

March Science Cafe

# Imagining the Future: Can Science Fiction Help Us Govern Technology?



**Friday, March 20, 2009**  
**5:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**Arizona Science Center**

600 E. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ  
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When engineers design technological systems, their choices impact the lives and livelihoods of people not only today but also in the future. Therefore, in order to factor information about the societal impacts of technology into its design and implementation, we need to anticipate the future. Our presenters will explore how science fiction-based approaches to imagining the future can be a valuable tool in that effort.

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Science Cafes are free, informal discussions that bring together members of the community and university scientists, to discuss how science and technology can change the future.

In the typical cafe, a scientist speaks for 5-15 minutes on a topic, with the rest of the time for the public to ask questions and present concerns.

Teachers receive one hour Professional Development for each Cafe attended