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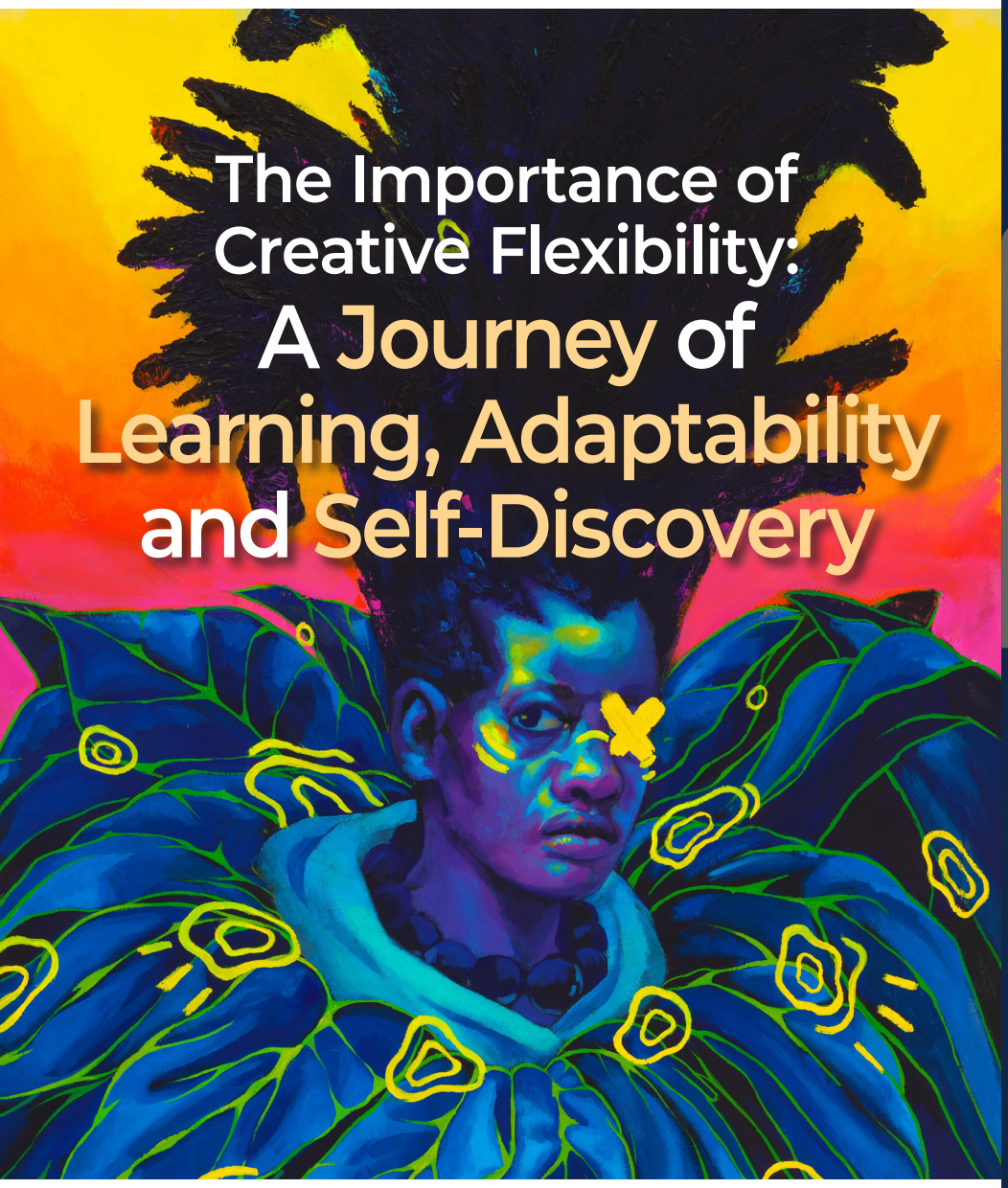

Oscar Joyo

Independent artist/designer
GAM Visiting Artist

Thursday,
February 26, 2026
5:30 p.m.

Knight Auditorium
Spurlock Museum
600 South Gregory, Urbana

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Oscar Joyo is a Malawian-born, Chicago-based artist who mixes Afrofuturism and Afrosurrealism to honor the past, embrace the innovations of the present, and build a better future. Joyo is a painter, illustrator, digital artist, and muralist who created a mural for the African American Heritage Trail and has returned to Champaign to work with elementary students on telling stories through artmaking. He will share his journey from a curious child to a professional artist, grounded in his belief that learning is a constant cycle of adaptation, failure, and progression in the pursuit of creativity.

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