

Keynote Speaker Biography



Professor Shannon E. French joined Case Western Reserve University in 2008 after teaching for 11 years at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, serving as Associate Chair of the division of Leadership, Ethics, and Law. At CWRU, she is the Inamori Professor in Ethics, Professor of Philosophy and Law, Director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence, and Director of the first MA program in military ethics in the U.S. Her primary research fields are military ethics and ethics and emerging technology. Her publications include *The Code of the Warrior*, edited volumes, and many chapters and articles such as, “Artificial Intelligence in Military Decision-Making,” “War and Technology: Should Data Decide Who Lives, Who Dies?” “Neuroethics, Dehumanization, and the Prevention of Moral Injury,” and “Military Neuro-Interventions: Solving the Right Problems for Ethical Outcomes.” She is an LME (legal, moral, and ethical) consultant for the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA) and since 2017 the General Hugh Shelton Distinguished Chair in Ethics for the CGSC Foundation. She is editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Ethical Leadership*, associate editor for the *Journal of Military Ethics*, on several editorial boards, and active in the European Chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics (Euro-ISME). She is also a Senior Research Fellow for the Simons Center for Ethical Leadership and Interagency Cooperation.

Guest Speaker and Panelist Biographies



Chaplain (Major) Robert G. Cox, M.A., M.Div., has a BS in Criminology from Florida State University (1992) and a Master of Divinity (1998) from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1999, he was ordained as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church of America. He served as a Pastor until commissioning as a Chaplain and entered service on 13 SEP 2009. His Battalion Assignments were in 519th MI BN at FT Bragg, NC, the 1-506th INF BN and the 3-320th FA at FT Campbell, KY and the 2-16 Cavalry FT Benning. In 2019 CH Cox was assigned as 160th Strategic Signal BDE Chaplain at Camp Arifjan. He subsequently attended Biola University in La Mirada, CA where he earned a Master of Philosophy. In 2021 CH Cox joined the US Army Signal School as the Regimental Chaplain and Ethics Instructor.



Chaplain (Major) Stephen G. Echols, M.Div., Th.M., currently serves as the US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence Ethics Instructor and Writer. He has served as a Battalion Chaplain for field artillery (5-25 FA, 10 MTN) and aviation (1-229 ARB, 16 CAB) units as well as for HHBN 8th Army. He additionally served as the Plans and Ops Chaplain for the 8th Army Chaplain Directorate. Chaplain Echols has deployed twice to Afghanistan and served in Korea for 3 years. He is married to his amazing spouse, Emily, and they have 2 crazy kiddos (Gabe and Thomas). Chaplain Echols holds a B.A. in Religion from Florida Southern College, an M.Div. from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a Th.M. from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Aside from spending time with his family, Chaplain Echols loves reading, running, cycling, and teaching/instructing.



Dr. Jonathan French Flint returned to college in his 20's, gaining a BA in International Studies from the Open University in the United Kingdom. His postgraduate education was at the University of Hull, where he earned an MA in Strategy and International Security and a PhD in Politics, focusing on Strategic Theory. His advisors at Hull included two former students of Professor Colin Grey. He has taught in the UK and at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He has presented at conferences on both sides of the Atlantic. He has published on Military Ethics with the ICRC. He has also appeared on CTV Canada as a subject matter expert on the war in Ukraine and on military/international affairs more widely.



Ms. Kate Kilgore is an analyst with the TRADOC G-2 and recent graduate of Indiana University, where she studied Law and Public Policy, Comparative International Politics, Soviet History, and Russian and Eastern European Studies. Much of her undergraduate research focused on analyzing the path dependence and modern social implications of Soviet laws and in the former Eastern Bloc, with a focus on Hungary. For TRADOC, Kate's work has followed how the Russia-Ukraine War is changing the Operational Environment. She has written multiple pieces for the Army Mad Scientist Blog about how technology enables the formation of digital levees en masse, battlefield transparency, and democratization of the intelligence process. Additionally, she has published two papers regarding Russia's challenges with Large Scale Combat Operations during the War in Ukraine. Kate's professional interest in ethics is informed by her work examining technology and social media's role in expanding the battlefield and its ability to blur the lines between civilian and combatant, but her personal interests are a continuation from the classes she took on the legal framework, history, and evolution of the Human Rights Paradigm during her undergraduate degree.



Lt. Col. Peter G. Kilner, Ph.D., U.S. Army, retired, is an associate professor and the Hottell '64 Chair for Character Development at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY, where he designs and develops the Cadet Character Education Program. During his Army career, he deployed multiple times to Iraq and Afghanistan to study junior officers' combat leadership. From 2006-2016, he produced the "Company Command" column in *Army* magazine and later wrote the "Strong to the Core" military-ethics column in the same publication. He teaches a freshman-level course on character growth and a senior-level course on officership. He holds a Ph.D. in Instructional Systems, an M.A. in Philosophy, and is completing an M.A. in Character Education. His research interests include character development, officership, the morality of killing in war, and moral injury.



