

## Current Research

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The Center's research seeks to provide a variety of volumes aimed across the spectrum of academic and popular literature to address the pressing ethical issues of our day at the intersection of biomedicine, biotechnology, and our common humanity. These volumes include current research projects involving Center staff, the facilitation of Center sponsored monographs and collaborative projects involving consultants, fellows, and affiliates, ongoing book series, and introductory materials explaining the basic issues raised in bioethics. The following are a list of current research projects:

## Active Research & Publications:

- CBHD is sponsoring a multi-national study examining attitudes and use of assisted reproductive technologies among church attendees. The study is funded in part through one of our Global Bioethics Education Initiative grants, and has been designed by 2009 GBEI Scholar Megan Best. CBHD Research Scholar, Michael J. Sleasman, PhD, is a member of the research team.
- CBHD is sponsoring a study on attitudes about and usage patterns for the off-label use of prescription ADHD drugs on Christian college campuses. The study has been designed by Susan Rouse, PhD, and CBHD Research Scholar, Michael J. Sleasman, PhD, is a member of the research team.
- [Dónal P. O'Mathúna, PhD](#) chair of CBHD's Academy of Fellows is in the composition and editing stage of a volume on critical decision-making.
- [Michael J. Sleasman, PhD](#), is the General Editor along with [C. Ben Mitchell, PhD](#), for the *International Dictionary of Christian Bioethics* (Zondervan). The Center is providing research support to this reference volume which will include numerous CBHD consultants, fellows, and affiliates.
- Kregel Publications has agreed to a proposal for revised editions of the Center's popular BioBasic series. Editing of these volumes will begin early 2013 and continue for the next few years.

## Recent Publications:

- David P. Gushee, PhD, published a volume, [\*The Sacredness of Human Life: Why an Ancient Biblical Vision Is Key to the World's Future\*](#) (Eerdmans, 2013). CBHD provided early support for the book, and portions of the research were presented at CBHD's [2009 summer conference](#) and in various articles published under the [human dignity category](#) on this website.
- Megan Best, MAAE, BMed (Hons), ThA, published the volume [\*Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Ethics and the Beginning of Human Life\*](#) (Matthias Media, 2012). Portions of the research were completed during Dr. Best's time with CBHD as a 2009 Global Bioethics Education Scholar, and additional research was made possible through one of our GBEI grants.
- CBHD served as bioethics consultants with [Austin Boyd](#) for his novel, [\*Nobody's Child\*](#) (Zondervan, 2011). The novel dramatically explores bioethical issues related to selling human eggs. CBHD will continue to serve as consultants for Boyd on future bioethics novels in his Pandora File series.
- CBHD executive staff [Paige C. Cunningham, JD](#), and [Michael J. Sleasman, PhD](#), contributed a chapter entitled "Exploitation and the Global Medical Enterprise: Bioethics & Social Injustice" to *Social Injustice: What Evangelicals Need to Know about the World* edited by Michael T. Cooper and William J. Moulder (Timothy Center Press/Sacred Tribes Press, 2011).

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