arts Midwest

Why Doesn't Anyone Trust the Media? Anatomy of a credibility crisis

Harper's Magazine

'It's as if I've been reborn': Misty Copeland begins a next chapter in 'a new body'

Fresh Air | NPR

Why psychological safety is the oxygen of innovation

The New Way We Work | Fast Company

Fluorescence Imaging Explained: Microscopic Life in Many Colors

Morgridge Institute for Research

The art in science: tackling climate change through creativity and collaboration

Nevada Today | University of Nevada, Reno

The Art of Change: Young Artists Are Turning Creativity into Climate Action

Earth.org

Wisconsin artist fights retail giant over Halloween design — claims TJ Maxx, Marshalls, HomeSense 'trampled on' her vision. Does she have a case?

Moneywise

The innovation blind spot: how Silicon Valley ignores Middle America

Fortune

How Tech Companies Can Break Out Of Innovation Stagnation

Forbes

ILM Evolutions: Designing Worlds and Crafting Stories with the ILM Art Department

ILM (Industrial Light & Magic)

Harvey Mudd President Harriet Nembhard Speaks on Innovation, Leadership at UCLA Engineering

UCLA Samueli School of Engineering

Art as Medicine: Radiologists' Creative Outlet

Radiological Society of North America

Healing with creativity, UF student Alexandra Rodriguez champions the power of art in health

UF News | University of Florida

When AI paints like van Gogh, who gets the credit?

University of Texas at Arlington

Pantone just made an AI tool that's actually useful

Design | Fast Company

Leading the Crowd: creativity and culture attracts private investment

Arts Council England

The International Space Station marks 25 years of nonstop human presence in orbit

WFMJ, AP

Strategies to Help Build Students' Math Fact Fluency

Math | Edutopia

Using Error Analysis to Boost Engagement and Student Talk in Math

Critical Thinking | Edutopia

Why Does So Much New Technology Feel Inspired by Dystopian Sci-Fi Movies?

The New York Times

Creating Together: The Power of Participatory Public Art

CODAworx

Nintendo wins suit against streamer who flaunted pirated games

Tech | Fast Company

This fantastical pop-up book tells the mind-bending history of typography

Design | Fast Company

Inside the quiet takeover of local journalism by AI

Tech | Fast Company

21 ways design leaders can find inspiration

Fast Company Executive Board

It's time to reimagine workforce development

Fast Company Executive Board

Khaled El-Enany elected Director-General of UNESCO

UNESCO

Why Amazon Paid \$3.9 Billion to Get into the Healthcare Business

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Delegate everything

Seth's Blog

Studio Ghibli and Japan's creative giants demand OpenAI stop using their work to train Sora 2

DesignTAXI

The Power of Repetition - Repetition is the foundation of mastery and a pathway to success in any field.

Science of Choice | Psychology Today

The imperial aesthetic at the heart of Donald Trump's presidency
The Washington Post

In Praise of Librarians in Dangerous Times
Literary Hub

No flinching: horror sales are climbing towards a record year
The Bookseller

The Long, Crumbly, and Finally Fully Proofed Rise of The Baker's Wife
TheaterMania

HYFINATED CONVERSATION: TIM JOHNSON JR (Singer, Musician and star of "Everybody Still Hates Chris")
Hyfin

Baby Shoggoth Is Listening - Why are some writers tailoring their work for AI, and what does this mean for the future of writing and reading?
The American Scholar

Is Humanistic Knowledge Useless? And so what if it is?
The Point

Avocados and monarch butterflies are on a collision course
Animals | National Geographic

Do We Need Hobbies? We're all busy. But are we busy in the right ways?
The New Yorker

Uncomfortable About Creative Risks? Don't Face It Alone
Managing with Meaning | Psychology Today

Eight Types of Innovation Executives
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Want a Brain That's 5 Years Younger? Neuroscience Says Take Up a Creative Hobby
Inc.com

Can AI be truly creative?
Nature

Logic Theorist: The program that rewrote the foundations of mathematics
Big Think

MPA Sends Meta Cease-and-Desist Letter Demanding Instagram Stop Using PG-13 Rating to Describe New Teen Accounts
Variety

Kevin Feige Makes 'Transformational Gift' to USC's School of Cinematic Arts
Variety

Inside David Ellison's Dramatic First 100 Days at Paramount: Courting Tom Cruise Blockbusters, Forging Ties With Trump and Daring Anyone Else to Buy Warner Bros. Discovery

Variety

With more Moon missions on the horizon, avoiding crowding and collisions will be a growing challenge

The Conversation

EDUCAUSE '25: 3 Questions to Guide Higher Ed AI Strategy

Higher Education | Government Technology

We Need A.I. Rules of the Road. Here are Three. (which others would you add?)

