



National Creativity Network

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

May 22, 2026

### QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“A stupid man's report of what a clever man says is never accurate, because he unconsciously translates what he hears into something that he can understand.” – Bertrand Russell

“Explanations exist; they have existed for all times, for there is always an easy solution to every human problems — neat, plausible, and wrong.” – H. L. Mencken

“Most executives, many scientists, and almost all business school graduates believe that if you analyze data, this will give you new ideas. Unfortunately, this belief is totally wrong. The mind can only see what it is prepared to see.” – Edward de Bono

“Creative thinking — in terms of idea creativity — is not a mystical talent. It is a skill that can be practised and nurtured. You can never tell how a policy has been reached just by looking at the end result. Some people who have achieved a huge amount do not come across as impressive when you speak to them.” – Edward de Bono

“Everyone is a genius at least once a year. The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together.” – Georg C. Lichtenberg

“I like quoting Einstein. Know why? Because nobody dares contradict you.” – Studs Terkel

“Only the dreamer shall understand realities, though, in truth, his dreaming must not be out of proportion to his waking!” – Margaret Fuller

### VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

**Mae Jemison, Astronaut & Scientist - MayNERD's Moments**  
*MayNERD's Wild World of Science*

**The Old Marshall Jail Ballad Swap on Tour**

*Rare Bird Farm*

**Computer Science and Engineering: 250 Years of Innovation**

*National Academy of Engineering*

**The future skills agenda of the creative industries I RSA REPLAY**

*The RSA*

Also

**Creative Industries Skills Audits**

*Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre*

**Zendaya Taps into the Creative Process in a Quirky Ad Directed by Spike Jonze**

*Colossal*

**Jim Henson's NYC workshop open to the public for 1st time**

*CBS New York*

**What Schools Can Learn From Families | Barbara Rogoff**

*The Science of Learning with Dr. Keith Sawyer*

**The Amazing History of Markers - Fun Facts for Kids!**

*Art Expedition*

**You don't have to be an expert to solve big problems | Tapiwa Chiwewe**

*TED@IBM*

**What does the future of school actually LOOK LIKE? Watch this video to find out .**

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*Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain*

**How architecture can create dignity for all | John Cary**

*TEDWomen 2017*

**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**

**American Black Film Festival Unveils 2026 Lineup Featuring Jamie Foxx, Marsai Martin, Courtney B. Vance, Jesse Williams and Coco Jones (EXCLUSIVE)**

*Variety*

**May 27 – 31**

## **2026 Science Events Summit**

*Science Events*

**May 31 - June 2 | Jackson, MS**

## **NEW Pressure Points: Engineering AI for the future of healthcare**

*Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

**June 3 | Virtual**

## **Creative Problem Solving Institute | 2026 Theme: Elevate**

*Creative Education Foundation*

**June 14 – 18 | Buffalo, NY**

## **Two Federal Agencies Just Joined Forces on AI Education and Workforce Training — And There's \$224 Million on the Table**

*STEMconnector*

**Deadline: July 16**

## **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**

### **Stephen Colbert Ends 'Late Show' With Joyous Paul McCartney 'Hello Goodbye' Performance, as Ex-Beatle Turns Lights Out at Ed Sullivan Theater**

*Variety*

Also

**'We were lucky': Stephen Colbert's 'Late Show' bids farewell in final**

**broadcast on CBS**  
*CNN*

**AI & Science: What Is the Future of Discovery?**  
*Daedalus | American Academy of Arts and Sciences*

**Preparing Engineers To Think Like Founders**  
*Penn Engineering | University of Pennsylvania*

**146,000-Year-Old Discovery Rewrites the Story of Human Creativity**  
*SciTechDaily*

**UCLA Samueli School of Engineering launches \$125 million semiconductor hub with top industry leaders**  
*Newsroom | UCLA*

