Technology and Human Flourishing

2012 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture

Schedule

Thursday, October 25

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Registration/Check In (Second Floor Foyer—Bill Daniel Student Center)

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Featured Presentation (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“How Technology Is Helping to Name the Dead on America’s Southern Border”—Lori Baker, Baylor University
Chair—Jason Whitt, Baylor University

Colloquium Presentations

Education in the Digital Age I (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Education as Technology: Is That All There Is?”—Gretchen Schwarz, Baylor University
• “Technology, Education, and the Christian Vision of Man: Two Critiques of the Use of Technology in Education”—Brett Bertucio, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
• “Is Technology a Threat to Education? George Parkin Grant in the Light of John Dewey”—Dirk Windhorst, Redeemer University College
Chair—Kyle Queal, The Covenant School of Dallas

Social Networks as New Kinds of Community (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Aristotelian Friendship and the Dangers of Communication Technology”—Michael McFall, Bowling Green State University
• “Facebook and the Rhetoric of the Self”—Alyssan Barnes, Texas Woman’s University
• “Building Community with Sledgehammers: Reflections on Constructive and Destructive Uses of Technology”—Randy Ridenour, Oklahoma Baptist University
Chair—Robert Creech, Baylor University

How Can the Church Embrace Technology? (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Becoming a People of the Library: Reconceptualizing the Church’s Technology for Texts, Transmission, and Transformation”—Michael Paulus, Seattle Pacific University
• “Transcending Utopian/Dystopian Bias: Historical Critique of Technology and Culture”—Mark Gring, Texas Tech University
Chair—Anne Carson Daly, Belmont Abbey College

3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Featured Presentation (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Thinking Outside the Box: Technology, Values and the Effort to Develop a Sustainable Culture”—S. Kay Toombs, Baylor University
Chair—Lauren Barron, Baylor University

Featured Presentation (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Interstellar Exploration and Human Flourishing”—Richard Obousy, Icarus Interstellar
Chair—Gerald Cleaver, Baylor University

Colloquium Presentations

Classical Reflections on Technology (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Patristic Reflexes of Hesiod’s ‘Beautiful Evil’: Ancient Reflections on Modern Technology”—Timothy Heckenlively, Baylor University
• “Blind(ing) Hopes: Technology and Human Freedom, from Prometheus Bound to Patrick Deneen to Pope Benedict XVI”—Stephen Barnes, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Chair—Scott Waalkes, Malone University

Bridging the Gap: Technology in the Developing World (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “An Engineering Class for Non-engineering Majors: Technologies for Developing Countries”—Brian Thomas, Baylor University and Cynthia Fry, Baylor University
• “A Question Concerning the Future of Technology”—Wha-Chul Son, Handong Global University
• “Technology and the Developing World: Very Mixed Results”—William Jordan, Baylor University
Chair—Ian Gravagne, Baylor University
Ethical Reflections on Technology (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Technology as an Abdication of the Ethical Task”—Will Williams, Baylor University
- “Technology and Equality in The Present Age”—Karl Aho, Baylor University
- “Technology as Skin”—Brad Kallenberg, University of Dayton
Chair—David Calhoun, Gonzaga University

Mathematics and Human Flourishing (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Computational Philosophy, Thinking and Human Flourishing”—Thomas Tiahrt, Northwestern College
- “Mathematics and Technology: Illusion and Embodiment”—John Roe, Penn State University
Chair—David Ryden, Baylor University

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Reception (White Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
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7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Plenary Session (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

Welcoming Remarks
Darin Davis, Director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Baylor University

W. H. Brian, Jr. Family Lecture
“The Culture of Technology: How Who We Are Shapes What We Make”—Patrick Deneen, David A. Potenziani Memorial Associate Professor of Constitutional Studies, University of Notre Dame

Chair—Thomas S. Hibbs, Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Culture and Dean of the Honors College, Baylor University

8:30 p.m.

