



Fort Leavenworth Ethics Symposium

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2024 CGSC Ethics Symposium

“Ethical Character in Modern Warfare: Human and Non-Human in Tension”
April, 2, 2024

Program Overview

The 21st century is witnessing a rapid confluence of the human and non-human dimensions of our lived experience, in which the unparalleled influence of modern technology on the political, social, cultural, and religious dimensions of human society poses ever evolving ethical challenges to the modern warfighter. To be effective stewards of the military profession, leaders must not only understand how to navigate such challenges for the ethical conduct of war, but also understand how these evolving challenges influence and shape the ethical character of the modern warfighter.

Breakout Sessions, Keynote and Special Topics Registration Information

CGSOC Students: **CGSOC students must register via the CGSCF Website Registration page for breakouts, the keynote address and special topics panel:** or via the QR-code below. Registration will be open from 4 Mar – 28 Mar 2024. Select CGSOC students will be required to attend the keynote address and are encouraged to attend one of the brown bag breakouts during the lunch hour in between the IHOF and symposium keynote address. These students must also register via the website. See schedule below for more details about each symposium event.

Guest Presenters: **All guest presenters will register at the symposium website:** <https://www.cgscfoundation.org/ethics-symposium/2024-ethics-symposium> or via the QR-code below. Guest presenters are encouraged to attend all portions of the symposium and CAC ethicists training events. Registration will be open from 4 Mar – 28 Mar 2024.

All other attendees: Please use the provided URL or QR-code to register for the symposium and/or CAC ethicists training. See schedule below for more details.

NOTE for nonmilitary or non-government members of the public attending the symposium or CAC ethicists training: If you are coming from off-post will need to add extra time to check-in at the Fort Leavenworth visitor center. If you do not have an ID card listed on the DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ISSUED ID CARDS WEBSITE, you must stop by the Visitor Control Center. See the symposium registration page for more details concerning on-post access and directions to the Visitor Control center: <https://www.cgscfoundation.org/ethics-symposium/2024-ethics-symposium>

Register Here:



Schedule of Events

Tuesday 2 April 2024

CAC Ethicist Training Event

Ethics Symposium Event

Time	Event	Location
0815-0820	CAC Ethicist Training Welcome and Introduction <i>CH (COL) Sean Wead</i>	Marshall Auditorium
0820-0920	“The Army Moral Leader” <i>MG (Ret.) Christopher Hughes</i>	Marshall Auditorium
0920-0940	Break	
0940-1040	“The Moral Warrior” <i>Dr. Shannon French, Case Western Reserve University</i>	Marshall Auditorium
1040-1115	Break (presenters and participants encouraged get/bring lunch to one of the brown bag sessions)	
1115-1240	<p>Brown Bag Breakout Sessions:</p> <p>Ethics in the Brave New World: the Professional Military Ethic and the Challenge of Technology (Dr. Daniel Strand, AWC)</p> <p>Wisdom to Kill: Developing the Character to Kill Justifiably in Multidomain Operations (Dr. Pete Kilner, USMA)</p> <p>The Person-First Norm: Re-Thinking the Ethical Framework of War (MAJ Joseph Librande, CGSOC Student)</p> <p>Tomorrow’s Warfighter Today: Ethics and the Proximate-Ultimate Convergence in A.I. (Dr. Larry Wigger, UMKC)</p> <p>Ensuring the Soul of the Army in an Era of Anti-Truth (Dr. Eric Hollister, CGSS)</p> <p>Make War Great Again: the Dangers of Just War Revisionism (Col. Robert Vicars, SAMS/AWC)</p> <p>Huntington’s Hurt Locker: Military Service in a Politically Polarized America (Dr. Trent Lythgoe, CGSS)</p> <p>Movies for Morals: Unlock Your Mind by Discovering Your Moral Philosophy (Dr. Richard McConnell, CGSS)</p>	<p>CR #1138</p> <p>CR# 1139</p> <p>CR #4326</p> <p>CR #2103/2014</p> <p>CR #4327/4328</p> <p>CR# 1119</p> <p>CR# 1118</p> <p>CR# 1103/1104</p>
1240-1300	Break	
1300-1445	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Opening Remarks: LTG Milford H. Beagle, CAC CG</p>	Marshall Auditorium