**Welcome to the Quantum Moment**  
*Foundation for American Innovation*

**Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities**  
*Georgia Department of Economic Development*

**As Mexico Enters Top 10 in AI Patents, What Does It Mean?**  
*Mexico Business News*

**The neural basis of thought symbols identified for the first time**  
*The Rockefeller University*

**Adults with better math skills rely less on the brain's physical movement areas**  
*PsyPost*

**A neuroscientist's guide to future-proofing your brain and thinking smarter in the 21st Century**  
*BBC Future*

**Becoming an Innovator: Breaking Barriers to Turning Your Ideas Into Action**  
*All Together | Society of Women Engineers*

**Henrietta Vansittart--Steamship Screw Propellers**  
*Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter*

**I Cloned Myself With Gemini's AI Avatar Tool. The Result Was Unnervingly Me**  
*WIRED*

**The Enrollment Cliff Is Here. Which Schools Will Survive It?**  
*Fault Lines | The New Yorker*

**As goes CBS Radio News, so goes the idea that news media should serve the public interest**  
*Nieman Lab*

**AI might be fueling a new leadership crisis**

*Leadership | Fast Company*

**Trump cancels AI executive order over concerns of slowing U.S. tech innovation**

*Fast Company*

**The LA28 typography is made of 4 custom fonts**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Resilience is overrated. This is what keeps businesses alive and thriving**

*Leadership | Fast Company*

**Hockey has a costly ice problem—and AI is about to take over arenas to fix it**

*Fast Company*

**The Ebola outbreak is 'gaining momentum' in Congo, warns aid groups**

*Fast Company*

**Can coffee help protect biodiversity?**

*UN Trade & Development (UNCTAD)*

**Have You Ever Encountered the Slow No?**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**The Curious Mr. Feynman (Update)**

*Freakonomics Radio*

**YouTube Is Crawling with Pirated Audiobooks Made Using A.I.**

*The New York Times*

**'Obvious markers of AI': doubts raised over winner of short story prize**

*The Guardian*

**US Finally Stems the Bleeding in Film Production — but Will It Last?**

*Yahoo! Finance, The Wrap*

**Paramount's Junk-Status Credit Rating to Be Downgraded Further Following Warner Bros. Merger to Reflect 'Major Ongoing Uncertainties,' S&P Global Says**

*Variety*

**For Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, Choreography is Her Preferred Language**

*Dance Magazine*

**Advanced AI Passes the Turing Test for the First Time**

*Neuroscience News*

**Federal commission, packed with Trump allies, approves his towering triumphal arch**

*The Washington Post*

**Artist shocked when beloved whale mural in Dallas is painted over for FIFA World Cup: 'Disrespectful at every level'**

*WEAU*

**How young people are making waves in water, sanitation and hygiene**

*UNICEF*

**Tips for creating a creative life**

*WBUR*

**As an aspiring science communicator, I learned a lot from an "eco artist"**

*FIU News | Florida International University*

**Vibe Coding: Who Owns Your Mind? Jack Nicholson's "Try and Smoke It" Test**

*Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®*

**Government of Canada invests in Indigenous-led research**

*Government of Canada*

**Doris Duke Foundation Announces 2026 Artist Awards and New Grants Supporting the Labor of Making Art**

*Doris Duke Foundation*

**How We Bond Through Music**

*Everyday Magic | Psychology Today (Canada)*

**Senate Democrats Implore FCC Chair to Conduct 'Rigorous' Review of Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger Foreign Investment: Deal 'Raises National Security Alarms'**

*Variety*

**How to Control What You Can't Control**

*Gapingvoid*

**Stephen Colbert: From Interviewing John Lewis to Hosting at Home During COVID, These Six Moments Defined His 'Late Show' Tenure**

*Variety*

**5 Strategies to Help Neurodivergent Students Find Success in Math**

*Special Education | Edutopia*

**This 3-Minute Video Game Is Surprisingly Good at Spotting Depression**

*Health | Gizmodo*

**Steven Soderbergh used AI in a documentary about John Lennon. And he wants to talk about it**

*AP News*

**Minnesota becomes first state to ban prediction markets**

*All Things Considered | NPR*

**How a Revolutionary Cancer Treatment Could Reset the Immune Systems of Patients With Autoimmune Diseases**

*Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Marine scientists discover record number of new species**

