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Who Decides?

A public forum about the emerging field of nanotechnology

What?

This forum invites **you** to explore the challenges and realities of nanoscale science and technology. A panel of experts will provide an intro to nanotechnology and set the stage for group conversations that let you weigh in on the risks and benefits of this exciting new technology.

Panelists include:

Lynn L. Bergeson

Managing Director, Bergeson & Campbell, P.C., Washington, D.C.

Charles Gause

Founder nanoWorks Division & SVP Corporate Development, Luna Innovations Incorporated, Danville, VA

Dr. Andrew Maynard

Director, University of Michigan Risk Science Center, Ann Arbor, MI

Moderated by

Dr. Arthur Molella

Director, Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation

Why?

There is a lot of buzz about nanotechnology – and a lot of uncertainty. The possible uses range from cheaper and better energy supplies to cures for diseases like cancer. But at the nanoscale (one-billionth of a meter), familiar materials can behave differently, sometimes unpredictably. Do we have the knowledge and regulations to safely develop this great potential? Who decides?

When and Where?

Saturday, April 3, 3:00pm to 5:00pm

**Presidential Receptions Suite, 1 Center, National Museum of American History
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20013**

Who Can Participate?

No prior knowledge of nanoscience or technology is needed, but space is limited. Please email Steve Madewell, madewells@si.edu to RSVP for this event.

This forum is hosted by the Lemelson Center for Study of Invention and Innovation with support from the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Net).

This event is free

Light refreshments will be provided