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## STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**E**thics minor Madison Tluczek graduated in December and is now working on a Masters in Bioethics in Wake Forest University before she goes on to earn an MD. She is working with the Wake Forest Ethics Bowl team, and may become involved in writing some cases for the High School Ethics Bowl competition. She recently had a chance to meet and have lunch with world renowned bioethicist James Childress (John Hollingsworth Professor of Ethics at the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia), and author of *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*. Madison was quite excited, having read PBE while here at Adrian College.

## AC ETHICS BOWL TEAM

**I**n early March Madison Tluczek and other members of the AC ethics bowl team attended the annual conference for the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in Baltimore, MD to compete in the National Ethics Bowl competition, after earning the right to compete with an excellent performance at the regional competition in Chicago last fall. They had four matches. In the first, against Samford University, the teams addressed two questions - "Is it ever wrong to provide Humanitarian aid?" And "Is there an ethical difference between outing someone at white nationalist's events vs LGBTQ events?" The results were two judges calling the competition a tie, and the third giving a narrow edge to Samford. The second round was against Harper College and asked to students to address whether Artificial Intelligence be used to make major medical decisions and whether states should have allow low income citizens to do community service rather than pay fines. The result was a draw. In the third match Adrian went against DePaul University, when the students debated whether there should be mandatory age restrictions for age and employment, and whether having robots sex workers in brothels change the ethics of prostitution/brothels. The results was a very close loss to DePaul, with one judge calling it a tie and both of the other two judges giving DePaul a one point edge in the match. In the final round Adrian went against Salisbury University,



## Ethics Bowl, cont...

when the teams debated age standards in the movie industry and whether it was ethical to use CRISPER technology to edit genes. The result was a win for Adrian, with each judge giving a clear edge to Adrian. Final results, one win, one tie, and two very close losses.



## AC partners with Siena Heights for GLP Conference

**A**pril 5-7 Adrian College and Siena Heights University again partnered to organize and host the Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, with this years theme being Ethics: Today and Tomorrow. Over 60 undergraduates, graduate students, and professional philosophers from around the world discussed their research on a variety of topics. The keynote speaker was Robert Audi, of the University of Notre Dame. Some of Professor Audi's publications include Practical Reasoning and Ethical Decision (Routledge 2006), Moral Perception (Princeton University Press, 2013) and Means, Ends, and Persons: The Meaning and Psychological Dimensions of Kant's Humanity Formula (Oxford University Press, 2016).



## Professor Spence Hosts Extracurricular Seminar

On Saturday April 13, Professor Spence hosted an extracurricular day long seminar on the English Enlightenment, where student discussed human nature and its implications for the limits of governmental authority. Students read selections from Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan*, John Locke's second *Treatise*, Bishop Joseph Butler's *Sermons*, and Alexander Pope's *Essay on Man*. Dr. Spence secured outside funding from the Institute for Humane Studies for the event, which provided breakfast, lunch, and an off campus dinner, as well as a \$100 stipend for each participant.

## Dana Dowd to attend IMPACT 2019

Ethics minor Dana Dowd, who is currently completing her Masters in Accounting, is in Dallas, Texas! She arrived on April 30 and will be there until May 2, to attend IMPACT 2019 The Ultimate Ethics & Compliance Benchmarking Event. The Keynote speaker will be Brian Benzckowski, Asst. Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. The conference will also feature speakers from Harvard Business School, Southwest Airlines, Dell, Lockheed Martin, BP, Boeing, and Eli Lilly. The focus will be on identifying and mitigating ethics and compliance risks, establishing and maintaining an ethical culture within organizations, and incentivizing leaders to act with integrity. Dana was awarded the 2019 ECI Ethics Academy Student Scholarship, and as a result her travel and conference expenses will be fully covered by the sponsoring organization. For more information about the conference, please visit:

<https://www.ethics.org/.../impact-2019-ecis-annual-conference/>.

This fall Dana will take a position with Ernst and Young in Detroit, where she will work in risk advisory.

