



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

June 19, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity - not a threat” – Steve Jobs

“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.” – Henry Ford

“We must not confuse distortion with innovation; distortion is useless change, art is beneficial change.” – Chuck Jones

“A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals to discovery.” – James Joyce

“With rare exceptions, we become who we become as artists because we are influenced by other artists, not despite that fact. No idea is completely original, and being influenced by the work of other creative people and movements is part of the process of finding your voice.” – Lisa Congdon

“Nothing is too small to know, and nothing is too big to attempt.” – William Van Horne

“The only people who see the whole picture are the ones who step outside the frame.” – Salman Rushdie

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

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

Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

Why are stolen African artifacts still in Western museums? | Jim Chuchu

TEDMonterey

Intricate beauty by design | Marian Bantjes
TED2010

From classroom to catwalk: 10-year-old fashion designer makes history
Reuters

Nile Rodgers on David Bowie, Diana Ross, and the songs that defined an era
Alchemy with Anthony Mason

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026
The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain
Begins January 2, 2026

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

NEW Revolutions in Science: Discovery, Imagination, and the Future
National Academy of Sciences
June 25 | Virtual

Two Federal Agencies Just Joined Forces on AI Education and Workforce Training — And There's \$224 Million on the Table
STEMconnector
Deadline: July 16

TED 2027
TED
March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series
CreativeMornings
Various

Nesta Talks to...
Nesta
Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals
Science Festival Alliance
Various

Call for Articles | General Issue
European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC
Deadline: Ongoing

Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024

At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine

Various

Idea Jams 2025/2026

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

Series

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Pushing Forward, Onstage and Off | Misty Copeland

The Big Ideas: What Drives Us? | The New York Times

Why the summer solstice is the longest day of the year

Science | National Geographic

Researchers discover single-cell brain activity that underlies human speech With neuronal data, AI models predicted grammar, meaning, and context of spoken sentences.

National Institutes of Health

How AI is driving innovation in discovery science and healthcare

Johns Hopkins University

How student art is helping fund change

Positive.News

AI Needs Guardrails — the NO FAKES Act Can Create Them: Guest Post by Lyor Cohen and Harvey Mason Jr.

Variety

A Journalist Let AI Run Her Life for a Year. Here's What She Learned.

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Five Advances That Helped Turn a Night Out at the Movies Into the All-Enveloping Experience It Has Become

America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Are Using Nanomaterials to Heal Stubborn Wounds That Resist Antibiotic Treatment

Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Put Stroke Patients on Ice—and It Might Protect Their Brains

Health | Gizmodo

How should news organizations label their AI use for audiences? New studies suggest some answers

Nieman Lab

States with less local news have higher rates of loneliness

Nieman Lab

The Joy of Seeing

Gapingvoid

The Purpose of School is Being, Not Knowing

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Colbert Used a ‘Peanuts’ Tune on His Finale. CBS Will Pay.

The New York Times

New Plan Scales Back C.D.C.’s Work on Diseases Abroad

The New York Times

Richard Tapia, Mathematician Who Pushed to Diversify His Field, Dies at 88

The New York Times

Memory shortage crisis: Apple CEO confirms higher prices are on the way; chip stocks keep soaring

Fast Company

AI 20: The autonomous future

AI 20 | Fast Company

What to do with old jerseys? The Golden State Warriors have an idea

Design | Fast Company

The work AI can’t do

Leadership | Fast Company

The Demand Curve for Wonder - Time, labor, and the price of consciousness in America’s creative industries.

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

David Sedaris doesn’t mind being humiliated

Wild Card with Rachel Martin | NPR

Promotion, activation, conversation [A long riff on book publishing with (perhaps) wide applicability to your work as well.]

Seth’s Blog

Never-before-seen images from Nat Geo’s epic Sahara road trip

Photography | National Geographic

Co-authors shocked to find their children’s book written 40 years ago is suddenly a smash hit

Upworthy

I spent \$65 on two books. Is reading becoming a luxury?

