

**Third Short Writing Assignment**  
**UN2600 Fundamentals of Nanoscale Science and Engineering**

**What would you identify as the most significant societal implication of nanotechnology?**

Explain and justify your choice in a short essay that draws upon information and specific examples.  
Potential sources:

Class lectures;

Ratner and Ratner, *Nanotechnology: A Gentle Introduction to the Next Big Idea*;

NSF, "Shaping the World, Atom by Atom." –

<http://www.wtec.org/loyola/nano/IWGN.Public.Brochure/IWGN.Nanotechnology.Brochure.pdf>;

"Gattaca: -- for comparative information;

Rustam Roy's essay

Basis for evaluation: Thoughtfulness of position and strength of support offered.

Points: ¼ of short paper grade.

Due in class February 20