



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

There will be no *NCN Articles of Interest* next week, and will return Friday, April 4.

March 21, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Strive for perfection in everything we do. Take the best that exists and make it better. When it does not exist, design it. Accept nothing nearly right or good enough.” – Henry Royce

“Art has a double face, of expression and illusion, just like science has a double face: the reality of error and the phantom of truth.” – René Daumal

“You can't let fear paralyze you. The worse that can happen is you fail, but guess what: You get up and try again. Feel that pain, get over it, get up, dust yourself off and keep it moving.” – Queen Latifah

“We are teaching people to be robots and robots to be human. It's absolute madness.” – Braden Kelley

“Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas.” – Marie Curie

“I think about things we need and want before we even know we need and want them.” – Hedy Lamarr

“If we have learned one thing from the history of invention and discovery, it is that, in the long run — and often in the short one — the most daring prophecies seem laughably conservative.” – Arthur C. Clarke

“The real question is not whether machines think but whether men do. The mystery which surrounds a thinking machine already surrounds a thinking man.” – B. F. Skinner

“Imprisonment of the body is bitter; imprisonment of the mind is worse.” – Thornton Wilder

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

How Every Piece of an iPhone Works

WIRED

Can art help scientists better understand the quantum universe?

New Scientist

USPTO celebrates women in innovation

USPTOvideo

8 Mind-Boggling Facts About the Octopus

Smithsonian Magazine

Why We NEED Arts Education (And What's Missing) | Francis Collins w/ Renée Fleming

Chautauqua Institution

Shaping the Future of Women's Health: Insights and Innovations

Fearless Science Speakers Series | Morgridge Institute for Research

The DisruptED World of Math Education with Phyllis Hillwig at Eurekii

DisruptED | Marketscale

Neuroscientist Wendy Suzuki talks growing neuroplasticity after 50

TODAY with Jenna & Friends

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Now at Harvard Business School, "From Concept to Product: Meroë Morse and Polaroid's Culture of Art and Innovation, 1945–1969"

Harvard Business School Newsroom

Through Spring 2025

Animationland

National Children's Museum

Through May 11

Grammy-winning producer Timbaland to headline ASU music industry conference

ASU News | Arizona State University

March 28 – 29

365: AIGA Year in Design

AIGA

Final Deadline: March 31

Call for Nominations: National Academy of Engineering Awards

National Academy of Engineering

Deadline: April 1

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY - South and Appalachian Creative Placemaking Conference

Creative Placemaking Communities and The King's Canvas

April 1 – 3 | Montgomery, AL

Humanity Reimagined

TED 2025

April 7 –11, 2025

World Creativity & Innovation Week

World Creativity & Innovation

April 15 - 21

NEH Announces New Funding Opportunity to Support Research on the State and Impact of the Humanities

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: April 16

World Creativity & Innovation Day

World Creativity & Innovation

April 21

Culture and Creative Economy Foresight

International Training Centre of the International Labor Organization (ITCILO)

April 23 – 25

Rhiannon Giddens' announces Biscuits & Banjos, a Black music & culture festival

Hyfin

April 25 – 27

Search Begins for 2025 America's Top Young Scientist

Discovery Education

Deadline: May 1

10th World Summit on Arts & Culture

International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA)

May 27 - 30 | Seoul, South Korea

2025 Science Events Summit

Science Events

June 8 - 10 | Philadelphia, PA

The 10th International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada, iCAN 2025

Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS)

Registration Deadline: June 15

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference

Creativity Rising

July 8 – 9, 2025 | Baltimore, MD

Unleashing Imagination: The Creative Brain and AI

The Dallas Morning News

October 9

2025 Prospectus

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 16 – 26

Social Connection Conference

Foundation for Social Connection

October 28 - 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

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

How do you save a language from extinction? With creative thinking—and some help from Wikipedia

History & Culture | National Geographic

This Smart Ring Translates Sign Language in Real Time

Mental Floss

Federal agency responsible for library and museum funding gets a visit from DOGE

Books | NPR

DOE update: Trump orders a plan to dismantle the Education Department while keeping some core functions

Fast Company

Also

Can Trump Really Abolish the Department of Education?

The New York Times

The Battle for Creativity: Why the Court's AI Art Ruling is a Major Win for Human Innovation

US Black Engineer

Celebrating the Relationship Between Science and Illustration - A conversation with Society of Illustrators executive director Arabelle Liepold.

