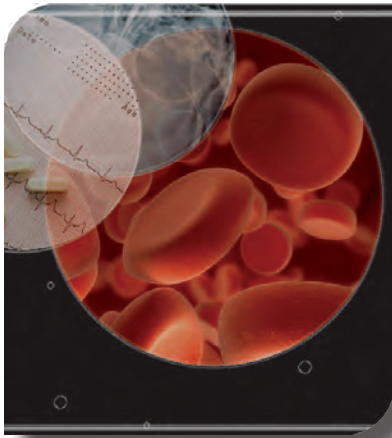


BIOETHICS NEXUS:

The Future of Healthcare, Science, and Humanity

Mark your calendars and join leading thinkers concerned with the emerging bioethical crisis in our culture as they converge on the campus of Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois for the 14th Annual Conference on Bioethics, July 12-14th, 2007. This year's theme, "Bioethics Nexus: The Future of Healthcare, Science, and Humanity" looks to advance beyond the success of previ-



ous conferences hosted by the Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity by revisiting the history and present context of healthcare and biotech issues, while envisioning and preparing for the emerging technologies and treatments of tomorrow. The breadth of this year's speakers and topics is designed to meet the interests and needs of a wide spectrum of participants ranging from those actively involved in the medical professions (e.g., Physicians, Nurses, Lawyers, Physicians Assistants and Chaplains) and the academy (Ethicists,

Philosophers, Educators and Students) to Public Policymakers, Congregational Clergy, Media Professionals, and anyone interested in bioethical challenges of our day.

Participants in our Bioethics Nexus Conference can expect to be equipped to:

- Understand the history of medical ethics in the 20th century, with particular reference to its Hippocratic orientation and emphasis on the patient's well being.
- Anticipate developments and develop effective strategies for engaging the future of healthcare, science, biotechnology, medical law, and the impact on humanity.
- Appreciate the relationship of the epistemological interaction between science, medicine, and biotechnology.
- Prepare to address the future ethical challenges in bedside caregiving and bioethics law and engagement.
- Learn ways that literature and the humanities can impact healthcare and medicine.
- Gain an awareness of the globalization of medicine and biotechnology, especially as it relates to bio-policy and bio-law.

The Bioethics Nexus schedule includes an exciting array of distinguished speakers. Each day, participants will be greeted by Joni Eareckson Tada, founder of Joni & Friends, via a video feed.

Thursday evening's opening plenaries feature sober assessments of the historical backdrop and present context of bioethics that include:

- Nigel M. De S. Cameron, Director of the Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future, opens the conference by locating the past 25 years of bioethics engagement. Dr. Cameron is actively involved in public policy discussions in both the US and UK concerning emerging biotechnologies and has published in both print and electronic media.
- Alvin Plantinga, internationally renowned Professor of Philosophy at University of Notre Dame will address the present context of bioethics, and specifically the problem of naturalism in science. Among Dr. Plantinga's extensive publications include *God, Freedom & Evil* (Eerdmans, 1977) and *Warranted Christian Belief* (Oxford University Press, 1999).

Friday's plenary addresses offer a variety of interdisciplinary sessions that include:

- Christina Bieber Lake, Professor of English at Wheaton College will present on the innovative topic of the future of bioethics and the humanities. Dr. Lake's recent research has been to investigate fiction's response to posthumanism, specifically in the area of biotechnology.
- Beverly Hancock, M.S., R.N., Rush University Medical Center brings a wealth of experience to her presentation on the future of bedside care.
- O. Carter Snead, former General Counsel to The President's Council on Bioethics and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame Law School, brings his expertise to bear by discussing the future of bioethics and law.

Saturday's concluding plenary sessions reflect on the future of bioethics research and its broad impact. Sessions include,

- Brent Waters, Director of the Center for Ethics and Values and Assistant Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, will address the topic of the future of the human species. Dr. Waters will be speaking from material related to his recently published, *From Human to Posthuman: Christian Theology and Technology in a Postmodern World* (Ashgate, 2006).
- David Prentice, Senior Fellow for Life Sciences at the Family Research Council, will speak to the issue of the future of global bioethics. Dr. Prentice is a founding member of Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics and serves as a fellow for a number of other ethics related organizations.
- Finally, C. Christopher Hook of the Mayo Clinic will be joined by our Director, C. Ben Mitchell in a closing session on the future of bioethics engagement.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

My involvement with the Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity goes back to before the beginning. Fifteen years ago, Nigel Cameron organized a consultation to explore the feasibility of establishing a center for bioethics whose orientation would be Hippocratic and Christian. We all agreed there was a need. And the logical location for this center seemed to be Trinity International University, where we happened to be meeting at the time. CBHD was born.

In 1994, the Center and its founding director, John Kilner, hosted the first of what would become an annual summer conference. The conference focused on the range of ethical issues in medicine. For instance, Dr. Cameron spoke on "Bioethics Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow;" David Schiedermayer, MD, addressed "The Ethics of Physician Income and Health Care Reform;" and Professor Stephen Williams explored "Bioethics in the Shadow of Nietzsche." There were talks on the beginning of life, the end of life, organ donation, surrogacy, and even cloning. Addresses were given by physicians, philosophers, bioethicists, lawyers, policymakers, and theologians.

