



Nanotechnology Colloquium

**Colloquium Date: Monday,
March 13, 2006**

A bi-weekly event to present and discuss issues related to developments, applications and commercialization of nanotechnology.

Nanotechnology and Society: In Synchrony?

Speaker: Dr. C. Michael Moffitt, President of Innova Science & Medicine, LLC

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Abstract: Is nanotechnology a speeding train that is leaving the public and their understanding at the station? What are some of the potential future impacts of nanotechnology on society as a whole? What are the ramifications of rapid commercial development before our knowledge of the environmental and health effects and development of adequate safeguards for workers and consumers? Is the groundwork being laid for wide-spread public backlash which would stifle nanotechnology's growth? Private industry, government, and academia are now attempting to make up for lost time on this front. A new Center for Nanotechnology in Society has been launched by the National Science Foundation to address many of these issues. The Center's aim will be to map the research dynamics of nanotechnology, monitor the changing values of the public and researchers over time, and assess its influence, in turn, on the activities of researchers and design of ultimate products. Privacy and security issues, as well as human identity and enhancement concepts will also be addressed. Meanwhile, major corporations like Intel are now hiring social scientists to closely collaborate with engineers and scientists in the design and marketing of technology. International regulatory authorities are fast-tracking health effects research and assessing the need for new laws or modifications of existing ones. The continued healthy growth of nanotechnology research and commercialization is contingent upon the public's trust and open communication of the issues.

Bio: Dr. Moffitt has over 25 years of corporate and consulting experience in the fields of toxicology and environmental science, working with some of the world's top scientists, executives of Fortune 500 companies, and U.S. and international government bodies. He is a noted expert in various emerging scientific and health disciplines,

and has worked on health effects and environmental impact issues in nano- and biotechnology with many of the nation's preeminent firms. Dr. Moffitt is a collaborative partner and industry liaison for the National Science Foundation and the National Nanotechnologies Initiative's Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University. He is also an Adjunct Professor with The University of Arizona's College of Public Health. In addition, Dr. Moffitt has worked to encourage our nation's youth to pursue careers in these important fields and last year co-chaired Intel's International Science & Engineering Fair, the world's largest and most prestigious science competition for high-school students. His Doctorate Degree is from The University of Texas.

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Program begins at 11:30am with a complimentary lunch provided by Winstead. Presentation begins at 12:00pm.

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Registration deadline is Friday, March 10 at 5:00 PM Central.

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