	<p>Keynote Address: “Beyond Moral Leadership: Ethics, Technology, and Relationality” <i>Dr. Pauline M. Shanks Kaurin, U.S. Naval War College</i></p> <p>Keynote Address Response Panel and Audience Q&A: <i>Dr. Shannon French, MG (Ret.) Christopher Hughes, and Dr. Marc LiVecche</i></p>	
1445-1500	Break	
1500-1630	<p>Special Topics Panel and Audience Q&A <i>Dr. Shanks Kaurin, Dr. Jonathan Flint, Dr. Pete Kilner, and Dr. Daniel Strand</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium
1630-1645	<p>Day 1 Conclusion <i>CH (MAJ) Grimes and CH (COL) Sean Wead</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium
1800-1930	Ethics Dinner/Mixer	TBD

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Time	Event	Location
0800-0850	<p>“The Army Profession Discussion” <i>Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate (CADD)</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium
0850-0900	Break	
0900-1020	<p>Workshop: What & When to Teach Officers in Ethics and Morality? <i>CH (COL) Sean Wead</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium
1020-1030	Break	
1030-1130	<p>“Teaching the Doctrine of Double Effect” <i>Dr. Pete Kilner, USMA</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium
1130-1300	Lunch	
1300-1350	<p>Empathy in Army Leadership 1 <i>Center for Army Leadership</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium
1350-1400	Break	
1400-1530	<p>Empathy in Army Leadership 2 <i>Center for Army Leadership</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium
1530-1540	<p>Conclusion <i>CH (COL) Sean Wead</i></p>	Marshall Auditorium

Brown Bag Breakout Sessions

1115 – 1245, Lewis and Clark Center Classrooms

“Wisdom to Kill: Developing the Character to Kill Justifiably in Multidomain Operations”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #1139

Large-scale conflict employing multidomain operations will place a premium on the character of Army leaders, who will be required to out-think and out-endure our enemy and to make judgment decisions about what to do and how to do it in ways that produce heavy casualties without undermining trust. Our leaders will need to have built up reservoirs of trust, with multiple stakeholders, that will be able to withstand enemy disinformation, misinformation, misperceptions, and misfortune. The foundation of trust is good character. In this session, I will introduce a comprehensive approach to developing all domains of leaders’ character—moral, civic, intellectual, performance, and martial. I will also offer a soldier-level argument for the moral justification of killing enemy combatants, as well as explain a framework—the Doctrine of Double Effect—for making moral decisions on proposed tactical actions that would achieve a military purpose yet unintentionally and foreseeably result in civilian casualties.



Dr. Pete Kilner has served as the Hottell ‘64 Chair for Character Development at West Point since 2018. Prior to this role, he served over 28 years in the Army as an enlisted infantryman, infantry officer, philosophy instructor, and West Point Professor of Leader Development and Organizational Learning. His professional interests include junior-officer development, moral justifications of killing in war, moral injury, and character development. He has written recurring columns for Army and Military Officer, co-authored or edited three books, and been published in Military Review, Infantry, and the Washington Post. He deployed multiple times to Iraq and Afghanistan to research military ethics and company-level leadership. He holds a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy, an M.A. in Philosophy from Virginia Tech, an M.A. in Character Education from the University of Birmingham, U.K., and a Ph.D. in Instructional Systems from Penn State. He is married and has four adult children, two of whom are Army officers.

“Huntington’s Hurt Locker: Military Service in a Politically Polarized America”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #1118

This breakout explores non-partisan norms in the US military. These norms promote healthy civil-military relations by helping the military remain a trusted, politically neutral servant of the state. Yet, non-partisan norms are in danger. Research suggests that these norms may be eroding. This erosion, combined with increasing political polarization, challenges the military's ability to remain non-partisan. During the breakout we will seek to understand and overcome these challenges by examining the historical relationship between the US military and American politics, followed by discussions about theories of civil-military relations, how non-partisan norms fit in, and the state of non-partisan norms by according to the latest research. Finally, we’ll examine how today's military leaders can navigate an increasingly complex and polarized political climate.