Dr. Christopher Marsh, is an associate professor at the Joint Special Operations Master of Arts (JSOMA) program at Fort Bragg, a division of the College of International Security Affairs of the National Defense University. Marsh is an expert on Russian and Chinese approaches to special operations, irregular warfare, military strategy, and foreign policy. Prior to joining NDU, Dr. Marsh was the Director of the Department of Strategic Research & Analysis at the Joint Special Operations University, US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). He previously held positions at the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), US Air Force Special Operations School, and Baylor University. Dr. Marsh is the author of several books on Russian affairs

and comparative Russian-Chinese politics. Additionally, Dr. Marsh has published over 90 book chapters and journal articles on topics ranging from Russian strategy to Chinese conceptions of deterrence. He is currently finishing the book *Putin at War: The Development of Putin's Playbook from Chechnya to Ukraine*.



Lt. Col. Richard A. McConnell, DM, U.S. Army, retired, is an associate professor in the Department of Army Tactics, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He recently served as the principal investigator for the creativity study which was conducted over the summer of 2022 with the goal of investigating how to improve creativity among students. The test group outperformed the control with a large magnitude of improvement in creativity equating to a 14-point increase in effective IQ at solving complex, open-ended problems. Dr. McConnell has also published several articles on ethics related topics such as Moral philosophy formulation, Teaching Ethics using games, and Cyber ethics.



Chaplain (Major) Robert M. Miller, M.Div., Th.M., received a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY in 2009. He was ordained by Bethany Baptist Church in Louisville, KY the same year. He also earned a Master of Theology in Christian Ethics from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC in 2022. Chaplain Miller's military education includes the Chaplain Basic Officer Leadership Course and the Chaplain Captains Career Course at Fort Jackson, SC. He has also completed the Combat Medical Ministry Course and the Medical Ministry Spiritual Resiliency / Moral Injury Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX, as well as the Common Faculty Development – Instructor Course in Fort Rucker, AL.



Dr. Melia Pfannenstiel is an Assistant Professor and Team Leader at the U.S. Army's School of Advanced Military Studies. Prior to joining SAMS, she taught at the U.S. Air Force's Air Command and Staff College and was a post-doctoral fellow at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. Dr. Pfannenstiel's research emphasizes the human and information dimensions of competition. Her scholarly interest in ethics focuses on considerations for civilian non-combatants in conflict. She has published articles on ethnic conflict and terrorism in the journal *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Soviet and Russian disinformation in disease-driven humanitarian assistance missions in *Joint Force Quarterly*, and contributed to volumes on *The Syrian Conflict*, *The Impact of Cyber Warfare, Social Media, and Technology*, and *Conflict in the Modern Middle East*. Her book, *Armed Groups of the Greater Middle East*, is forthcoming in 2023. Dr. Pfannenstiel earned a PhD in Security Studies from Kansas State University and is a graduate of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School in Norfolk, Virginia.



Chaplain (COL) Sean Wead, DM, has served in the United States Army for 38 years with multiple combat and operational deployments all over the world. He served as the Division Chaplain for the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division as well as the Brigade Chaplain for the 173rd Airborne. Chaplain Wead's education includes a Doctor of Ministry (Virginia Theological Seminary), a Master of Theology in Ethics (Princeton Theological Seminary), a Master of Divinity (Virginia Theological Seminary), and a Bachelor Science (Georgia Southern University). He is published in a number of periodicals and has presented at universities and other forums. Formally, he taught Ethics at the Command and General Staff College and reviewed moral and ethical doctrine for the Army. Currently he is the Combined Arms Center Chaplain/Ethicist where he manages, supports, and directs Ethical/Moral training across the Army's Centers of Excellence and branch schools.



Dr. Jessica Wolfendale Wolfendale is Professor of Philosophy at Case Western Reserve University and holds secondary appointments in the School of Law and as a senior research associate at the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence. Her research focuses on the ethics of political violence, with a particular interest in the processes by which ordinary military personnel can come to commit atrocities such as torture. She is the author of two books and more than 40 articles, which have appeared in such publications as the *Journal of Military Ethics*, the *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Criminal Justice Ethics*, and the *Case Western Journal of International Law*. Her most recent book, *War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame*, written with Michael Talbert (Oxford University Press, 2019), argues that war crimes are often explained by perpetrators' beliefs, goals and values. In her current book project, *Torture and Terrorism in America*, she examines the toleration of torture and terrorism in the criminal justice and national security contexts.