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Here's How Games and Graphics Are Helping Get Teenagers Excited About Protecting the Environment

The Good Men Project, Wisconsin Watch

How the Cop Show 'Barney Miller' Made Gay TV History, 50 Years Ago

The New York Times

Director of Philadelphia Art Museum Is Dismissed After Unpopular Rebranding

The New York Times

Black Hole Flare is Biggest and Most Distant Seen

Caltech

AI is going to be a game changer for Black Friday

Tech | Fast Company

Don't build your dream all at once

Fast Company Executive Board

Why strategy without story falls flat

Fast Company Executive Board

Why Generative AI Has Limited Creativity - How to S.T.A.R.T. Thinking Like a Culture Futurist. Briefing for Innovation and Arts Leaders

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Landlords and tenants

Seth's Blog

Here are 6 amazing ancient tattoos—and the stories behind them

History & Culture | National Geographic

I set out to witness the world's most incredible wildlife spectacle—here's what happened

Travel | National Geographic

Bob Fosse, Martha Graham and Jerome Robbins among inaugural inductees of new Dance Hall of Fame

Broadway News

New Jersey's Newark School of the Arts to Close after 57 Years

Classical Music News | The Violin Channel

From dance archive to creative catalyst with Google AI

The Keyword | Google

The Stubborn Myth of the Literary Genius

Yahoo! Entertainment | The Atlantic

Warner Bros.' Sale Is a 'Red Alert' Moment for Theaters

Yahoo! News | The Wrap

White House Architecture Was an Honor System. Trump Noticed.

The Atlantic

The Librarian's Call: Documenting Is Resistance | History is protected by those who collect, preserve, and share the facts.

Common Dreams

Lost Opportunity: Afterschool in Demand, But Out of Reach for Many

The Wallace Foundation

Creativity matters more than perfection in education

Baylor Lariat | Baylor University

'End of an era': Experts warn research executive order could stifle scientific innovation

Higher Ed Drive

All government shutdowns disrupt science – in 2025, the consequences extend far beyond a lapse in funding

The Conversation

Fact of the Week: R&D Investment Is Slowing in OECD Countries, From 3.6 Percent to 2.4 Percent

Innovation Files | Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

The Case That A.I. Is Thinking

The New Yorker

Innovation is Forgiveness

Gapingvoid

Kirsti Racine: Why we need more women in AI

TD Stories

UF celebrates three innovators shaping the future of AI research

University of Florida News

25 Years of the International Space Station: What archaeology tells us about living and working in space

The Conversation

A New Light-Based Cancer Treatment Kills Tumor Cells and Spares Healthy Ones

Science | WIRED

Delight in These 15 Photos That Capture the Exotic Undersea Lives of Jellyfish

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

You Can Listen to Kandinsky's Vibrant Paintings at This New Exhibition in Paris

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Physicists Decode Particle Dance That 'Kills' Electrical Conductivity

Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

The Inventor of the Frozen Burrito Has Died

Culture | Gizmodo

ESSENTIAL: Series on the Future of Creative Work | Part 1: Vulnerability is the new swagger.

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

Bat behavior is still a mystery. UW-Madison's 'Bat Brigade' helps figure it out.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Diane Ladd, Versatile and Lauded Film Actress, Dies at 89

The New York Times

Donna Jean Godchaux-MacKay, Grateful Dead Singer, Dies at 78

The New York Times

Moon Duchin on the 'Mathematical Quagmire' of Gerrymandering

The New York Times

Scientists Produce Powerhouse Pigment Behind Octopus Camouflage

UC San Diego Today

Why the perfect is so often the enemy of the good

Work Life | Fast Company

Will AI weaken democracy? 5 insights to remember

Tech | Fast Company

If schools cater to "typical" kids, what about the rest?

Impact Council | Fast Company

Green revolution: The evolving story of biobased products

Impact Council | Fast Company

It's time to rethink ag innovation from the ground up

Impact Council | Fast Company

The framework that helped us turn impossible projects into breakthrough work.

Impact Council | Fast Company

Dr. Robert Sternberg: The psychology of wisdom, love, and creativity

The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

The Dominican Republic launches ARTSECURE: a comprehensive social security framework for artists with support from UNESCO and the European Union

UNESCO

74% of Companies Will Die in 10 Years Without Business Transformation

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“But I didn’t know”

Seth’s Blog

In Lancaster, a Wonder-Full School Is Hiding in Plain Sight (and reminding the rest of us what our design goal should be . . .)

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Princeton’s New Museum Feels Intimate Despite Its Overwhelming Size

ARTnews

Your Job Is on Track to Becoming Economically Worthless

The Walrus

UMG has struck a new YouTube deal that includes ‘guardrails’ around AI... and 3 other things Sir Lucian Grainge said on Universal’s Q3 earnings call

Music Business Worldwide

The Validation Machines - Humanity thrives on friction—so why are the tools of the future built to make everything seem so easy?