USA Today

Hollywood's Mass Exodus: Why Film and TV Production Is Fleeing L.A. and What Can Be Done About It

Variety

Publishers Sue WeLib for Copyright Infringement

Publishers Weekly

Why older people are happier and what we can learn from them

Psyche

Cincinnati Opera launches \$6M project with Afrofuturistic 'Lalovavi'

Cincinnati Business Courier

Bridging Distinct Communities: A study of artists and culture bearers in the Bay Area

The Wallace Foundation

Heroes! The Astounding True Story of America's Great Comic Book Creators – A Graphic History

America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | Smithsonian Magazine

Why we celebrate the end of slavery on Juneteenth

History & Culture | National Geographic

Also

How Black Union soldiers made Juneteenth possible

History & Culture | National Geographic

Balance AI innovation and risk with 'minimum viable governance'

MIT Sloan School of Management

The Science and Health Breakthroughs Shaping a New American Era

TIME

UNESCO to lead global partnerships and inclusivity in new science diplomacy project

UNESCO

A Handful of Elite Universities Have Dominated China's Basic Science Funding for Decades

Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions

Inclusive Creative Economy Fund Impact Report 2026

LISC NY

Canada's Research Budget Does Not Match Its Innovation Strategy

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Directors Guild of Canada Calls for AI Protections: "Efficiency Is Not Creativity"

The Hollywood Reporter

The Young American Scientists

Scientific American

Also

How We Chose the 2026 Young American Scientists

Association for Psychological Science

Is a transparent fish the future of brain science? This center is betting on it

NPR

The Science of Team Science: Lessons Learned from the International Brain Laboratory

Simons Foundation

How to Become a Person After Smartphones Have Rotted Your Brain

The New Atlantis

The 100-Year Life Is Coming. Are You Ready for It?

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

There's a Bit of Good News for Coral Reefs

The New York Times

Robotics researchers 'fish' for insights into aquatic animal movement

College of Engineering | University of Wisconsin-Madison

Silicon Valley is building medical answers. Medicine needs judgment

POV | Fast Company

Accessibility is more than a design problem

Design | Fast Company

AI's impact on cognitive ability: MIT study reveals more troubling data

Fast Company

Disney is about to get AI-generated theme park designs

Design | Fast Company

The Fourth Inning in the Future of Work

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Status symbols

Seth's Blog

Giftedness Isn't a Lie. It's Just Much Broader Than We Realize

Beautiful Minds | Psychology Today

The Power of Creativity for Adolescent Well-Being

Parenting Teens Through Connection Creativity | Psychology Today

Why Has the Pointe Shoe Been So Resistant to Change?

Dance Magazine

'This will be timeless': what art can we expect from Chicago's \$850m Obama Presidential Center?

The Guardian

Why AI Is Incurably Didactic - The rise of machine writing is a great opportunity for literature.

The Atlantic

Celebrating America When No One Was in the Mood

Architecture and the City | James S. Russell

After Addressing Hollywood's Filming Crisis, California Is Helping Post-Production Workers Next

The Wrap

Children's Imaginations Run Wild in Taekhan Yun's Collaborative Design Workshops

Colossal

Copcats – How big a problem is plagiarism?

Commentary

The AI Buildout May Be Hitting a Wall: What Last Week's News Means for Workforce and Education

Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

George Washington Recorded a Recipe for Beer While Leading a Militia. Thanks to the New York Public Library, You Can Imbibe That History This Summer

America's 250 Anniversary | *Smithsonian Magazine*

Fibres in jacket pull drinking water directly from ambient air

Engineering & Technology | *The Institution of Engineering & Technology*

Anita Selzer, Award-Winning Author, Says AI Is the Next Evolution of Art, Not a Threat to Creativity