The tradition continues at the Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity, and for the first time since that inaugural conference, we are examining the range of issues again. The 14th annual conference, Bioethics Nexus: The Future of Healthcare, Science, and Humanity, is aimed at exploring the near future (10-15 years). First, however, a reprise by Nigel Cameron who will chronicle the past 25 years of bioethics engagement and prognosticate about where we will be in the next decade. And professor Alvin Plantinga's talk on the problems associated with philosophical naturalism in science—turning science into scientism—is not to be missed either!

Equally insightful plenary sessions will focus on bioethics and the humanities, the future of bedside care, bioethics and the law, the future of the human species, the global nature of bioethics, and the future of bioethics engagement.

If you have never attended a CBHD summer conference, this one is for you.

As in previous years, in addition to the plenary speakers, there are parallel paper presentations. A host of papers have already been accepted and others are still coming in.

For something entirely new, we have issued a call for art. One aspect of what it means to be human is to be creative. "The Art of Medicine," will showcase the art of our conference attendees. The art may be of any media and it does not have to have a medical theme. We hope many of you will display the results of your creative energies.

Finally, this year will mark the 10th anniversary of Trinity Graduate School. There will be opportunities to celebrate the achievements of the graduate school, as well as to recognize the alumni of the Master of Arts in Bioethics degree program.

All of these features of this year's conference make it one to remember. Please join us.



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MEET MICHAEL SLEASMAN

At the end of March, the Center welcomed a new Managing Director and Research Scholar, Michael Sleasman, MDiv, Ph.D. (Candidate). Michael has been a part of the Trinity community for a number of years, as he and his wife Cindy each completed their respective Masters Degrees in the Divinity School. Michael joins us as he nears the completion of his Ph.D. in Theological Studies this summer at TEDS with a dissertation in theological ethics, entitled: *On Visions and Virtue: A Theological Proposal for a Spesiential Virtue Theory*, is a theological examination of eschatological hope in light of virtue theory.



Michael has served as an adjunct instructor and online course tutor at the college and graduate level of both Trinity International University (for the College and Divinity School extension program) and Wheaton College in the areas of philosophy, theology and ethics. His particular area of specialization is technological (especially computer and cyber-technology) ethics.

He has co-edited and contributed several essays to the recently published volume *Everyday Theology: How to Read Cultural Texts and Interpret Trends*, edited by Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Charles A. Anderson and Michael J. Sleasman (Baker Academic, 2007). In addition, he has written a number of book reviews for various journals, including *Reviews in Religion and Theology and Ethics & Medicine: an International Journal of Bioethics*, and is currently developing a website devoted to cultural agency at www.everydaytheology.org. He is currently writing two essays, "Christianity and the New Technologies" and "Post-Conservative Theology," to appear in the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Blackwell).

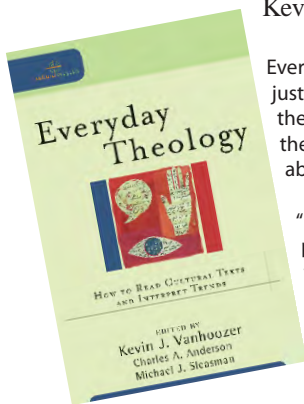
Alongside the continual evaluation and improvement of our online resources (www.cbhd.org and www.bioethics.com), our Director, C. Ben Mitchell and Michael are working closely to cultivate the Center's research agenda and impact. Ongoing projects include the development of a resource room housed at the Center's facilities to encourage relations with Trinity students and the completion of several Center initiated book projects authored by Darryl Charles, Robert Orr, and David Gushee through our ongoing relationship with Eerdmans publishing. Another project in the development phase is a Fall Consultation on an emerging biotech issue. Stay tuned for emerging details on this exciting new venture.

Michael looks forward to meeting and serving the CBHD constituency. If he can be of service to you on behalf of the Center or if you would like to take the time to introduce yourself, please feel free to contact him at msleasman@cbhd.org.

FROM THE CENTER'S STAFF

Everyday Theology: How to Read Cultural Texts and Interpret Trends

Kevin J Vanhoozer, Charles A. Anderson & Michael J. Sleasman



Everyday theology is the reflective and practical task of living each day as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. In other words, theology is not just for Sundays, and it's not just for professional theologians. *Everyday Theology* teaches all Christians how to get the theological lay of the land. It enables them to become more conscious of the culture they inhabit every day so that they can understand how it affects them and how they can affect it. If theology is the ministry of the Word to the world, everyday theologians need to know something about that world, and *Everyday Theology* shows them how to understand their culture and make an impact on it.