Dessert Reception (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

Friday, October 26

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Panel Discussions

Some Undergraduate Reflections on Technology, Learning, and Wisdom (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- Students of Oklahoma Baptist University
  Chair—Glenn Sanders, Oklahoma Baptist University

Walking the Boundary Land: A Neighborly Approach to Technology (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- Michael Stevens, Cornerstone University
- Matthew Bonzo, Cornerstone University
- Desiree Duff, Cornerstone University

Colloquium Presentations

Finding Place in the Digital World (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Christians, the ‘Car System,’ and Human Flourishing”—Scott Waalkes, Malone University
- “Technological Mediation and the Experience of Place”—Cameran Ashraf, University of California, Los Angeles
  Chair—Scott Moore, Baylor University

Transhumanism and the Limits of Human Nature I (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Smarter, Faster, Immortal: Justice and Humility in a World of Engineered Humans and Artificial Intelligence”—Steven VanderLeest, Calvin College
- “Human Enhancement Technologies Powered by Nanotechnology? A Recent Philosophical-Technological-Medical Debate”—Martin Erdmann, Verax Institute
- “Transhumanism, Technicism, and Christianity”—Matthew Eppinette, Fuller Theological Seminary
  Chair—Brad Kallenberg, University of Dayton

Education in the Digital Age II (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “The Incongruity between Online Education and the Purpose of the Liberal Arts University”—David Diener, Taylor University
- “The Centrality of Modeling and the Limits of Online Learning”—Timothy Herrmann, Taylor University
- “Incarnation and Education: Second-Personal Concerns about the Virtual Classroom”—Amy Richards, Eastern University
  Chair—Lenore Wright, Baylor University

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Break
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Featured Speaker** (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Engineering a Better World in the Service of Humankind”—Peter Kilpatrick, Matthew H. McCloskey Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Notre Dame

Chair—Dennis O’Neal, Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, Baylor University

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch** (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**Featured Speaker** (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Scientism and the Technological Fix”—Ian Hutchinson, Professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Chair—Gerald Cleaver, Associate Professor of Physics, Baylor University

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Panel Discussion**

**Do Christian Values and Trends in Information Processing Suggest Privacy Laws Are Outdated?** (Gregory Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- Patrick Bailey, Calvin College
- Roger Ferguson, Grand Valley State University
- Robert Kruschwitz, Baylor University
- Noel Blake LeCrone, Baylor University
- Steve McMullen, Calvin College

Chair—John Tripp, Baylor University

**Colloquium Presentations**

**Psychology of the Plugged-In Generation** (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “The Effects of Technology on Human Brain and Personality Development”—Lawrence Tucker, The Mind Matters Clinic and Michael DeVine, Michael DeVine Counseling
• “The Relationship Between Attachment to God, Psychological Functioning, and Internet Use Among Young Adults at a Christian University”—Joshua Knabb, California Baptist University
• “How Is Constant Connectivity through New Digital Media Affecting Our Experience of the Divine?”—Matthew Elofson, Azusa Pacific University
Chair—Wes Null, Baylor University

Transhumanism and the Limits of Human Nature II (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Reproductive Cloning Technology and Human Nature: Metaphysical Foundations”—James Marcum, Baylor University
• “Enhancement, Eudaimonia and the Unexpected: Cultivating Openness in the Technological Age”—Jim Bodington, University of New Mexico
• “Genes, Justice, and the Human Spirit: Gattaca and Its Philosophical Critics”—Peter Wicks, Villanova University
Chair—Erich Baker, Baylor University

War and Peace in the Cyber Age (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Robots, Cyber, History, and War: The Trajectory of Military Technology and the Implications for Human Security”—Mark Hagerott, UnitedStates Naval Academy
• “Our MAD Future: Mutually-Assured Destruction and the Phenomenology of Nuclear Weapons”—Eric Headstream, SUNY, Stony Brook
• “Still Not Smart Enough for Peace”—Fred Johnson III, Hope College
Chair—Mark Cullum, Abilene Christian University

