

New Tools for Science Policy: Theory & Method

As incredible as it may seem, science policy has few useful theories and no rigorous methods for assessing and improving the societal value of research. Over the past several years, researchers in the CSPO network have begun to develop some theoretical foundations, and to devise some analytical methods, aimed at what ought to be the driving question in science policy: How do we know if we are doing the right research? The work, compiled and presented at <http://www.cspo.org/projects/newtools.htm>, is the smallest first step toward defining a new agenda for science policy research and practice.

Paul Privateer Joins CSPO

CSPO is pleased to welcome ASU Associate Professor in Film and Media Studies [Paul Privateer](#). Paul's work focuses on sociopolitical, cultural, and ideological effects of science and technology. His current research explores the role human neurological and immunity systems played in the creation of human culture. In his new book, *Inventing Intelligence: A Social History of Smart*, Paul charts the history of intelligence from its earliest articulations through to postmodern artificial intelligence.

Decision Making Under Uncertainty: Scientists' Ranking Stressors on the Central Arizona Water Supply

As part of the Science Policy Assessment and Research on Climate (SPARC) project, CSPO will host a fall workshop of scientists studying stresses on water resources in the arid SW United States. The goals of this workshop are: 1) to generate a ranking based on the relative importance of the various stressors; 2) to identify deficit in current research portfolio, and 3) to increase collaborative research among the scientists. The workshop is funded by a grant from the [Decision Center for a Desert City](#) at Arizona State University. For more information, see the description under CSPO Events at <http://www.cspo.org/outreach/events/index.htm>.

Center for Nanotechnology at Arizona State University Launches Science Café Series

Science Café steals a page from the salons of France, Café Philosophique and our CNS-ASU colleagues at Wisconsin to bring together community members and academics concerned with how science, including nanotechnology, will change the future. The typical café is a casual event in an informal setting where a scientist speaks for 5-20 minutes on a topic, and the public has the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the scientist. The next Science Café will be Thursday, April 20th at 7:30pm at Mills End Espresso in Tempe. For more information, contact cns@asu.edu. To receive news about CNS-ASU activities and other items of interest regarding nanotechnology in society, subscribe to the newsletter by contacting csn@asu.edu.

AAAS Student Poster Competition

CSPO affiliated graduate students presented posters at the 2006 AAAS conference in St. Louis. Jennifer Brian, a CSPO affiliated graduate student, and Matthew Herder won the Student Poster Competition in the Social Sciences category for their poster [In Stem Cell Research We Trust?](#). CSPO graduate students Ryan Meyer ([Priorities, Goals, Metrics and Reality: How will the USCCSP contribute to policy and decision making?](#)) and Mark Neff ([How climate changed ecology: Recent trends in NSF funded ecology research](#)) also presented posters at the conference. For more CSPO presentations, visit <http://www.cspo.org/ourlibrary/presentations/>.

If you would like to unsubscribe from the CSPO mailing list, please contact cspo@asu.edu



Copyright 2004 · [Arizona State University](#)
Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes
[College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

PO Box 874401, Tempe AZ 85287-4401, Phone: 480-727-8787, Fax: 480-727-8791
<http://www.cspo.org> · Email: cspo@asu.edu