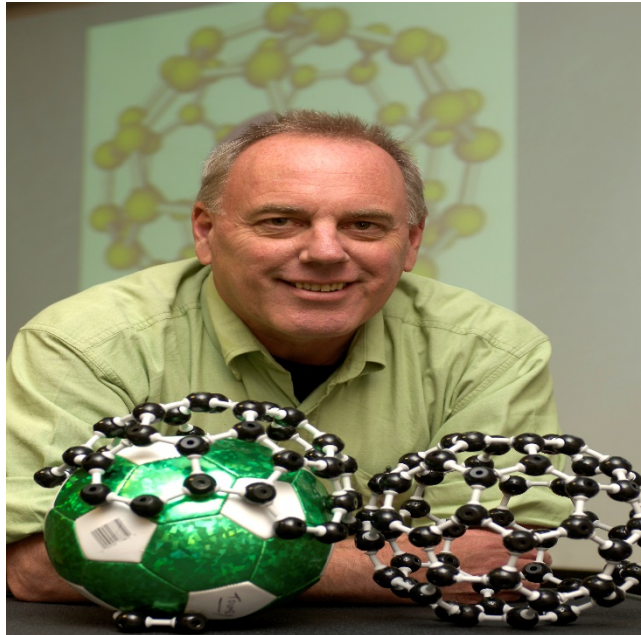


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The Problem of a Common Understanding of Nanotechnology

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Abstract: Nanotechnology means different things to different people: a polysemic symbol, in the language of interpretive anthropology. With this keynote address, Chris Toumey explores four reasons behind the problem of crafting a common understanding of nanotech, along with a definition which is meant to embrace all forms of science, engineering and technology which contribute to nanotech.

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