

updates & activities

ACADEMY OF FELLOWS CONSULTATION

In early February, the Center hosted our 5th Academy of Fellows Consultation on the theme of “Hope and Christian Bioethics.” Presentations by two leading biblical scholars (Willem VanGemenen, PhD, and Grant Osborne, PhD) discussed the Old and New Testaments, examining the topics of hope, ethics, and suffering. These foundational sessions were followed by presentations by CBHD staff and fellows exploring the relationship between hope and bioethics. Video of the presentations will be available on the Center’s YouTube channel in the coming weeks.


SPECIAL REPORT ON POLST

As a supplement to the Winter 2015 issue of *Dignitas*, CBHD published a special report, *Examining POLST*, edited by Michael Sleasman and Michael Cox. This resource includes lead essays by Edward Grant, JD, and Lisa Anderson-Shaw, DPH, MA, MSN, with invited responses by Christian Brugger, DPhil; Mary Harned, JD; Robert D. Orr, MD; and a co-authored response by Patrick Smith, PhD, and Carol Powers, JD. As a reminder, an electronic version of this resource is publicly available online at cbhd.org/POLST.


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

STAFF

PAIGE CUNNINGHAM, JD

- Contributed a piece on “The Great Cloning Debate” for her “Biohazards” column in the Winter 2015 issue of *Salvo*.
- Was interviewed by “LIFE Matters TV” providing a basic introduction to bioethical questions. The episode aired 7 times in December.
- In January, spoke at the Evangelicals for Life Conference in Washington D.C. as part of a panel on fetal tissue research.
- Participated as a guest commentator discussing sex selective abortion for an early February episode of *VernacularPodcast.com*.
- Was profiled in a front-page *Washington Post* story on the pro-woman, pro-life strategy in late February.
- Was interviewed on “Brian and Kathleen Mornings” (Moody Radio, Cleveland) on three occasions discussing gestational surrogacy and triplets, IVF and the increase in twins, and compensation caps for egg donors.

MICHAEL SLEASMAN, PHD

- In January, published an entry on “Robots” in the online version of the *Encyclopedia of Global Bioethics* edited by Henk ten Have (Springer, forthcoming).

- Presented a paper on “Eschatological Hope and Human Flourishing: Beyond Utopias and Bare Life” in early February at the 2016 CBHD Academy of Fellows Consultation.
- Co-authored the introduction and served as co-editor with Michael Cox for CBHD’s special report on *Examining POLST*.

MICHAEL COX, MA

- Presented lectures on “The Role of Technology in Christian Formation” and “Human Futures” in December for a course on *Foundations of Christian Thinking and Living* at TIU.
- Facilitated the late January Theological Bioethics Roundtable Discussion of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*.
- Co-authored the introduction and served as co-editor with Michael Sleasman for CBHD’s special report on *Examining POLST*.

HEATHER ZEIGER, MA

- Published “When Baby-Making Takes Three: You, Me, and She,” in Volume 39 (1) of *Christian Research Journal*, featuring interviews with Paige Cunningham and CBHD Fellow C. Ben Mitchell.
- Continues to offer freelance pieces for *phys.org* and *Salvo* magazine’s blog.

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.

Articles of Note:

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- Madueme, Hans. “Adam and Eve: An Evangelical Impasse?—A Review Essay.” *Christian Scholars Review* 45, no. 2 (2016): 165–183.
- Mills, M. Anthony. “Is Pope Francis Anti-Modern?” *The New Atlantis* 47 (Fall 2015): 45–55.
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- Ruger, Jennifer Prah, Theodore Ruger, and George Annas. “The Elusive Right to Health Care under U.S. Law.” *New England Journal of Medicine* 372, no. 26 (2015): 2558–2563.
- Sacks, Chana, and Celestine Warren. “Foreseeable Risks? Informed Consent for Studies within the Standard of Care.” *New England Journal of Medicine* 372, no. 4 (2015): 306–307.
- Salladay, Susan. “Moral Distress: New Way of Looking at an Old Problem?” *Journal of Christian Nursing* 32, no. 3 (2015): 147.
- Saloner, Brendan, Lindsay Sabik, and Benjamin Sommers. “Pinching the Poor? Medicaid Cost Sharing under the ACA.” *New England Journal of Medicine* 370, no. 13 (2014): 1177–1180.

COMING SOON: FETAL TISSUE RESEARCH SPECIAL REPORT