

Adam Green's Research

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Creativity anxiety: People need to see evidence of their own creative efficacy in order to achieve their creative potential. This has never been more important than it is right now when AI threatens to undermine humans' sense of self-efficacy. Idea space expansion can show people their efficacy (their value) to expand idea space beyond AI:

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Some Wikipedia links that might be helpful in establishing expertise:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Green_\(neuroscientist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Green_(neuroscientist))

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creativity_Research_Journal

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_for_the_Neuroscience_of_Creativity