"I am one of those Christians who have theological questions about Eminem, MySpace, grocery stores, and the like. So I am very pleased that we now have this book of stimulating and important reflections on such matters. These authors demonstrate how to think theologically about popular culture."--Richard J. Mouw, president and professor of Christian philosophy, Fuller Seminary

"Kevin Vanhoozer, Charles Anderson, and Michael Sleasman bring together a bright team of culture readers . . . They are pioneers, I hope, of a new era among faithful people in constructive, discerning, and loving engagement rather than reactive, superficial, and judgmental antagonism toward our culture."--Brian McLaren, AUTHOR

Biotechnology and the Human Good

C. Ben Mitchell, Edmund D. Pellegrino, Jean Bethke Elshtain, John F. Kilner, and Scott B. Rae

Some of humankind's greatest tools have been forged in the research laboratory. Who could argue that medical advances like antibiotics, blood transfusions, and pacemakers have not improved the quality of people's lives? But with each new technological breakthrough comes an array of consequences, at once predicted and unpredictable, beneficial and hazardous.

Outcry over recent developments in the reproductive and genetic sciences has revealed deep fissures in society's perception of biotechnical progress. Many are concerned that reckless technological development, driven by consumerist impulses and greedy entrepreneurialism, has the potential to radically shift the human condition—and not for the greater good. *Biotechnology and the Human Good* builds a case for a stewardship deeply rooted in Judeo-Christian theism to responsibly interpret and assess new technologies in a way that answers this concern.

"Moves the ethical debate over biotechnology to a new level. *Biotechnology and the Human Good* offers a critical analysis and constructive engagement that is informed, astute, and elegant. A must-read for anyone concerned about the prospect of a posthuman future." Brent Waters, GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

"United by their conviction that traditional Christianity must respond to the latest conundrums of biomedical research, the authors of *Biotechnology and the Human Good* write with clarity and passion." Ronald Cole-Turner, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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For more information on our speakers, please consult our website at www.cbhd.org/conferences.

Throughout the conference a number of break-out sessions will be devoted to topic-specific networking and interest groups. This year's networking groups will provide the opportunity to expand your social and professional contacts in the areas of: End-of-Life; Healthcare Organization and Economics; Reproductive Technologies; and Alternative and Complementary Healthcare. The Topic-Specific Interest Groups will provide for focused discussion on the cutting-edge topics of contemporary bioethics: Genetics, Neuroethics and Emerging Biotechnologies, Stem Cell Research and Cloning, and Clinical Ethics.

In addition to these top quality presentations, all participants are invited to join in a special evening commemorating



10 years of quality education through Trinity Graduate School. Participants will be treated to an outdoor evening of food and fun, culminating with live entertainment provided by the improv

comedy group ComedySportz™. This event will be jointly sponsored by Trinity Graduate School, a partner of the Center in the Bioethics at Trinity initiative of Trinity International University.

As in the past few years, the Center is pleased to continue the practice of educational offerings for both continuing education credits (CME for Physicians through our relationship with CMDA, Certificate of Attendance for Nurses through our relationship with NCF, and CE units through Trinity International University) and academic credits (through Trinity International University). Continuing Education credit requests must be submitted by the

end of the conference. Academic Credits (at both the undergraduate and graduate levels) may be earned through a menu of various intensive opportunities: including Wrap-Around Conference Courses (July 12-14th), Institute Courses (July 9-14th) and Post-Conference Seminar Courses (July 16-18th, graduate credit only). Institute and Post-Conference Seminars are taught by a national faculty of leading Christians in bioethics, which includes many of the past and present conference speakers, and may be taken with or without credit. Topics include: Intensive Bioethics Institutes (offered at both introductory and advanced levels), Bedside Caregiving, a Pre-Med/Undergraduate Institute, the Healthcare Provider and Conscience, and Remaking Humanity. For more information on these CE and Academic Credit options or to obtain Institute/Seminar syllabi, please see our information page at www.cbhd.org/conferences/2007 or contact us at 1.888.246.3844. For your convenience you may register either by phone or through our website www.cbhd.org.

Finally, July is an exciting time to be in the greater Chicagoland area, marked with some of our best weather days of the year. Located on Trinity International University's campus, the conference is within comfortable driving distance to all of the great museums, shopping and entertainment venues that Chicago has to offer. More locally, the Northern Suburbs surrounding Trinity offer the opportunity for strolling through the stunning Chicago Botanic Gardens, a quiet afternoon in the historic Village of Long Grove, or relaxing under the stars of a concert at Ravinia (including Chicago Symphony Orchestra performances of a number of Mozart's Concertos and Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto).

We look forward to seeing each of you this July. **CBHD**

Call for Art

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The Art of Medicine

A new opportunity will be available at this year's conference, Bioethics Nexus: The Future of Healthcare, Science, and Humanity. Artwork by conference attendees or friends of the Center may be submitted and will be displayed for the viewing of those attending the conference. The art may be in the form of paintings, drawings, photographs, poetry, sculptures, etc. Those presenting art must be in attendance at the conference. Please present a description of the art you will be displaying no later than June 22 2007.

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