

# updates & activities

## STAFF TRANSITIONS

Without the assistance of our part-time office, event, and research staff, many of the things that CBHD does would not be possible. All of us at the Center wish to extend special thanks to Andrew Kaake (Research Assistant) for his contribution to the work of the Center over the past year.

CBHD welcomed Bryan Just (Research Assistant) as a new part-time staff member over the summer. Bryan is an incoming graduate student in Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.


## INTERNSHIPS

The Center was pleased to host Ben Parks, a dual-degree MA Bioethics and MDiv student, to serve as an adult education & research intern for the spring semester and early summer. Ben worked on a variety of projects involved with expanding the Center's resources, including work on content for our CBHD.org and EverydayBioethics.org sites and the Christian BioWiki. Additionally, Ben presented an overview of bioethics to a college-aged ministry at a local church. Ben was accepted to the PhD program in Theology and Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University.


## MEDIA RESOURCES

 CBHD.org on  
Twitter: @bioethicscenter

 Bioethics.com on  
Twitter: @bioethicsdotcom

 *The Bioethics Podcast* at  
thebioethicspodcast.com

 Facebook page at  
facebook.com/bioethicscenter

 LinkedIn page at linkedin.com/company/the-center-for-bioethics-and-human-dignity

 YouTube at  
youtube.com/bioethicscenter

 The Christian BioWiki  
christianbiowiki.org

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### MICHAEL COX, MA

- Facilitated the late April Theological Bioethics Roundtable Discussion of Jean-Claude Larchet's, *Theology of Illness*.

### PAIGE CUNNINGHAM, JD, PHD (CAND.)

- Was interviewed on "Brian and Kathleen Mornings" (Moody Radio, Cleveland) on several occasions to discuss the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos, babies who are born healthy after diagnosis of Down syndrome, and gene editing.
- Joined "Let's Talk with Mark Elfstrand" on several occasions to discuss synthetic human genomes, fatherless babies, and sex-selection.
- Was featured in two informational videos in April with The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission to discuss Christian perspectives on the use of surrogacy and the

importance of preaching on bioethics and the dignity of life.

- Contributed one column on uterus transplants for her "Biohazards" column in the Spring issue and another one on fetal tissue procurement for the Summer issue of *Salvo*.

### MICHAEL SLEASMAN, PHD

- In March, presented "Engaging Technology and the Christian Life: Thoughts for Equipping Students" for the TIU ResLife Staff Training.

### HEATHER ZEIGER, MA

- Contributed essays on "Sex Trafficking" and "From Me to Eternity: Does Virtual Immortality Await You in the New Lifelogs?" for the Summer issue of *Salvo*.

## ON THE CBHD BOOKSHELF

For those interested in knowing what books and articles the Center staff have been reading and thought worth highlighting. \*\*Notes that the resource includes material by members of the Center's Academy of Fellows.

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Lo, Bernard, and Mark Barnes. "Federal Research Regulations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." *New England Journal of Medicine* 374, no. 13 (2016): 1205–1207.

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## COMING SOON: RECLAIMING THE LEGACY OF CHRISTIAN HIPPOCRATISM