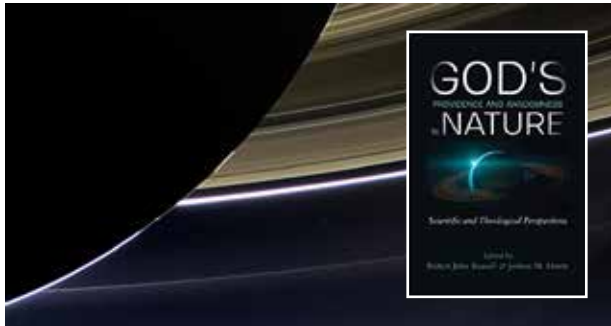




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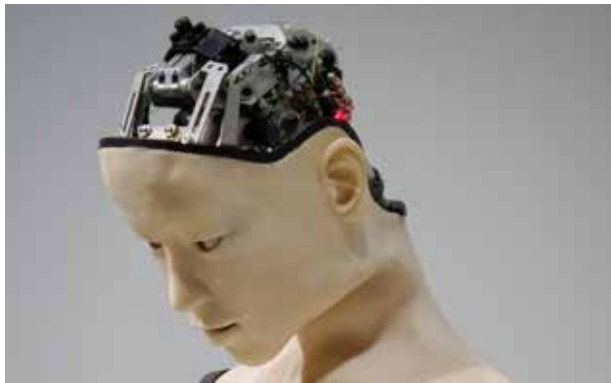
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The conference papers of **CTNS's SATURN (Scientific and Theological Understandings of Randomness in Nature) Program** are now available as *God's Providence and Randomness in Nature: Scientific and Theological Perspectives*, Robert John Russell and Joshua M. Moritz, eds. (Templeton Press, 2019). The October 2014 conference was funded by a grant from Calvin College through their Randomness and Divine Providence Program. Topics include the problem of evil, miracles, creation of the universe, free will, evolution, and the multiverse.



The Russell Family Research Fellow in Religion and Science for 2019 is **Dr. Joshua M. Moritz** (GTU, 2011) for his work on the vital role of science in youth ministry. National survey data shown that a perceived clash between faith and science has been a major factor influencing the decisions of youth to abandon the Christian faith in college. The interaction of science and theology should thus be a top priority for youth education. An interactionist approach that treats both theology/Scripture and science as true sources of authority is needed.



In its 17th year, **Theology and Science** continues to offer thoughtful, cutting-edge research and reflection on a wide variety of topics in the field of science and religion. This year's issues include theme articles on "Should We Send Messages to Extraterrestrials" and "Longevity Research." **Ted Peters's "Playing God with Frankenstein"** was the most read article in 2018, celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, and relating it to current ethical questions in the field of bioethics, such as human genome editing and what Peters calls the "transhumanist impulse." To subscribe (and become a CTNS member), visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/rtas20>.



Over the past two years CTNS's **Braden Molhoek** has presented work on the intersection of science and religion in a variety of settings. He presented at the Saskatchewan Center for Science and Religion on transhumanism, artificial intelligence (AI), and the implications on Christianity of life elsewhere in the universe. Braden also explored elements of his dissertation involving original sin, evolution, and friendship at a science and religion conference in Oxford. **The Notre Dame Center for Theology, Science, and Human Flourishing** held a grant capstone conference in London about science and virtue where Braden spoke on issues of injustice in academic publishing and graduate education. Last summer he was a panelist on theological anthropology at the first meeting of the **Christian Transhumanist Association**. In March Braden took part in an Army Ethics Symposium that included a discussion of transhumanism and AI on large-scale combat operations.

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