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Leaders in Science, Business, Tech, Politics, Economics, Academics and the Arts Gather in New York on September 19-20 for the 2016 Blouin Creative Leadership Summit

The Louise Blouin Foundation (LBF) announces the 11th annual Blouin Creative Leadership Summit (BCLS), a unique multi-disciplinary forum that brings together leaders from business, the sciences, politics, humanities and the arts to develop creative solutions to pressing global challenges.

On September 19 and 20, 2016, more than 150 of these leaders will assemble in New York to address important topics like climate change post-Paris, the impact of artificial intelligence, cyber-security, the Syria conflict, the future of Europe, economic dynamism, financial markets, the US electoral system, and more.

"The BCLS was founded to highlight how creative and multi-disciplinary thinking, whether from the arts, humanities, or sciences, could breathe new life into intractable global issues," says Louise Blouin, Founder and Chairman of LBF. *"It is apparent, given today's myriad challenges—from stuttering economic growth and a retreat from liberal democratic values in the West to the impact of climate change, continuing conflict in the Middle East and new geo-political rivalries in Central-Asia and the Far East—that new, creative leadership is required. Further, we must find ways to develop the positive opportunities we have in front of us, through an emphasis on entrepreneurship, technological innovation and the continued reinforcement of human qualities like creativity."*

Participants in the 2016 BCLS include high-profile leaders in economics (e.g., Edmund S. Phelps, Nobel laureate and Director of Columbia University's Center on Capitalism and Society; Eric Maskin, Nobel laureate and Harvard professor), technology (Nicholas Negroponte, Founder, MIT Media Lab, Dr James Hansen, Dept. Earth and Environmental Sciences, Columbia University), world affairs (Irina Bokova, Secretary-General, UNESCO; Colonel Gary D. Brown, Marine Corps University), politics and policy (Edmond Alphandéry, president, Centre for European Policy Studies), science (Eric Kandel, Nobel laureate and professor of neuroscience, Columbia University), the arts (Jeff Koons, artist; Glenn Lowry, Director, MoMA; Jeffrey Deitch, curator and art dealer), journalism (Nicholas Kristof, Op-Ed Columnist, NY Times; John Authers, Senior Investment Commentator, The Financial Times), and about 140 more high-profile figures in multiple fields. For a full list of participants and panel topics please visit: www.creativeleadershipsummit.org.

The BCLS includes the Louise Blouin Foundation Awards Gala, honoring leaders who have made extraordinary global contributions through creativity - including, this year, U.S Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, forensic pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu, American artist Sarah Sze, and pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha.

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