



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

July 11, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Always listen to experts. They'll tell you what can't be done, and why. Then do it." – Robert A. Heinlein

"From time to time the exceptional is necessary. For events as well as for men, the stock company is not enough; geniuses are needed among men, and revolutions among events. Great accidents are the law; the order of things cannot get along without them; and, to see the apparitions of comets, one would be tempted to believe that Heaven itself is in need of star actors." – Victor Hugo

"We cross our bridges when we come to them, and burn them behind us, with nothing to show for our progress except a memory of the smell of smoke, and a presumption that once our eyes watered." – Tom Stoppard

"Imagination and fiction make up more than three quarters of our real life." – Simone Weil

"The way we see things is constantly changing. At the moment the way we see things has been left a lot to the camera. That shouldn't necessarily be." – David Hockney

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." – Marcel Proust

"All that was great in the past was ridiculed, condemned, combatted, suppressed – only to emerge all the more powerfully, all the more triumphantly from the struggle." – Nikola Tesla

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

What the U.S. has accomplished in 250 years of innovation and what's next
PBS News Hour Weekend

The Number Illusion You Won't Believe

Vsauce2

Challenging Gender Norms, a Bolivian Skateboarding Collective Celebrates Indigenous Style

Colossal

Activate | Watch a Webinar on Groundbreaking Study of Brain Health and Music

Action of the Week | AARP

Also

NeuroArts Blueprint Analysis Finds Strong Return on Investment From Music Engagement

AARP

Education Through the George Lucas Foundation and PBS San Francisco (Journeys of the Mind)

ThinkTech Hawaii

The Musical Stephen Sondheim Wished He Never Wrote – Extended Interview (2009)

ITN Archive

How to support and celebrate living artists | Swizz Beatz

TED2020

Designers -- think big! | Tim Brown

TEDGlobal 2009

A Dance and Film Series Choreographs Five Poetic Approaches to Beginning Again

Colossal

Welcome Message from Tsu-Jae King Liu, NAE President

National Academy of Engineering

Thank engineers. Better yet, be one. :90 second version

National Academy of Engineering

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

wild kratts: ocean adventure!

National Childrens Museum

Through September 7

2025 Summit Features Inspiring Keynotes, Deep-Dive Sessions and Hands-On Workshops for Educators

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Education

July 15 – 17

National Air and Space Museum to reveal more renovated galleries on July 28

Space.com

July 28

Creative Growth Grants

City of Charlotte

Deadline: August 4

What is Creativity in the Age of AI?

American Academy of Arts & Sciences

August 11

NEW Imagine and Inspire Speakers Series

Creative Oklahoma

August 28, November 13, February 19, May 14

Know a Trailblazing Woman Scientist? Nominate Her for Our ‘Cutting-Edge Women in Science’ List

The Story Exchange

Deadline: September 15

ENCATC Congress 2025

ENCATC

September 15 – 17 | Barcelona, Spain

ArtPrize 2025 to Ignite Grand Rapids with 16 Days of Art & Creativity

KARK

September 18 - October 4

Imagine. Create. Activate! | Chicago 2025

Creative Placemaking Communities

September 22 - 24 | Chicago, IL

Unleashing Imagination: The Creative Brain and AI

The Dallas Morning News

October 9

2025 Prospectus

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 16 – 26

2025 AIGA Design Conference

AIGA

October 9 – 11 | Los Angeles, CA

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

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

Where are the Missing Holes? The False Armor of Assumptions

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Detroit girls explore STEM careers during hands-on visit to climate innovation company

WXYZ Detroit

Dopamine Acts Like a Postal Service, Not a Broadcast System

Technology Networks

Trump Seeks to Cut Basic Scientific Research by Roughly One-Third, Report Shows

The New York Times

Maya Ruler's Tomb Is Unearthed in Belize, With Clues to His Ancient World

The New York Times

How Video Games Became the New Battleground for Actors and AI Protections
WIRED

How Superman Became a Character for the Ages
Arts & Culture | Smithsonian Magazine

