



updates & activities

RESEARCH

Empirical Study on Cognitive Enhancement Attitudes

Throughout the Fall Semester, CBHD sponsored a study led by Primary Investigator Susan Rouse, PhD, examining the attitudes and practices regarding cognitive enhancement among undergraduate students at several Christian colleges and universities. Dr. Rouse developed the study as an MA capstone project under the supervision of Michael Sleasman, who provided assistance in developing the survey and recruiting institutional participants.

INTERSHIPS

Introducing Our Bioethics Education Intern

The Center is pleased to welcome Marie Butson, a dual-degree MA Bioethics and MDiv student to serve as our bioethics education intern for the spring semester. Marie is working on a variety of projects involved with expanding the Center's ability to assist clergy. Early work has included an exhaustive review of bioethics curricula geared to church audiences and updating some of the related resources on everydaybioethics.org. Future projects include planning the Center's first webinar for our Healthcare Ethics Council and helping to create a study to better understand the bioethics needs and preparedness of those serving in various ministry capacities.

MEDIA RESOURCES

 CBHD.org on
Twitter: @bioethicscenter

 Bioethics.com on
Twitter: @bioethicsdotcom

 *The Bioethics Podcast* at
thebioethicspodcast.com

 Facebook Cause at causes.com/cbhd

 Facebook Page at
facebook.com/bioethicscenter

 Linked-In Group at linkd.in/theqbhd

 YouTube at
youtube.com/bioethicscenter

 The Christian BioWiki
christianbiowiki.org

STAFF

PAIGE CUNNINGHAM, JD

- At Olivet Nazarene University, gave a public lecture in October on "Outsourcing Our Bodies: Dignity, Desire and Human Flourishing." She also interacted with History and Political Science honors students.
- In January, was interviewed by *WORLD* magazine about uterus transplants and was quoted in the online article, "Womb for Rent."
- In February, Paige was a guest on "Mornings on the Mall," a WMAL-Washington radio program on three-parent embryos.
- With Rebecca Louise Miller and Seblewongel A. Denneque, published "Encouraging a Positive Outlook: The Benefits of Appreciative Inquiry in a Theological Library."

MICHAEL SLEASMAN, PHD

- Attended the Evangelical Theological Society and American Academy of Religion Meetings in November.

JENNIFER MCVEY, MDiv

- In mid-November spoke on being led by the Spirit from 1 Corinthians 2 in an undergrad chapel at TIU.

HEATHER ZEIGER MS, MA

- Heather continued contributing essays to our Bioethics.com news blog. Recent topics included brain death and the new recommended guidelines for statins.
- Published "Incredible Bulk: Performance-Enhancing Drugs & the Modern Identity Project" in the Winter 2013 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. **Note that the resource includes material by members of the Center's Academy of Fellows.

ON THE BOOKSHELF:

Alexander, Jennifer. *The Mantra of Efficiency: From Waterwheel to Social Control*. (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008).

**Cole-Turner, Ronald, ed. *Transhumanism and Transcendence: Christian Hope in an Age of Technological Enhancement*. (Georgetown University Press, 2011). Includes an essay by Brent Waters.

**Cusveller, Bart, Maarten Verkerk, and Marc de Vries. *The Matrix Reformed: Science Fiction, Technology, and Christian Philosophy*. (Dordt College Press, 2011).

Dickerson, Matthew. *The Mind and the Machine: What It Means to Be Human and Why It Matters*. (Brazos, 2011).

Dilley, Stephen, and Nathan Palpant, eds. *Human Dignity in Bioethics: From Worldviews to the Public Square*. (Routledge, 2013).

**Green, Joel, ed. *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*. (Baker, 2011). Includes two entries each by John Kilner and Scott Rae.

ARTICLES OF NOTE:

Brown, Rachel, and Joyce Harper. "The Clinical Benefit and Safety of Current and Future Assisted Reproductive Technology." *Reproductive BioMedicine Online* 25, no. 2 (August 2012): 108-117.

Dickenson, Donna. "In Me We Trust: Public Health, Personalized Medicine, and the Common Good." *The Hedgehog Review* 16, no.1 (Spring 2014):75-82.

Hughes, Austin. "Me, My Genome, and 23andMe." *The New Atlantis* 40 (Fall 2013): 3-18.

Kaposy, Chris. "A Disability Critique of the New Prenatal Test for Down Syndrome." *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 23, no. 4 (2013): 299-324.

Keaney, John, Gregory Curfman, and John Jarcho. "A Pragmatic View of the New Cholesterol Treatment Guidelines." *New England Journal of Medicine* 370, no. 3 (2014): 275-278.

COMING SOON: A LITERATURE SURVEY ON COGNITIVE ENHANCEMENT