

# Maynard discusses safe handling of nanotechnology

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At the Spring 2007 Societal Impacts Workshop, Dr. Andrew Maynard of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars spoke with Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center faculty and graduate students about health and safety issues related to nanotechnology. Dr. Maynard, an international expert on the potential risks of nanotechnology, gave a two part presentation in which he emphasized the importance of identifying potential risks associated with nanotechnology and taking precautionary measures to ensure that the development of nanotechnology proceeds in the most responsible way. In addition to his presentation, Dr. Maynard held two small group discussion sessions with NSEC graduate students concerning specific issues related to their individual research projects.



Potential health risks from exposure to engineered nanomaterials (left) must be understood and minimized (Maynard, Nature, Nov. 2006).

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