Life Together Online (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Does Technology Help People Grieve?”—Brian Camp, Oklahoma Baptist University
• “Facebook: The New Docetism”—Michael Bruner, Azusa Pacific University
Chair—Candi Cann, Baylor University

Authority, Efficiency, and Value in a High Tech World (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Seeking and Finding: Google, God and Algorithmic Authority”—Craig Detweiler, Pepperdine University
• “‘And the Technology Shall Set Them Free . . .’ Jacques Ellul and New Communications Technologies”—J. Craig Hanks, Texas State University and Emily Balanoff, Texas State University
• “Technological Determinants of Value in the Financialized Economy: Social and Ethical Implications”—Charles McDaniel, Baylor University
Chair—Michael Stegemoller, Baylor University
Democracy and Technology (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “Henry Adams and the Creation of ‘Civ Course’ Narratives: The Rise of the Technocratic Society or the Rise of the Free Society”—Susan Hanssen, University of Dallas
- “Thomas Jefferson’s Notes on the State of Virginia and the Role of Technology in the American Genesis”—Daniel Klinghard, College of the Holy Cross

Chair—Elizabeth Corey, Baylor University

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Break

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner (Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Plenary Presentation (Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

Carl F. H. Henry Lecture

“Building Emotion into Machines”—Rosalind Picard, Founder and Director of the Affective Computing Research Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Chair—Byron Johnson, Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences and Director of the Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University

Saturday, October 27

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Wisdom, Technology, and Human Flourishing (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- Students of Union University
  Co-chairs: Scott Huelin, Justin Barnard, and Walton Padelford, Union University

Colloquium Presentations

Assessing the Promise of Technology (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “All Technology Is Value-Neutral But Not Always Beneficial”—Wayne Iba, Westmont College
- “Can Technology Foster Human Flourishing?”—Paul Grabow, Baylor University
• “Outsourcing Our Willpower? The Case For and Against Technology-Enabled Volitional Scaffolding”—Nick Breems, Dordt College
  Chair—Patrick Bailey, Calvin College

**Technology and the Mandate of Creation Care** (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “Creation, Technology, and Human Flourishing: A Personalistic Understanding”—Joel Schwartz, Berry College
- “Care, Control and the Limits of Technology”—Evan Rosa, Biola University
- “Technology as Worldviewing: Evaluating the Radical and Integral Effects of Modern Technology”—Robert Wauzzinski, Interfacing, Inc.
  Chair—Alina Beary, Baylor University

**Suffering and Healing in the Technological Age** (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “Soteriologies of Suffering: Varying Visions of Technology as the Path toward Flourishing”—Jason McMartin, Biola University
- “Should We Hit the Delete Key? Transhumanism, Emotion Suppression, and the Promise of ‘Vigilant Memory’”—Matthew Dowling, Oklahoma Christian University
- “Low-Tech Healing: Oil, Prayer, and Human Hands in Christian Healing”—David Tait, Rogers State University
  Chair—Melanie Nogalski, Baylor University

**Jacques Ellul and the Place of Technology** (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “The Personal Response to ‘Technique’: St. Bernard Speaks to Jacques Ellul”—Glenn Sanders, Oklahoma Baptist University
- “Seven Vices of the Virtual Life”—Read Schuchardt, Wheaton College
- “Augustine and Ellul: Making Peace Between the City of Man and the City of God”—John Dyer, Dallas Theological Seminary
  Chair—Brian Clayton, Gonzaga University

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**Break**

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Colloquium Presentations**

**Philosophical Frameworks in the Digital Age** (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “From Transhumanism to Technopoly: Technology and the Expansive Extension of the Body Politic”—Kyle Queal, The Covenant School of Dallas
- “The Digital Technology Revolution: Its Connection to Our Institutions and Faith”—Albert Erisman, Seattle Pacific University
• “Technology and the Need of a Philosophical Framework”—Arturo Gonzalez-Gutierrez, Westmont College
   Chair—Martin Medhurst, Baylor University