Dr. Trent J. Lythgoe is an associate professor of military leadership in the Department of Command and Leadership, US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC). Before joining the CGSC, he served 22 years as a US Army aviation officer. Dr. Lythgoe earned his PhD in political science at the University of Kansas where his dissertation examined US military nonpartisan social norms. He also holds master's degrees in political science and management. Dr. Lythgoe's research interests include American civil-military relations, adaptive leadership, decision-making, and professional writing. His writing has appeared in *Armed Forces & Society*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Joint Force Quarterly*, and *Military Review*, and other professional forums. Dr. Lythgoe is the author of three published or forthcoming book chapters and the co-editor of a forthcoming Army University Press book on civil-military relations.

“Ethics in the Brave New World: the Professional Military Ethic and the Challenge of Technology”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #1138

Technology has always presented a challenge to military professionals. New technologies often go through a period of adaptation and refinement before they are assimilated. The unprecedented advancements in the latest technologies, especially with respect to artificial intelligence, presents a particularly strong challenge to the profession because it influences and potentially substitutes the role of the professional with something else. This paper will discuss this challenge and how we might think about these new technologies in light of the professional ethic so that we may harness their benefits so as to enhance and strengthen the professional ethic and not undermine it.



Daniel Strand, PhD, serves as Assistant Professor of Ethics in the Department of Leadership and Warfighting, Air War College and Ethics Chair for Air University. At the Air War College he teaches courses on the Just War tradition and the ethics of warfare, ethics and technology, and strategic leadership. Strand's research interests include the political and moral thought of Augustine of Hippo and the Augustinian tradition, the role of ethics and religion in foreign policy, the Just War tradition, bioethics, and ethics of military technology. He is the author of the forthcoming *Gods of the Nations* (Cambridge University Press), a historical study of Augustine's political thought in *City of God*. He has published articles and book chapters on the history of the Just War tradition, Augustine of Hippo, Hannah Arendt, and the ethics of euthanasia.

“Movies for Morals: Unlock Your Mind by Discovering Your Moral Philosophy”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #1103/1104

All types of soldiers make decisions. Many of these decisions are easy, a clear choice between right and wrong. In such cases of clear right and wrong, the honorable decisions might be more obvious. As leaders advance in rank and responsibility, however, the decisions they are faced with will likely become more complex. Often, these decisions will become ethical dilemmas, a choice between two “rights.” The competing “rights” of principles, consequences, and virtues can cloud a leader's perception, often making the path to the honorable course of action murky and unclear. Personal, introspective analysis of the dilemmas and choices presented in the scenarios presented in *Movies for morals* will allow individual leaders to examine and define their own moral philosophy. The aim of this workshop is to provide a vehicle for leaders to improve their ethical decision-making ability by developing their own moral

philosophy. Leaders who understand their own moral philosophy will be better equipped to mentor and coach others to develop theirs. This will allow leaders and those they develop to make honorable choices that they, their soldiers, and the American people can respect, enhancing their leadership. A proactive approach to honorable ethical decision making, fostered through a commitment to leader development that is grounded in the Army Values, may reduce the need for a reactive approach focused on punishing leaders who make the wrong decisions.



Richard A. McConnell (*Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership, D.M., University of Phoenix*) is a retired army Lt. Col. and a Professor in the Department of Army Tactics U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He recently served as the principal investigator for the summer 2022 creativity study dedicated to exploring ways to improve creativity among students. The creativity study research report was published in the 2023 Association for Business Simulations and Experiential Learning (ABSEL) Conference proceedings. McConnell has also published several articles on wargaming, creativity, exceptional information and ethics related topics.

“Make War Great Again: the Dangers of Just War Revisionism”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #1119

Is it immoral to fight in a war that turns out to be unjust? If history judges, as conventional wisdom suggests is likely, that the US invasion and subsequent efforts in Iraq were unjust, then what is the moral standing of the soldiers who fought in that war? So called, just war revisionists, hold that soldiers are liable for their participation in a war that turns out to be unjust. Traditional just war reasoning argues otherwise. The session discusses the errors and harms of revisionist just war reasoning and defends the traditional construct.