*ABC News*

**Ebola Outbreak Opens Old Wounds About ‘Saving Africans’**

*The New York Times*

**AI may replace 80% of skills. This last 20% will make you irreplaceable**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**What dish soap can teach you about collaboration**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**This sentence about AI got Apple cofounder Steve Wozniak applause—not boos—for his commencement speech**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**Busyness is killing strategic thinking. Here’s how to prevent that from happening**

*Leadership | Fast Company*

**Google’s Workspace icons just got the ‘AI gradient’ treatment**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Jeff Bezos makes a \$34 million bet to replace cotton and polyester**

*Tech | Fast Company*

**This year's list of endangered historic places focuses on equality and erasure**

*Morning Edition | NPR*

**How culture and arts education shapes global citizenship**

*UNESCO*

**Value creation, bullshit jobs and the future of work**

*Seth’s Blog*

**Belugas join a rare animal kingdom club—they can recognize themselves in a mirror**

*Animals | National Geographic*

**A rare Ebola strain is spreading. Here’s why it’s so hard to contain.**

*Health | National Geographic*

**Colorado elementary school puts on 75-minute Phish musical, and it was delightfully epic**

*Upworthy*

**30 years ago, Carl Sagan revealed exactly how a ‘charlatan’ leader could take over the U.S.**

*Upworthy*

**The Psychology of Poetry: How Verse Can Foster Hope**

*Am I Dying? | Psychology Today*

**Do You Know What a Luthier Is? He’s One of the Best.**

*The New York Times*

**Wynton Marsalis symphony premiere with the Philadelphia Orchestra is postponed**

*MSN, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

**Boston's proposed arts cuts put small organizations at risk**

*WBUR*

**Everything You Do Is Being Recorded**

*Technology | The Atlantic*

**James Murdoch, media scion, strikes deal for New York Magazine and Vox**

*AP News*

Also

**Why a Murdoch buying Vox and New York magazine might not be like an episode of ‘Succession’**

*Fast Company*

**Archaeologists Find Egyptian Mummy Buried With the ‘Iliad’**

*The New York Times*

**The Math Bottleneck: Addressing a Key Barrier to Meeting Our Nation’s STEM Talent Needs**

*Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector*

**May 21 | Virtual Postponed; Working to Reschedule**

**The Spark of Inspiration**

*Faculty & Staff | The EDU Ledger*

**What Must We Remember About Being Human?**

*The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Chris Balme*

**SCI Lab: Finding common ground on divisive science**

*Morgridge Institute for Research*

**Humanities and the crisis of instrumental reason**

*Voices | UPI*

**Hidden Patterns: Kevin Hu Navigates the Mathematics of Disordered Systems**

*Simons Foundation*

**The brain's code seems to be in constant flux. Neuroscientists are baffled**  
*Nature*

**2026 WIPO Global Awards: Finalists Announced**  
*WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization*

**We Care Arts uses creativity to inspire connection and healing in the community**  
*Dayton 24/7 Now*

**Is AI Making Our Brains Weaker?**  
*TIME*

**Is it time to measure cognitive stunting?**  
*Commentary | Brookings*

**Curiosity-driven research explained: Basic science lays the foundation for life-saving discoveries**  
*Morgridge Institute for Research*

**Rising Sparks: Natasha Strydhorst, science communication**  
*Morgridge Institute for Research*

**Google Search Is Dead. Welcome to the Era of the 'Intelligent Search Box'**  
*Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo*

**Why Grown-Ups Need Playtime Too**  
*The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter*

**'AI imagineer.' 'Design crafter.' 'Builder.' Why design is suddenly full of Frankenjobs**  
*Design | Fast Company*

**YouTube may be building different political realities for men and women**  
*Tech | Fast Company*

**The Onion's next move after buying InfoWars? A documentary called 'Birth of a Nation,' says CEO Ben Collins**  
*Fast Company*