Cincinnati.com

Horizontal Innovation Requires More Than Novel Outputs

Mind Matters

Hollywood's Mass Exodus: Why Film and TV Production Is Fleeing L.A. and What Can Be Done About It

Variety

Physicists Created an Entirely New Species of Schrödinger's Cat

Physics & Chemistry | *Gizmodo*

Beware of Best Practices

Gapingvoid

They Were Just Having a Back-to-School Party in an Apartment Rec Room. Little Did They Know They Were Creating Hip-Hop

America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | Smithsonian Magazine

When Clarence Birdseye Tasted the Trout That Had Been Frozen by Inuit Fishermen, It Changed the Way We Buy Food

America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | Smithsonian Magazine

NASA's Quiet Supersonic Jet Just Hit Another Major Milestone

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

How Does One Brain Speak Two Languages?

The New York Times

Tensions Are Rising Between States That Rely on the Colorado River

The New York Times

Experimental Treatment Directly Kills Prostate Tumor Cells While Reawakening Antitumor Immunity

Weill Cornell Medicine

A tiny ingestible sensor can measure temperature from inside the body

MIT News

191 World Changing Ideas for 2026

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

Also

How we chose the 2026 World Changing Ideas honorees

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

How 15 projects are redefining education and engagement for people of all ages

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

Atlanta's city-owned grocery store is an oasis in its downtown food desert

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This startup wants to build a new art-world economy that truly supports artists

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This diagnostics company shrank a lab-quality test to fit on your countertop

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This hand-crank washing machine is giving 15 hours back to thousands of people each week

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This cell carrier deletes your call logs every day so hackers have nothing to steal

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This organization's blueprint for ending street homelessness is as obvious as it is effective

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This DOE-funded startup could finally solve America's nuclear waste problem

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This startup is using AI to improve the outpatient surgery experience for everyone

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This bacteria-coated fabric could help quickly clean up land-based oil spills

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This Alphabet 'Moonshot' spinout is using beams of light to bring fiber-speed internet to Rio's favelas

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How Tin Can is reinventing the landline for Gen Alpha

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

How this founder used his oil and gas industry knowledge to make geothermal energy viable

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

USAID disappeared. She built a coalition to feed Gaza and South Sudan

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

This high-tech airship from the LifeStraw inventor could be the future of wildfire detection

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

He's designing affordable housing with the actual needs of future residents in mind. It's rarer than it sounds

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

How these 13 companies are giving consumers more than just new products

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

From tech platforms to parks, these companies are putting humanity and community first

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

Inside 8 companies rethinking how we harness and use resources

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

Meet 16 companies pushing tech and science to new heights

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

New diagnostics, new treatments: These 21 projects are ushering in the future of healthcare

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

How 5 companies are centering accessibility and social equity

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

These forward-looking, early-stage businesses are already standing out

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

How these growing businesses are making their mark

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

Meet the long-standing businesses still bringing fresh, meaningful ideas to the world

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

These consumer-facing efforts solve longstanding problems

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

These projects help companies leverage AI to tackle pressing business needs

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

How these projects in North America and Latin America are innovating beyond their hemisphere

World Changing Ideas | Fast Company

How Great Teachers Help Students Figure Things Out for Themselves | Joe Krajcik

The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer

DMV artist turns belts into a conversation about discipline

Morning Edition | NPR

As the U.S. turns 250, this historian has blunt advice: 'America has to grow up'

Fresh Air | NPR

David Hockney Outlived His 4 Doctors And Theorized Old Masters 'Cheated' At Art

DesignTAXI

What We Get Wrong About Productivity and “Hard Work”

Think Bigger | Psychology Today

Dementia care: Re-envisioning the role of music

The Conversation

Are Americans Too Old?

