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“The Beautiful Smell of French Fries” by CNS Post-doctoral Researcher **David Conz**: *In his January 2007 State of the Union, President Bush declared that ... “We need to ... expand the use of clean diesel vehicles and biodiesel fuel” ... Yet today, ... there are no new diesel passenger cars on the market with the exception of the luxury 2007 Mercedes Benz E320, which costs over \$60,000. In an era when affordable and environmentally beneficial alternatives to fossil fuels ought to be a national priority, we have been moving consistently in the wrong direction...* Now available on the CSPO website at www.cspo.org/home/perspectives/index.htm.

Canada’s Stem Cell Corporation: Aggregate Concerns and the Question of Public Trust

CSPO graduate student **Jenny Brian** and co-author Matthew Herder explore Canada’s Stem Cell Network’s effort to catalyze the commercialization of stem cell research with the creation of a company called “Aggregate Therapeutics” in this article published in the *Journal of Business Ethics*, available at <http://www.cspo.org/documents/Brian-Herder.pdf>. They argue that this initiative, in its current configuration, is likely to result in a breach of public trust owing to three inter-related concerns: conflicts of interest; corporate influence on the university research agenda; and the failure to provide some form of direct return for the public’s substantial tax dollar investment.

Expectations and the Emergence of Nanotechnology

In the most recent issue of *Science, Technology and Human Values*, **Cynthia Selin**, CNS Post-doctoral Researcher, examines how future claims work to define what counts as nanotechnology and how expectations of nanotechnology operate to establish the new technological domain and with what dilemmas, available at <http://www.cspo.org/documents/Expectations-Cynthia.pdf>. For more information on the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University, visit cns.asu.edu. To receive news about CNS-ASU activities and other items of interest regarding nanotechnology in society, subscribe to the newsletter by contacting cns@asu.edu.

Five Questions on the Philosophy of Technology

“If technological innovation is understood as a core activity of the human species, as organic as composing music or falling in love—which it is—rather than an elective hobby that can either be pursued or not, then the core question about technology becomes one of governing, of modulating, the innovation activity itself.” From an essay by CSPO Director **Dan Sarewitz** in the [Philosophy of Technology](#) available at <http://www.cspo.org/documents/sarewitzinterview.pdf>.

The Invisible Culture War

CSPO faculty member **Paul Privateer** will be presenting a Final Word lecture March 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the ASU Kerr Cultural Center. THE FINAL WORD lecture series highlights student nominated ASU professors who have been honored through [The Last Lecture Series](#), now in its 12th year. Dr. Privateer’s lecture, “The Invisible Culture War,” explores contemporary global unrest, particularly conflicts between EuroAmerica and the Middle East, in terms of such invisible mechanisms as neurons, viruses, zeros and ones and virtual techno-colonialism. For more information visit http://www.asukerr.com/more/final_word.shtml.

National Network for Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts

Most efforts directed at climate change focus on mitigation of carbon dioxide emissions, but we do not know how long before those efforts bear fruit. In the meantime, climate will continue to change, so our actions toward adaptation now are also needed. The National Network for Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts was founded in 2006 read more at http://www.cspo.org/documents/Adaptation_Network.pdf.

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