**Time to redefine healthcare "quality"**  
*Impact Council | Fast Company*

**Google redesigns Gemini AI to do away with the 'giant wall of text'**  
*Design | Fast Company*

**The economic power of narrative storytelling**  
*Impact Council | Fast Company*

**The act of Umfunktionierung**  
*Seth's Blog*

### **Is Flow the Holy Grail of Health?**

*Health and Human Nature | Psychology Today*

### **Can you trademark identity? The new legal strategy celebrities are using against AI**

*The Conversation*

### **Anthropic's \$1.5B copyright settlement is getting messy as judge delays approval**

*Ars Technica*

### **Bridging Code and Creativity**

*SODA (School of Digital Arts) News | Wichita State University*

### **6 ways to learn essential creative skills, inspired by the Masters**

*Creative Bloq*

### **Innovation Showcase opens doors for students**

*Engineering News | Arizona State University*

### **Mung Chiang named next president of Northwestern**

*Northwestern Now | Northwestern University*

### **To unleash AI innovation, stop model providers from picking the winners**

*Commentary | Brookings*

### **Université de Montréal: Canadian astronomy looks to Europe and invests in the world's largest telescope**

*Science|Business*

### **Language development in the brain**

*MIT News*

### **From Coffee Kiosk To Billion-Dollar Business: How Scooter's Became One Of America's Top Franchises**

*Forbes*

### **Death by 1000 Optimizations**

*Gapingvoid*

### **The Ebola Outbreak in Africa Was Declared a Global Health Emergency by the WHO. Here's What to Know About the Rare but Severe Illness**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

### **Music From Beyoncé and Taylor Swift, Plus Dozens of Other 'Audio Treasures,' Added to National Recording Registry**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

### **Thousands of FiveThirtyEight Articles Seemingly Vanish From the Internet**

*The New York Times*

**Exclusive / New arts magazine Totei to focus on the ‘creative process’**  
*Semafor*

**This question saved Intel. Are you asking it?**  
*Leadership | Fast Company*

**The Texas startup that’s bringing back the Woolly Mammoth has a new project: growing chickens in artificial eggs**  
*Tech | Fast Company*

**Meet the children's literature startup that wants to unseat Scholastic as the king of the book fair**  
*Design | Fast Company*

**The world is not digital—and that’s why software won’t eat it**  
*Work Life | Fast Company*

**Nature-based innovation moves from the forest to the lab**  
*Fast Company Executive Board*

**Giants That Sometimes Wake Up**  
*American Scientist*

**The night clerk**  
*Seth’s Blog*

**US Mint honors Steve Jobs in \$1 coin rollout that sold out within minutes**  
*DesignTAXI*

**Museums have always been entangled with European imperialism. Will the world’s first ‘AI art’ museum be any different?**  
*The Conversation*

**Commentary | “Amadeus” argues that every great artist needs a nemesis**  
*Salon*

**Smithsonian Adds Back Impeachment Language to Label on Trump Portrait**  
*The New York Times*

**Innovation Ecosystems | How innovation drives resilience and growth in our cities and communities**  
*I-Place*

**Emotional Intelligence and Creativity: New Research and Practices**  
*Creative Insights | Psychology Today*

**Humanity AI Announces More Than \$18 Million in New Grants to Shape AI for the Public Good**  
*Mellon Foundation*

**NAE Regional Meeting at MIT Explores Creativity in an AI-Enabled World**  
*National Academy of Engineering*

**2026 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education**  
*National Academy of Engineering*

**The Women's Health Innovation Radar: Revealing Gaps and Opportunities Across the Science-to-Patient Journey**  
*The World Economic Forum*

**Who are American innovators? What makes them innovative?**  
*Americans for Prosperity*

**An Experiment Put LLMs in Charge of Radio Stations. You'll Never Guess How It Went**  
*Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo*