The Atlantic

Ph.D. Cuts Are the Beginning of the End for Academia

The Harvard Crimson

Literature Is Not a Vibe: On ChatGPT and the Humanities

Los Angeles Review of Books

Opinion | Trump May Be the Most Consequential Arts President. It’s Time for a Unified Response

Artnet News

'It's dark in the US right now. But I turn on a light, you know?': Mavis Staples on Prince, Martin Luther King and her 75-year singing career

The Guardian

Are movie theaters worth it anymore?

All Things Considered | NPR

Yes, You Are the Literary Asshole If You Use AI to Edit Your Fiction

Literary Hub

GTA VI developer accused of union busting in mass firings

The Verge

'I try to make them feel as ignorant as possible': German museum's 'grumpy guide' is surprise hit

The Guardian

A New Image of the Red Spider Nebula Captures the Radiance of a Dying Star

Colossal

Plato and the Poets

Boston Review

Jonathan Lear (1948-2025) In memoriam

The Point

The analogy game - From small acts to creativity habits

Creativity Decision | Zorana Ivcevic Pringle

The Essential Element in Every Creative Endeavor

Creative Insights | Psychology Today

November's golden supermoon will be the biggest and brightest of the year

Science | National Geographic

The other kind of magic

Seth's Blog

Stephen Sondheim's creative secret weapon had nothing to do with Broadway musicals

Fast Company

AI Artist Xania Monet Debuts on Adult R&B Airplay — a Radio Chart Breakthrough

Chart Beat | Billboard

UCalgary celebrates Innovation Week 2025

University of Calgary

November 3 – 6

Sports Advertisers Seek Whole New Ballgame With Sponsorships of Two-Point Conversions, In-Stadium Sing-Alongs and More

Variety

Florida State University Innovation Hub sparks creativity through hands-on student challenges

Florida State University News

Google DeepMind launches AI for Math Initiative in partnership with five leading institutions

EdTech Innovation Hub

A severed brain reveals an astonishing power to reroute communication

PsyPost

Caricaturing Brain Activity Yields Better Prediction of Behaviors

Yale School of Medicine

Neuroscience needs engineers—for more reasons than you think

The Transmitter

‘Our goal is to build bridges between the lab and the classroom’

Stanford Report | Stanford University

Do high school STEM opportunities affect postsecondary decisions?

Thomas B. Fordham Institute

Teach For America Partners with Aspen Institute to Add Policy Training for Rural Educators

The EDU Ledger

Close Encounters of the Cognitive Kind

The Emergence of Skill | Psychology Today

10-Minute Challenge: A Vase of Flowers | We’d like you to look at one piece of art for 10 minutes, uninterrupted.

The New York Times

This Genetically Engineered Fungus Could Help Fix Your Mosquito Problem

The New York Times

It’s always been hard to make it as an artist in America – and it’s becoming only harder

The Conversation

How this 3-person architecture firm designed the world's largest museum

Design | Fast Company

PepsiCo just got its first new logo in almost 30 years, and it looks nothing like Pepsi

Design | Fast Company

In less than 3 minutes, Taylor Swift just taught a master class in how to handle criticism

Work Life | Fast Company

It's harder than ever for musicians to make a living. SoundCloud's new subscriptions want to offer a solution

Tech | Fast Company

To make this 100% recycled sweater, Reformation had to get creative

Design | Fast Company

Why U.S. business leaders must work together

Fast Company Impact Council

A photographer captures life inside Chicago Public Schools

The Picture Show | NPR

We took a test-drive of NASA's new moon rover candidates

Science | National Geographic

Laundromats

The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics

White House Architecture Was an Honor System. Trump Noticed.

MSN, The Atlantic

The Poster Designers Who Helped Bring Movies to Life

The New York Times

Itzhak Perlman Wasn't Sure About Doing 'Schindler's List'

The New York Times

Can The Internet Save Animation? As traditional studios struggle, the internet is giving shows like "Hazbin Hotel" a place to thrive.

ICYMI | Slate

Keepers of the Flame - A study of culturally specific dance organizations in Northern California

The Wallace Foundation

Close-Up Photographer of the Year Celebrates Minuscule Marvels and Delicate Details

Colossal

62 Modern Tree Houses Climb to Architectural Heights

Colossal

We Used to Read Things in This Country

The Baffler

The '10 Martini' Proof Connects Quantum Mechanics With Infinitely Intricate Mathematical Structures
WIRED

Neanderthals Made Ochre Crayons 130,000 Years Ago, Showing Evidence of a Colorful Culture
Discover Magazine

Warrior in the Garden or a Gardener in War?
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.

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

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