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Mr. Shumpert participates in multi-disciplinary teams that explore interactions between emerging technologies, such as nanoscience and biofuel development, and their societal contexts through ethnographic interviews with scientists and application developers. He also examines potential socioeconomic impacts of proposed major energy projects, including hydroelectric facilities and nuclear power plants.

Mr. Shumpert has also studied societal responses to extreme technological hazards, including weapons of mass destruction, and developed strategies for responding to these hazards in ways that are effective within their social contexts.