**New Quantum Processing Technology Points to Life After the Transistor, Maybe**  
*Gadgets | Gizmodo*

**Behold the neuron, a complicated cell with a simple mission**  
*Yale News*

**Brain-wide information flow dynamics during novel visual processing in humans**  
*Communications Biology*

**How does imagination really work in the brain? New theory upends what we knew**  
*Technology.org*

**Scientists have invented a way to erase bad memories. But should we?**  
*BBC Science Focus*

**The Quest for an Elusive Clean Fuel Is Moving Underground**  
*The New York Times*

**Opinion | Nothing Beats Polarization Like Civics Education**  
*Guest Essay | The New York Times*

**U.S. Debt Is Now Bigger Than the Economy. That's Not the Real Problem.**  
*DealBook | The New York Times*

**Vin Diesel Defends 'Popular Cinema' as 'Not a Lesser Form of Art' in Passionate Essay About His History at Cannes**  
*Variety*

**Back to Basics... Again**  
*Bob Morrison*

Also

**The Founding Claim: Music as Original Curriculum - Article 2 of The**

**Founding Disciplines**  
*Bob Morrison*

**Changes in mental health during participation in Art Pharmacy: a longitudinal study of a U.S. arts-based social prescribing program**  
*Frontiers in Public Health*

**In this new Toronto neighborhood, 'sponge streets' double as parks and flood prevention**  
*Design | Fast Company*

**How Tamara Rojo is remaking ballet**  
*Weekend Edition Saturday | NPR*

**The Spiritual Side of Geology**  
*American Scientist*

**In the Beginning, There was Light**  
*American Scientist*

**Why You Need to Leverage Shared Values in Change Leadership**  
*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**All right and none the same**  
*Seth's Blog*

**Has the New York Times Become a Games Company?**  
*Freakonomics Radio*

**The Fear Creativity Awakens at Midnight**  
*The Naked Creative | Psychology Today*

**Not Just Social Isolation: Loneliness Comes in Many Forms**  
*Intersections | Psychology Today*

**Using Music to Reframe Health**  
*The Flow of Creativity | Psychology Today*

**Who Are You Stacey Levine? What Happens When a “Deeply Weird,” (Very) Small Press Novel is a Pulitzer Finalist**  
*Literary Hub*

**Wilonsky: Thanks to FIFA, downtown Dallas' enormous, beloved whale mural is 'gone forever'**  
*The Dallas Morning News*

**Seth Rogen Says if You Use AI to Write Scripts, Then 'You Shouldn't Be a Writer': 'Go Do Something Else'**  
*Variety*

**The Great Zombification**

*The New Critic*

**It's time for infectious generosity. Here's how | Chris Anderson**

*Infectious Generosity | TED Blog*

**Our beautiful burden of a 5,000-year song**

*Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®*

**Thinking Outside Our Heads**

*Creativity & Education | Felipe Zamana*

**The Case for Not Having All the Answers**

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

**Ex-Google CEO Eric Schmidt Fails to Read Room on AI, Gets Booed into Oblivion**

*Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo*

**Poetry: I Too, Dislike It**

*The Marginalian*

**If Resumes Are Dead, What Takes Their Place?**

*Gapingvoid*

**Dr. James West: "I have to Learn"**

*Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter*

**How Juno Can Still Beam Back Breathtaking Images of Jupiter**

*Nautilus*

**Inform. Educate. Entertain**

*Variety*

**Pete Townshend's Music Catalog and Other Rights Acquired by Primary Wave Music in Nine-Figure Deal**

*Variety*

**Can You Trademark Yourself? Inside Matthew McConaughey's Novel Legal Strategy to Fight AI Theft**

*Variety*

**The Skill Nobody Teaches You: How to Not Know**

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

**When In Doubt, Swim Upstream.**

*Gapingvoid*

**Netflix Sued by Republican Texas Attorney General, Who Alleges Service Is 'Spying' on Users and Is Designed to Be 'Addictive'**

*Variety*

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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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