Steve Jobs Said Perseverance Separates the Doers From the Dreamers, But Science Says This Trait Actually Predicts Success
Inc.com

This Week: Genius is Not What You Think It Is
Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

A bionic knee integrated into tissue can restore natural movement
MIT News

The real workplace threat isn't AI. It's leadership disconnect
Leadership Now | Fast Company

What is fractional leadership, and why is it booming now?
Work Life | Fast Company

The most effective AI tools for research, writing, planning, and creativity
Tech | Fast Company

Small pizzerias still stand out against chain restaurants. Here's why
Design | Fast Company

Sean Duffy is NASA's interim chief. What will it mean for missions to the moon, Mars, and beyond?
Fast Company

For creatives, perspective is tomorrow's most valuable skill
Impact Council | Fast Company

The next generation of business leaders must be adaptable
Impact Council | Fast Company

Working where it counts: UNESCO leads local initiatives and develops tools to safeguard World Heritage
UNESCO

"Learning Science with TED" book series debuts at the Beijing International Book Fair
TED Blog

Agency and contribution
Seth's Blog

10 fascinating facts about Vincent van Gogh and his famous 'Starry Night' painting

History (Education) | Upworthy

Why Governments Are Betting Big on Sports

Freakonomics Radio

After Paramount's Trump Settlement, What's Next? Even the Company Doesn't Seem Sure

Variety

Why Local Theater Is in 'Free Fall'

KQED

I road-tripped the Midwest's best art museums. It was anything but an escape.

The Washington Post

YouTube monetization update: What creators need to know as 'AI slop' overwhelms the platform

Fast Company

HBO Max is back. Prestige brand returns to streaming

Los Angeles Times

How the Grateful Dead Nearly Solved the Problem With Live Music

The Atlantic

Digital Leisure and the Evolution of Play in Canada

The Walrus

The Geological Sublime

Harper's Magazine

A generation of Americans never learned cursive. So Philly historians are teaching AI to transcribe it.

MSN, Philadelphia Inquirer

Teaching a Kid to Think Like a Genius

The Algorithmic Mind | Psychology Today

The Beautiful Mess of Being Human

Code & Conscience | Psychology Today

Are You a Visual Learner? Our New Copyright Registration Toolkit is for You!

Copyright: Creativity at Work | A Library of Congress Blog

Who Designed Design?

Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

Government of Canada announces support for over 9,700 leading researchers and projects nationwide - Empowering Canada's brightest minds to solve tomorrow's

challenges

Canada.ca

Queens Collaborative launches 'art fridges' across Astoria to make creativity accessible to all

Queens Post

Wake Forest School of Medicine's first class arrives at The Pearl

WCNC

Innovation Prize 2025: 12 next-generation projects shaping a better future

The World Economic Forum

'It just makes you feel less alone': Using the power of play to break menopause taboos in the workplace

Medical Xpress, Staffordshire University

Daytime Emmys Announce 2025 Nominations (FULL LIST)

Variety

Nature retracts paper on novel brain cell type against authors' wishes

The Transmitter

Connecting the brain and the mind

The Tech

People with 'young brains' outlive 'old-brained' peers, Stanford Medicine scientists find

Stanford Medicine News Center

Metascience can improve science — but it must be useful to society, too

Nature

Balancing Act: A Neural Trade-off Between Coherence and Creativity in Spontaneous Speech

Cortex | Science Direct

Building an innovation ecosystem for the next century

MIT Technology Review

NSF advances 29 semifinalists in the second NSF Regional Innovation Engines competition

National Science Foundation

What Ugly Dolls Teach Us

Gapingvoid

Sweet or sour? AI-powered device achieves human-like sense of taste

Nature

Why Are So Many More Women Being Diagnosed With ADHD?

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

Impostor uses AI to impersonate Rubio and contact foreign and U.S. officials

NPR, AP

Can a Medical Device Restore Your Balance?

Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine

The World's Best and Brightest Are Moving, but Not to America

The Opinions | The New York Times

Need a Tool for a Home Project? Get Yourself a Library Card.

The New York Times

Science Museum of Minnesota lets go 43 people, downsizes by \$7 million

TwinCities.com

Is creativity suffering because we're never unplugged? | The Ethical Life podcast

Wisconsin State Journal

NALAC Announces the 2025 NALAC Leadership Institute Fellows

National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures

AI replaced me, so I decided to ride the AI wave

The Future of Work | Fast Company

Earth is about to break its own speed record—here's why

Fast Company

A disease we thought was gone is roaring back—here's why

Fast Company

The synthetic media revolution: Do we love or hate it?

Fast Company Executive Board

Mschf's \$100,000 baby sculpture will be sold by the slice

Design | Fast Company

These Pixar and Apple alums want to change the way you create generative AI video

Design | Fast Company

The secret behind innovation that matters: Scale

Impact Council | Fast Company

Linda Yaccarino was supposed to tame X. Elon Musk wouldn't let her

POV | Fast Company

Also

Linda Yaccarino steps down as CEO of Elon Musk's X

Fast Company

Nvidia's market cap just hit \$4 trillion in a Wall Street first

Fast Company

Three sites on the African continent removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger

UNESCO

Notes to myself

Seth's Blog

Why blue was the last color to be named in every culture around the world

Upworthy

SAG-AFTRA Video Game Strike Officially Over as Members Ratify Agreement

The Hollywood Reporter

Also

Video Game Actors Contract Ratified: SAG-AFTRA Leaders Talk Gaming Execs' Reckoning With Hollywood's AI Standards, 11-Month Strike's Turning Point

Variety

MIDiA Research 2025-2032 global music forecasts | Recalibration

Music Industry Blog

How We're Using AI - The rapid development of AI is already changing how journalists operate. Reporters, editors, executives, and others across the news industry share their advice on how to engage—and where to draw the line.

Columbia Journalism Review

The art market bites back as estimates fail to score

The Art Newspaper

UMG's Michael Nash on AI: 'Copyright is not the enemy of innovation...' and 3 other things we learned from his keynote at the UN's AI summit

Music Business Worldwide

California Restores \$11.5 Million for Small Performing Arts Venues

KQED

Unsentimental Education: Peter Weiss's Aesthetics of Resistance

Liberties

What Are Schools For? The modern education system around the world continues to bear the imprint of mass education's original goal: obedience.

Asterisk Magazine

The Creative Skill Schools Are Accidentally Destroying
The Algorithmic Mind | Psychology Today

Making it Safe to Innovate
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Zorana Ivcevic Pringle
The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

Why education isn't keeping up with the creative industry
Impact Council | Fast Company

Scientists are holding a 'science fair' in the lobby of a congressional building to show what the U.S. stands to lose with cuts
Fast Company

Announcing the School's Next President: Dr. Sarah B. Cunningham
North Bennett Street School

The Rise of the Tech-Creative: How AI is Shaping the Next Generation of Music Entrepreneurs
Innovation & Tech Today

AI and art collide in this engineering course that puts human creativity first
Uncommon Courses | The Conversation

Neuroscientists decode how people juggle multiple items in working memory
PsyPost

Every living NASA science chief unites in opposition to unprecedented budget cuts
The Planetary Society

Advancing quantum science and nurturing aspiring scientists
UC Santa Barbara

UW-Madison's Black Males in Engineering Video Series Wins Prestigious Telly Award
Diverse Issues in Higher Education

Kanzi the Bonobo: The Ape Who Revolutionized Our Understanding of Animal Intelligence
Discover Wild Science

Math anxiety and science anxiety are associated with spatial cognition and STEM interest in deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people
Nature

Inside the bored brain: Unlocking the power of the default mode network
Psy Post

Trump's Budget Would Clip Bird Banding. Hunters Are Not Happy.
The New York Times

Trump Wants to Kill a Chemical Safety Board. Chemical Makers Object.
The New York Times