Nautilus

End of an era: How Joann Inc.'s 80-year legacy came to an end

Bizwomen

Wired's un-paywalling of stories built on public data is a reminder of its role in the information ecosystem

Nieman Lab

The Guardian view on the arts in schools: classrooms need more creativity

Editorial | The Guardian

Grace Engineering Students Participate In Collaboration With Orthopedic Start-up

Times Union Online

Innovative research from Emory physicist unveils hidden forces in polymers

Emory News Center | Emory University

The End of Creativity in the Tech Industry Are we still creating tech at this point? Or are we just manufacturing it?

Inc.com

Bob Iger Says AI May Be "Most Powerful Technology That Our Company Has Ever Seen"

The Hollywood Reporter

When creativity calls

The Harvard Gazette

What We Lose When We Lose the Humanities

Jewish Journal

A.I. and Bioinformatics to Reveal Hidden Networks of the Brain

Michigan Medicine | University of Michigan

"The Poor Wretch Has Drowned Himself"

Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Inside Google's Two-Year Frenzy to Catch Up With OpenAI
WIRED

5 practical ways to integrate AI into high school science
eSchool News

Scientists found something amazing after an iceberg broke off Antarctica.
The Washington Post

Your Life Isn't Meant To Be Balanced, It's Meant to Be Whole
Gapingvoid

Engineering and AI: Advancing the synergy
PNAS Nexus

The Unbelievable Scale of AI's Pirated-Books Problem
The Atlantic

The 7 Levels of A.I. usage: How advanced are you?
Idea to Value

Want to lead better? Start by unlearning these leadership myths
How to Be a Success at Everything | Fast Company

America's global happiness ranking just dropped to record lows, with Gen Z feeling especially bleak
Fast Company

Larry Page on the improbable dream that became Waymo
Plugged In | Fast Company

Rachel Platten on the mental health crisis that inspired her first album in seven years
Mindfulness at Work | Fast Company

How Summit is leaning on community to drive innovation
Fast Company

This is the first Goodwill store to operate inside a prison
Impact | Fast Company

Why America's tech industry relies so heavily on foreign workers
Tech | Fast Company

Do animals make art? Exploring the blurred line between instinct and creativity
Design | Fast Company

A young adult book tackles a tough topic: A teen coping with his dad's mental illness
Goats and Soda | NPR

Comedians will celebrate Conan O'Brien at the Kennedy Center on Sunday. Will they take on Trump?

Culture | NPR

100 years, 100 moments: How women shaped a century of music

World Café | NPR

What Great Ideas Feel Like

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Throat clearing

Seth's Blog

How cherry blossoms came to the United States

History & Culture | National Geographic

Man transforms 'Phantom' and 'Les Mis' hits into acoustic folk songs, much to everyone's joy

Upworthy

Should America Be Run by ... Trader Joe's? (Update)

Freakonomics Radio

How Washington, D.C.'s Indie Booksellers Are Responding to Government Layoffs

Publishers Weekly

The "everyone is biased" bias

Conspicuous Cognition

US appeals court rejects copyrights for AI-generated art lacking 'human' creator

Reuters

Queen, Herbie Hancock and Barbara Hannigan awarded the 2025 Polar Music Prize

Euro News

100M In the U.S. Are Now Paying For Music Streaming Subscriptions

The Hollywood Reporter

How these 10 most innovative companies are changing the music industry

Most Innovative Companies 2025 | Fast Company

Philly arts organizations are navigating stormy federal funding guidelines

WHYY

Does sleeping on an idea work? Here's what science says.

The Washington Post

Is That Painting a Lost Masterpiece or a Fraud? Let's Ask AI
WIRED

Hate Jury Duty? These People Actually Pay for It.
The New York Times

Richard Roeper to Leave Chicago Sun-Times After 37-Year Career
The Hollywood Reporter

Rest Easy - I can't. Can you?
Commentary

Star Talent: Journalism's Influencer Era
Arts Management and Technology Laboratory

What Do We Get Out of Art?
Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

Trump is attacking libraries and museums in every state. Here are 3 things you can do to help communities fight back
Fast Company

CSCW's Art & Social Change Weather Report From Minneapolis
Change the Story / Change the World • Bill Cleveland

The interview features former NCN Board Member Dr. David O'Fallon!