Seeking Knowledge and Ordering Desire (Gregory Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Education Technology and the Depth of the Mind”—Mark Cullum, Abilene Christian University
• “Dostoevsky’s Critique of Cartesian Optimism in ‘The Dream of the Ridiculous Man’: The Analogia Entis and the First Motion of Love”—Amber Dyer, Dallas Baptist University
• “Technology: Demonstrating Our Detached, Disinterested Desire to Know”—Hannah Venable, University of Dallas
   Chair—Peter Wicks, Villanova University

Nanotechnology, Enhancement, the Human Condition (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Nanotechnology, Nature and the ‘Common Good’: Three Questions about an Emerging Technology”—Thomas Pearson, University of Texas-Pan-American
• “Naturalness and Wrongness: An Experiment Regarding What Drives Intuitions”—Kraig Martin, Baylor University
• “The Challenge Facing Liberal Democracy in Posthuman Politics”—David Horkott, Palm Beach Atlantic University
   Chair—William Cooper, Baylor University

Do We Still Need the Arts? (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “The Way Out of Mordor”—Anne Daly, Belmont Abbey College
• “Software Aesthetics and Human Flourishing in the Making of Technology”—Joseph Hoffert, The King’s University College
   Chair—Susan Hanssen, University of Dallas

Walker Percy and Flannery O’Connor on Technology (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “The Inherent Limits of Human Technology: Transcending Agency as the Constraining Condition for Human-Affirming Technology”—David Calhoun, Gonzaga University
• “Human Intelligence, Moral Intelligence, Artificial Intelligence, and Divine Intelligence: The New Singularity (and Flannery O’Connor Are Near)”—Sue Whatley, Stephen F. Austin State University
• “Echoes of Ellul: Walker Percy, La Technique, and Thanatos”—Brian Clayton Gonzaga University
   Chair—Todd Buras, Baylor University

The Wisdom of Wendell Berry (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “‘Ah, Yes. It Has Come Again’: Technology and Renewal in Wendell Berry’s Port William”—Eric Miller, Geneva College
• “Wendell Berry’s Christocentric Practice of Peace in a Century of Technological Warfare”—Kyle Crews, Saint Louis University
• "Wendell Berry on Technology and Human Flourishing" —Michael Beaty, Baylor University
Chair—Nathan Alleman, Baylor University

Nothing New Under the Sun—Vice in the Digital World (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Voyeuristic Gaming and Moral Experience”—Andrew MacDonald, Biola University
• “The Siren Song of Internet Pornography: Implications for the Minister, Ministry and the Church”—William Viser, Ouachita Baptist University
• “Marshall McLuhan’s Anti-Environmental Art as Techno-Critical Method for Promoting Human Flourishing in a Hyper-Fast/Flash Technological World”—Steven Reagles, Bethany Lutheran College
Chair—Don Arterburn, Baylor University

12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

Featured Speaker (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

“Brain Imaging and the Image of God”—Nancey Murphy, Professor of Christian Philosophy, Fuller Theological Seminary

Chair—Chris Rios, Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies, Baylor University

2:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Featured Presentation (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Technology and Child Protection: Tools to Create a Global Safety Net for the Most Vulnerable”—Jean Geran, Each, Inc. (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
Chair—Jamie McCallum, First Baptist Church, Waco

Featured Presentation (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
“The Dangerously Blessed John Henry Newman on the Perils of Unconstrained Technical Expertise”—Ralph Wood, Baylor University (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
Respondent—David Clinton, Baylor University
Chair—Douglas Henry, Baylor University

4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Break

5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Vespers (Foyer of Meditation—Armstrong Browning Library)

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner (Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Plenary Session (Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

William Carey Crane Scholars Lecture
“Face-to-Face in the Information Age”—R. R. Reno, Editor, First Things

Chair—Elizabeth Corey, Assistant Professor of Political Science in the Honors Program, Baylor University

8:30 p.m.

Dr. Pepper Float Reception (Blume Conference/Seminar Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)