Ivar Giaever, Nobel Winner in Quantum Physics, Dies at 96
The New York Times

Peter Sellers Is Still Living His Life Through Art
The New York Times

Hip-Hop is a Resource to be Shared: Social Prescribing as a Community Practice Approach for Live Music Artists
Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping

Hailey Bieber built a billion-dollar beauty brand: Here's what every entrepreneur can learn from her success
Ask the Experts | Fast Company

Apple Design now reports to Tim Cook. Will it make a difference?
Fast Company

PBS chief Paula Kerger warns public broadcasting could collapse in small communities if Congress strips federal funding
Rapid Response | Fast Company

Finally: A malaria drug made just for babies has been approved—here's why it matters
Fast Company

Mexico strengthens actions for the cultural heritage recovery and repatriation
UNESCO

What causes coral bleaching? Here's how it threatens ocean and human life
Environment | National Geographic

Indie band gets offer from a total stranger to 'fix' their song and it becomes a viral hit
Upworthy

'Don't forget': mural brings attention to the January 6 rioters pardoned by Trump
Art & Design | The Guardian

Hollywood's pivot to AI video has a prompting problem
The Verge

Ancient Babylonian Hymn, Overflowing With Praise, Resurfaces After Millennia
Artnet News

The replica and the original - Architectural copies of lost structures require reckoning with history and heritage. At what cost is the past rebuilt?

Aeon Essays

Print Book Sales Slipped in First Half of 2025

Publishers Weekly

Smithsonian Institution Exhibition Under Review by the White House

ARTnews

Why Science Hasn't Solved Consciousness (Yet)

Noëma

Creating space for innovation

IDEO Journal

5 reasons why innovation fails—and what to do about it

Workplace Evolution | Fast Company

You Don't Need Permission to Be Creative

The Dimensions of Creativity | Psychology Today

Hope or hype: Can social innovation really deliver?

OECD

Art and Science in a Grain of Sand

Nautilus

Creative industries employers' perspectives on skills initiatives: 2025

Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre

Towards a framework for a new research ecosystem

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications | Nature

The rise of the 'culture stack': What is it and how is it reshaping art, technology and places?

The World Economic Forum

Disney Studio Technology: Enabling Artists to Tell Great Stories

The Walt Disney Company

To fix Canada's economy, we must fix the government procurement mess

Opinion | The Globe and Mail

Canada Doesn't Have an Innovation System: It Has 134 Programs

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Neuroscience's open-data revolution is just getting started

The Transmitter

How scientists are trying to use AI to unlock the human mind

MIT Technology Review

Turbulent research landscape imperils US brain gain – and ultimately American prosperity

The Conversation

Do AI systems socially interact the same way as living beings?

UCLA Newsroom

“I Think the Entire Future of the United States Is at Stake”

Harvard Medicine

Study offers glimpse into how monkeys — and machines — process images

Yale News

As women have far fewer babies, the U.S. and the world face unprecedented challenges

WBHM, NPR

Magic Is Real—And It’s Living in Your Computer

Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

How FIRST® is Inspiring the Next Wave of Innovators

Parents

'The first author was a woman. She should be in the kitchen, not writing papers': Bias in STEM publishing still punishes women

Live Science

AI That Thinks Like Us: New Model Predicts Human Decisions With Startling Accuracy

Science Tech Daily

A Brief History of America’s Appetite for Macaroni and Cheese

History | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Have Sequenced an Ancient Egyptian Skeleton’s Entire Genome for the Very First Time. Here’s What They Found

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Robert Goddard Was All Business in Launching His Rocket Career

Smithsonian Voices | National Air and Space Museum

This Cough Syrup Ingredient Might Actually Slow Dementia

Health | Gizmodo

People Hated the ‘Squid Game’ Ending, so They’re Using AI to Make New Ones

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

Social media can support or undermine democracy — it comes down to how it's designed

Nieman Lab

Opinion | Tech Companies Have Created a Loneliness Doom Loop

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Kennedy's Battle Against Food Dyes Hits a Roadblock: M&M's

The New York Times

MIT chemists boost the efficiency of a key enzyme in photosynthesis

MIT News

The future doesn't care

Seth's Blog

The story behind Caesar salad

Travel | National Geographic

Aging isn't just about decline. Here's how health improves as we grow older.