Trump signs order to begin dismantling Education Department
CNN Politics

Meta-Creativity: When Humans and AI Become Collaborators
All Things Brain | Psychology Today

Miami Beach drops plans to evict a theater for showing 'No Other Land'
NPR

Can you look at these 9 photos and not smile on International Day of Happiness?
Goats and Soda | NPR

Let the critical thinking guide you
Fast Company Executive Board

America, the brand, is becoming toxic
POV | Fast Company

The biggest machine in science: inside the fight to build the next giant particle collider
Nature

How to use a child's natural creativity to fuel a real interest in STEM
Columbia Missourian

To the brain, Esperanto and Klingon appear the same as English or Mandarin
MIT News

Vance slams globalization for hampering American innovation
The Hill

Brain imaging reveals surprises about learning
Hub | Johns Hopkins University

Trading Secrets: What Brain Science and AI Can Learn from Each Other
National Academies

Mind and Machine: David Eagleman on What the Brain Can Teach Us About AI
Newsweek

Don't Rage Against the Machine
Columbia Magazine | Columbia University

Scientists Announce Possible Breakthrough in Delaying Alzheimer's
Health | Gizmodo

The gender gap in STEM entrepreneurship: A \$1.7 Trillion opportunity lost
ET Edge Insights

Gender gaps in certain STEM majors are widening — but not everywhere
Higher Ed Dive

Bioengineered arteries show promise for cardiovascular surgery
Morgridge Institute for Research

'Coyote vs. Acme' Rescued After Warner Bros. Axes Finished Film
Variety

In Her Own Words: At AIA, Lakisha Ann Woods draws a blueprint for change
Bizwomen

Netflix's Ted Sarandos Isn't Done Disrupting Hollywood: On Winning the Streaming Wars, a Marvel 'Fistfight' and Defending Meghan Markle
Variety

Archaeologists Discover Mosaics of Two Fighting Cupids and a Mysterious Inscription at an Ancient Greek City Hall
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

How Trump and Musk built their own reality
The Verge

This Japanese Sax Polymath Might Be a Postmodern Bach
The New York Times

Judge disses Star Trek icon Data's poetry while ruling AI can't author works

Ars Technica

Parrots and humans share a brain mechanism for speech

ScienceNews

It's an 'incredible' time for women's professional sports, but there's more room to grow

SXSW | Fast Company

Amtrak CEO abruptly steps down

Impact | Fast Company

To innovate, immerse yourself in the industry

Impact Council | Fast Company

Why keeping an open, inquisitive mind is paramount in volatile times

Audible | FastCo Works

The internet at risk: Experts warn of 'scary' threats to digital freedom—and what you can do to fight back

SXSW | Fast Company

Angry Hour: Inside a happy hour for 'pissed-off optimists' in the age of Trump

Impact | Fast Company

Sesame Street

Throughline | NPR

Ways to alter the structure

Seth's Blog

What is the Pattern Language of Learning? and how can we unlock it in order to build a better world?

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

5 Business Myths You Cannot Afford To Believe

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

What toll does spaceflight take on astronauts? Here's what we know.

Science | National Geographic

Free Photoshop Alternative GIMP Returns With Version 3.0 After Seven Years

DesignTAXI

Guy shares the 'one sound in the entire world' that divides those born before and after 1998

Upworthy

Can Sleep Unlock Innovation?

Psychiatry, A History | Psychology Today

The Real Dope on Cannabis and Creativity

Hygieia's Workshop | Psychology Today

Told one minute at a time, micro dramas are soap operas designed to fit in your hand

Pop Culture | NPR

Meet the Man Who Finds Melodies Inside Mushrooms

Atlas Obscura

AI Anxiety | Can writing at Harvard coexist with new technologies?

Harvard Magazine

Elvis, 'Cats' and Babe Ruth: Chairman Trump Reimagines the Kennedy Center

The New York Times

I'm the Canadian who was detained by Ice for two weeks. It felt like I had been kidnapped

The Guardian

Is Robert Frost Even a Good Poet?