Open Questions | The New Yorker

A Bookstore Boom in a Time of Literacy Decline

Literary Hub

Civil Rights Landmark Opens to the Public in Michigan

Arts Midwest

Toni Morrison’s Native Figures - A new reading of race in her novels

The Yale Review | Yale University

Why AI Is Incurably Didactic

The Atlantic

As Russia Strikes Ukraine, a Cultural Symbol Catches Fire

The New York Times

Also

UNESCO statement on Ukraine

UNESCO

The World’s Leading Deepfake Expert No Longer Trusts His Own Eyes

The New York Times

'A Lot Of Balls' brings together 100 Mexican artists to interpret culture through soccer

Mexico News Daily

We were STEM-obsessed as children. It shaped our pathway to college.

Ripple | The Washington Post

Want More Innovation? Stronger Trade Secret Laws Help

Strategy | INSEAD Knowledge

TECH & INNOVATION: Innovation is easy. Integrity is hard

The Berkshire Edge

Great Americans: The Tireless Innovation of Edwin Land

The Free Press

Writing science that humans and machines can read

The Transmitter

85-year-old woman now has five university degrees, and she's still going
Ottawa Citizen

Neuroscientists discover previously unknown cognitive benefits of reading physical books
PsyPost

The Imagination Network Is Not the Villain
Beautiful Minds | Psychology Today

How Serious Is the Universe's Expansion Problem?
Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Fox Is Buying Roku in \$22 Billion Deal
Variety

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Fox to Acquire Roku in Deal That Turbocharges Streaming for Company Once Slow to Embrace It
Variety

Will Fox's Roku Buy Help Lachlan Murdoch Leapfrog Rivals in Streaming Wars?
Variety

How to See a Bird: Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris's Exquisite Illustrated Field Guide to the Wonder of the Winged
The Marginalian

The Places Art Takes Us
1515 Lincoln Gallery

The Reformation Turn: Music for the People - Article VI of The Founding Disciplines
Bob Morrison

What NASA Needs to Stay on Track for the Moon
The New York Times

The Scientific Quest for a Perfect World Cup Field
The New York Times

Wisconsin Originals: The 'father of supercomputing,' Seymour Cray Jr. built his legacy in Chippewa Falls
Wisconsin State Journal

DGA Deal Lands Health Plan Gains, Streaming Residual Hikes and Responds to TV Slump by Limiting Actors and Others From Taking Director Jobs
Variety

Andrew Carnegie Foundation Board Approves 41 Grants Totaling \$47,940,000
Andrew Carnegie Foundation

Humans aren't great at identifying ADHD. But AI is
Work Life | Fast Company

6 skills everyone needs in the AI era
Tech | Fast Company

Stop waiting to feel ready: 3 lessons to unlock creativity today
Work Life | Fast Company

Why I designed Charlotte Tilbury Beauty as a technology company
Leadership | Fast Company

Dave Eggers on why using AI to speak for you "is such a crime against yourself"
Wild Card with Rachel Martin | NPR

Degrees of freedom
Seth's Blog

Why VUCA is a Myth
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The troll button
Seth's Blog

Why existing vaccines won't help this Ebola outbreak
Health | National Geographic

Edmonia Lewis confronted American slavery in her sculptures. Then history forgot her.
History & Culture | National Geographic

Fungi take up more mass than people—see how they stretch across the Earth
Environment | National Geographic

Baron Vaughn on Humor as Survival
Un-Numb | Psychology Today

Coming to a Blood Donation Center Near You: the Chicago Symphony
The New York Times

Inside the Report That's Divided the Academy
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Why "Book-Shaming" Won't Solve the Children's Literacy Crisis
The New Yorker

Justice Dept. Clears Way for Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger
The New York Times

Judge Blocks National Parks From Removing ‘Negative’ Signs

The New York Times

Our Critic Frames David Hockney’s Greatest Art

The New York Times

NASA Leader Pushes Back on Complaints That No Women Will Be on the Next Artemis Mission

The New York Times

Gene Shalit, Film Critic Bristling With Hair and Puns, Dies at 100

The New York Times

David Hockney, Who Restored the Human Form to Art, Dies at 88

The New York Times

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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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