Health | National Geographic

These flamboyant birds are the 17,000th species to enter Nat Geo's Photo Ark

Animals | National Geographic

How to Captivate an Audience

People I (Mostly) Admire | Freakonomics

Police Sketches

The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics

The Science Behind Exploring New Ideas and New Geographies

Finding the Next Einstein | Psychology Today

Never Work Alone, Even in the Age of AI

Dear Life, Please Improve | Psychology Today

How AI is advancing even faster than sci-fi visionaries imagined

Tech | Fast Company

USPS just designed a perfect postage stamp

Design | Fast Company

Five truths about being a female founder in 2025

Fast Company

How AI can help restaurants provide better hospitality

Fast Company

AI could be science's strongest ally

Impact Council | Fast Company

Google's AI drug company says human trials are 'very close'

Fast Company

A simple shape turned the Coca-Cola logo into a timeless icon

Design | Fast Company

Napster is back—and it's betting big on holographic avatars

Tech | Fast Company

Can Ken Burns Get Everyone to Agree on America's Origin Story?

The Wall Street Journal

'AI doesn't know what an orgasm sounds like': audiobook actors grapple with the rise of robot narrators

The Guardian

Too corporate to fight for a free press

Salon

American Masters: Creative Spark

PBS

"How do today's masters create their art? American Masters: Creative Spark presents narrative interviews that go in-depth with an iconic artist about the creation of a single work."

Little Idiots, Feeble Minded & Incurables

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

'I am very motivated by frustration': A Yale creativity expert on how to turn your ideas into action

Fast Company

Dark personality traits linked to generative AI use among art students

PsyPost

Rediscover long-lost passions: Creativity can boost health, Louisiana doctors say

NOLA.com

The Future of Food: How Innovation, Culture, and Science Are Changing What We Eat

The Intelligence Music | Art

Beyoncé's BeyGOOD Foundation Awards \$100,000 Grant to Texas Southern University's Marching Band

Diverse Issues in Higher Education

Edible Microlasers Could Revolutionize Food Tracking and Safety

Biology | Gizmodo

‘Just Makes No Sense’: Protests Continue in Oakland Over Slashed Arts Position
KQED

New ‘drug-factory’ implants successfully kill many types of cancer, study finds
Brighter Side of News

How Starbucks’ Founder Uses the ‘Two Chairs Rule’ to Guide Every Leadership Decision
Inc.com

Stuck on a Tough Problem? Neuroscience Says Rest Your Brain Like This for Just 20 Minutes
Inc.com

The Psychology of Making it Official
Gapingvoid

Corporate America soured on ‘business for good.’ Here’s how to reframe conscious capitalism
Work Life | Fast Company

America's historic preservation funding takes a major hit under Trump
Design | Fast Company

5 things every startup founder needs to know after the idea
Work Life | Fast Company

Pop, soda, or coke? A look at the history behind the soft drink’s many names
Design | Fast Company

Antarctica Faces Tense Future as U.S. Science Budget Shrinks
The New York Times

ESA tracks rare interstellar comet
The European Space Agency

What is life? A little microbe raises big questions.
USA TODAY

Reading Aloud Together Isn’t Just for Babies
Slate

Is Hollywood inspired by the CIA, or the other way around?
AOL, Los Angeles Times

The Hunt for a 316-Year-Old Stradivarius Stolen in the Fog of War
The New York Times

The Conflicting Stories Behind The Invention of Rocky Road Ice Cream
Mental Floss

From Hamilton to Now: Renée Goldsberry on Her Journey

HYFINated Conversations

A New Aerial Photography Contest Takes a Bird's-Eye View of Life Around the World

Colossal

The Death and Life of the Straight White Man's Novel

The New York Times

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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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