The Paris Review

THE SCOOP | Toronto's New Arts Venue: The Nancy & Ed Jackman Performance Centre Is Open At 877 Yonge

Ludwig Von Toronto

Building Strong School Leaders

The Wallace Foundation

Resketch Upcycles Misprints and Unwanted Paper into Reclaimed Notebooks

Colossal

The Mystery of the World's Oldest Writing System Remained Unsolved Until Four Competitive Scholars Raced to Decipher It

History | Smithsonian Magazine

Meet the Game Developer Turning Fanfic Into Deadpool DLC

WIRED

United Videogame Workers Union Launches in Partnership With Communication Workers of America

Variety

The designification of value shopping is paying off for stores

Design | Fast Company

Movie theater trade group rebrands as Cinema United. Here's what to know

Design | Fast Company

The big idea: do we worry too much about misinformation?

The Guardian

Now streaming, Irish Rep's 'Beckett Briefs,' headlined by F. Murray Abraham, asks the essential questions

Los Angeles Times

James Taylor Developing Stage Musical 'Fire and Rain' With Tracy Letts and David Cromer

Variety

Universities in precarious position as Trump uses research funding as a wedge

The Hill

Librarian Criminalization Bills Are Growing, But They're Not New: Book Censorship News, March 14, 2025

Book Riot

Mandy Barker's Cyanotypes Revive a Pioneering Botanist's Book to Warn About Synthetic Debris

Colossal

National Geographic 33 - The Agents of Change Striving to Make Our World a Better Place

National Geographic

A student accidentally created a rechargeable battery that she says could last 400 years

Upworthy

Bringing Financial Literacy to Life Through Sequential Art

UNESCO

The World's Most Innovative Companies of 2025

Fast Company

Also

Nothing is forever—not even Elon Musk

Fast Company

How we selected the World's Most Innovative Companies of 2025

Fast Company

The majority of Gen Z is neurodiverse: Is your company ready?

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The Science of Storytelling: How Fiction Shapes the Mind

Parenting from a Neuroscience Perspective | Psychology Today

Bridging Nature and Nurture: Study reveals brain's flexible foundation from birth

EurekAlert! | AAAS

Overseas universities see opportunity in U.S. 'brain drain'

Science | AAAS

The Open Brain Institute announces the dawn of a new frontier in neuroscience

EurekaAlert! | AAAS

U.S. Reaches 100 Million Paid Music-Streaming Subscribers for the First Time, Vinyl Sales Hit \$1.4 Billion: RIAA 2024 Year-End Report

Variety

Scientists Discover a Trait in Speech That Foreshadows Cognitive Decline

3 Quarks Daily

Hundreds of actors and Hollywood insiders sign open letter urging government not to loosen copyright laws for AI

CBS News

Researchers created sound that can bend itself through space, reaching only your ear in a crowd

The Conversation

James Webb Space Telescope Reveals That Most Galaxies Rotate Clockwise

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

SAG-AFTRA Affirms Support for DEI as Studios Back Away

Variety

Exploring Social Activism and Creative Change in the Community with Miriam Scott

Fueling Creativity in Education Podcast

Automation Success More About Trust Than Technology

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Trump moves to close down Voice of America

BBC News

Human Intelligence Sharply Declining - The benchmarks are not looking good, folks.

Neoscope | Futurism

OpenAI Says It's "Over" If It Can't Steal All Your Copyrighted Work

Futurism

Trump moves to gut several agencies, targeting Voice of America, libraries

The Washington Post

People are using Google's new AI model to remove watermarks from images

TechCrunch

'Sounds like censorship to me.' O cinema co-founder slams proposed eviction over film

Culture | NPR

'It's happening fast' – creative workers and professionals share their fears and hopes about the rise of AI

The Guardian

Ghosts among the philosophers

Aeon Essays

A Unified Theory of the Handbag

The Yale Review

A Book Review of “Affects, Transformations, and the Artists’ Voices” - What if art isn’t just for entertainment, but a driving force behind innovation, leadership, and learning?

Creativity at Work

How St. Patrick’s Day celebrations originally featured the color blue

Design | Fast Company

U.S. innovation ecosystem is envy of world. Here’s how it got started.

