

# UPDATES & ACTIVITIES

## CBHD Events:

### Other Events and Activities

- CBHD officially signed contracts in November to join LeTourneau University in Longview, TX. January 2<sup>nd</sup> launched the beginning of this new partnership. Staff of the Center are elated at joining “The Christian Polytechnic University” and the alignment in vision and mission shared between the Center and the school.
- The Member’s Roundtable Discussion, led by Research Scholar Anna Vollema, explored the application of themes from Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein* to modern day ethics and discussed Guillermo del Toro’s film adaptation. The event was offered online and held in early December.
- December’s Roundtable Book Discussion with TEDS faculty, staff and students was also led by Anna Vollema on C. S. Lewis’ *That Hideous Strength*. We’re grateful for the rich discussion that occurred within each of these events.
- The Center hosted yet another successful cohort. Executive Director Matthew Eppinette led the 5-week “Ethics of Life and Death Cohort” across the months of September and October, with a phenomenal turnout and interaction from participants.

## Staff Bioethical Engagement:

### Matthew Eppinette

- Almost all of my time and energy went toward finding a new home for The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity. We are all grateful for the Lord’s provision in bringing us to LeTourneau University.
- Taught “The Ethics of Life and Death” for Fuller Theological Seminary’s School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy, June–September.
- Led a 5-week online cohort, “The Ethics of Life and Death,” in conjunction with Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in September and October.
- Was a guest on *Just Common Sense Radio* in November.

### Bryan Just

- Published “Suicide by Default: Dr. Death’s New Killing Device Is Even Worse Than Its Predecessors,” *Salvo* 74 (Fall 2025): <https://salvomag.com/article/salvo74/suicide-by-default>.
- Published “Dr. Who? The AI ‘Doctor’ Is (Not) In,” *Salvo* 75 (Winter 2025): <https://salvomag.com/article/salvo75/dr-who>.

- Taught a 4-week Sunday School series on “Dying as a Christian” at The Orchard, Arlington Heights, IL.
- Presented “Coverage of Bioethics in Early Issues of Christianity Today” at The Evangelical Theological Society 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 18–20, 2025.
- Was awarded a Paul Ramsey Fellowship with the Center for Bioethics & Culture.

### Anna Vollema

- Led the roundtable discussion for CBHD members on Guillermo Del Toro’s film adaptation of *Frankenstein*.
- Led the roundtable discussion on C. S. Lewis’ *That Hideous Strength* for faculty, staff, and students of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.
- Published “Bryan Johnson vs. Bill Furlong: Renew the Mind, Don’t Worship the Body,” *Intersections*, November 18, 2025, <https://www.cbhd.org/intersections/bryan-johnson-vs-bill-furlong-renew-the-mind-dont-worship-the-body>.
- Published “Emmanuel: The Word Made Flesh,” *Intersections*, December 1, 2025, <https://www.cbhd.org/intersections/emmanuel-the-word-made-flesh>.

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## Heather Zeiger

- Started a new teaching job as a high school physics and chemistry teacher at a Classical Christian school in Dallas, where she helped advise students who are doing their thesis project on bioethics topics.
- Talked about bioethics and science headlines on Faith Radio's *The Reconnect* with Carmen LeBurge.



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# 2026 Annual Conference



## POLYTECHNIC BIOETHICS

June 25–27, 2026  
Longview, Texas



CBHD's new location at LeTourneau University, known as The Christian Polytechnic University, prompts us to reflect on the term "polytechnic" and how bioethics is a polytechnic field. At its root, polytechnic simply means "many arts," and more specifically, combining the liberal arts with the technical, or "practical," arts. Bioethics has always been multidisciplinary, drawing from Medicine, Theology, Philosophy, Law, and many other fields. Ethics is applied philosophy, and bioethics specifically combines the technical with the philosophical. It goes beyond asking an abstract question, like "What does it mean to be a human living in community?" to "What will we do with this patient right here before us?" Bioethics, it seems, is very much a polytechnic field.

And just as CBHD has championed a distinctly *Christian* view of bioethics for the last thirty years, LeTourneau University takes a distinctly *Christian* view of the polytechnic.

Our 2026 Summer Conference, then, will focus on the polytechnic nature of bioethics, including the various fields from which the discipline draws; the many issues raised that are immensely practical, technical, and temporal; and the deeply human and timeless questions that bioethics raises, like what we will or will not pursue when it comes to matters of life and death.

We invite you to join us at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, June 25–27, 2026, for The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity's 33rd Annual Conference, *Polytechnic Bioethics*.

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