The Harvard Gazette

Why Entrepreneurs Should Champion Equitable Leadership For Women

Forbes

Trump Administration Mass Canceling Science Grants, Causing Job Loss

Forbes

AI analysis of 100 hours of real conversations — and the brain activity underpinning them — reveals how humans understand language

Live Science

Thanks to new technologies, neuroscientists have more direct access to the human brain than ever before

The Transmitter

Brown hosts National Academy of Engineering symposium on neurotechnology, neural engineering

News from Brown University

There is No One Way to Teach Math

Penn Today | University of Pennsylvania

From Ada Lovelace to AI: Aoife Foley on Mathematics, Innovation, and the Future of Data Centres

Techerati

How Alabama students went from last place to rising stars in math

WBHM 90.3

Shocking: Oklahoma science teacher wins presidential award for decades of groundbreaking work

Geeks ULTD

People learn about neuroscience at Brown University's annual Brain Day

WJAR

'Brain pacemakers': implants to be tested to help alcohol and opioid addicts

The Guardian

Polytechnique Montréal receives \$50 million gift to create disruptive innovation hub

Bowen Island Undercurrent

What the arts can learn from Toyota: Cultivating a culture of creative resilience

Arts Professional, UK

AI art and the ruins of human creativity

The New Statesman

How P&G Brands Serve Women and Girls: Then. Now. Next.

Procter and Gamble

Saturn has a whopping 274 moons — scientists want to know why

Nature

AI Sucks at Reading Clocks

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

How Aja Horsley is creating buzz in the honey industry

Bizwomen

The End of the University as We Know It

Guest Essays | The New York Times

Why the Arabic 'Sesame Street' and Other Cuts Are Not Really About Fraud

The New York Times

A Tale of Two Cities

Gapingvoid

March Madness highlights Gen Z's skyrocketing sports betting addiction

Fast Company

How technology fuels remote work and ignites employee motivation

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6 common mistakes entrepreneurs make (and how to avoid them)

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The unusual layout of this clinic is designed to help children with chronic pain

Design | Fast Company

A love affair with a typeface? For these famous directors, type is part of their art

Design | Fast Company

The water at these schools comes almost entirely from rain

Impact | Fast Company

Inside 'The Unusual Suspects': A Conversation with Malcolm Gladwell and Kenya Barris

Creativity | Fast Company

How 3D printing will help astronauts survive on the moon and Mars

Design | Fast Company

March Madness begins for NPR's College Podcast Challenge

Student Podcast Challenge | NPR

Here are 8 photography winners with disabilities who show the world their perspective

Goats and Soda | NPR

The best and biggest games of 2025 so far

Video Game Reviews | NPR

Leveraging Storytelling for Innovation

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

You are a media theorist

Seth's Blog

Mall Cops

The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics

We're Not Getting Sicker — We're Overdiagnosed

People I (Mostly) Admire | Freakonomics

A Unique Path to Resilience

Leaders in the Making | Psychology Today

Breaking Through Perfectionism: A Journey Toward Progress

The Naked Creative | Psychology Today

After my wife died, I joined a community choir. It gave me respite from my private grief

The Guardian

Van Gogh or Faux? Weeding Out Fakes Is Starting to Take a Toll.
The New York Times

Everything you say to your Echo will be sent to Amazon starting on March 28
Ars Technica

Trump Seeks More Sway in Picking Kennedy Center Honorees
The New York Times

Max Removes the Rest of the Original Looney Tunes Cartoons
Vulture

No Other Land director calls Florida mayor's campaign against his film 'very dangerous'
The Guardian

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'Sounds like censorship to me.' O cinema co-founder slams proposed eviction over film
NPR

Keeping it reel: The Nyback film archive finds a new home and a community of caretakers
Oregon ArtsWatch

Spotify paid over \$10B US to the music industry last year. How much actually makes it to the artists?
CBC News

With \$921 Seats, a Star-Powered 'Othello' Breaks a Box Office Record
The New York Times

With 100 Pounds of Blue Pigment, an Artist Conjures Spirits of the Past
The New York Times

Conan O'Brien to Return as Oscars Host for 98th Ceremony Set for March
Variety

The Last Decision by the World's Leading Thinker on Decisions
The Wall Street Journal

Part II: Live Service Games - Consumer Engagement and Retention
Arts Management and Technology Laboratory

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Part I: Best Practices for Live Service Game Campaigns
Arts Management and Technology Laboratory

Asking for directions
Seth's Blog

Why America is turning into a nation of homebodies

Fast Company

Journey of a Creative Project on Creativity

Print Magazine

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Seth's Blog

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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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