Col R. Paul Vicars is an Assistant Professor at the Air War College (AWC) with duties supporting the US Army’s School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). After earning a PhD in Political Science at Baylor University, he served as Chair, Department of International Security Studies at the AWC. Previously he served as the project lead for AETC’s Pilot Training Next Initiative, Bergstrom Airport, Austin, Texas, where he was responsible for exploring the potential of current and emerging technologies in the context of USAF flight training.

“Ensuring the Soul of the Army in an Era of Anti-Truth”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #4327/4328

U.S. adversaries are attempting to sow discord and cause citizens to lose faith in public institutions and experts. Their efforts, and the inability of the public to recognize disinformation, have resulted in a polarized society with emotionally charged, misinformed views, often with dangerous consequences. These conditions do not lend themselves to an apolitical, hierarchical, rules-based profession such as the United States Military. A 2022 RAND study goes so far as to recommend that “joint force should train troops and their family members to expect and recognize disinformation and other information manipulation by Russian actors.”

This presentation will focus on ethical considerations regarding the effects of modern technology and culture on leaders of character, addressing the question: “What cultural forces threaten the moral formation and constitution of leaders of character?” Research will focus on past and current trends of disinformation, misinformation, and loss of faith in experts and government institutions as well as the impact on the military due to these trends, and actions Army leadership has taken and should take to address these issues.



Dr. Eric Hollister retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2013 after 21 years of service. He has a BA in Music from UCLA, an MA in Humanities from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a Doctor of Management in Organizational Development and Change from Colorado Technical University. His publications include *Ike Warned Us About This: The MICC’s Stranglehold on Responsible Acquisition* (published in *Joint Forces Quarterly*); *A Shot in the Dark: The Futility of Long-Range Modernization Planning*; *The Professional Military Ethic and Political Dissent: Has the Line Moved?* (both published in *AUSA’s Land Warfare Papers*); *The Buck Stops at Fort Leavenworth: Harry S. Truman at the Command and General Staff College* (published in *Army magazine*); and the book *While You Were Sleeping: Pearls of Wisdom from the U.S. Army’s Command and General Staff College’s Guest Speaker Program*.

“Tomorrow’s Warfighter Today: Ethics and the Proximate-Ultimate Convergence in A.I.”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #2103/2104

Exponential acceleration of technological change poses numerous ethical dilemmas. Organizations must assess both proximate and ultimate challenges, risks, and opportunities introduced by Artificial Intelligence (AI). Proximally, we must equip warfighters to engage ethically, minimizing collateral damage, especially when deployed in increasingly dense urban theaters against non-state actors. Ultimately, leadership must thoughtfully consider developing such technologies, as design and construction of autonomous systems is traditionally capital intensive, but also scales readily, at lower incremental cost.

AI and automation trends suggest further capital intensity in production processes, with further de-skilling of labor and inequality in society. This de-humanization of the warfighter, combined with existent concentrations of capital in private hands, reminds us that future large-scale conflict is increasingly likely to involve non-state actors. When humans encounter novel ethical dilemmas, they process them through their own moral frameworks. In the past this might have been tempered by the institutions involved, but we can no longer count on such moderating effects. In conflicts with global terror, our enemies won’t necessarily recognize any common moral authority.

An autonomous system cannot act ethically, it can only behave so, as it is merely obeying its architects and managers. Ultimately, we may elect to morally restrain our autonomous weapon systems, retaining final proximal go/no-go decisions for human operators. Human ability to contextualize is key to our ability to short circuit decision trees and arrive at ethical judgments. The lack of moral agency in autonomous weapon systems compounds with potential that our enemies might not choose the same and may more readily deploy such. Together this suggests rules of engagement will likely need to adapt to accelerate and escalate for earliest resolution of future conflicts.



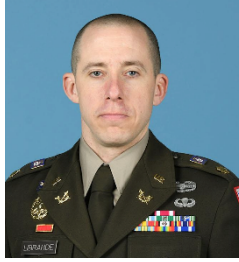
Larry Wigger has served on full-time faculty at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, since 2015. His appointment is as Associate Teaching Professor of Supply Chain Management, with a secondary appointment as Faculty Director of Accreditation, Assessment, and Data Reporting. He holds a PhD in Economics, with a co-discipline in Public Affairs and Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics from UMKC, a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management and an MBA from Elmhurst University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from William Jewell College. With over twenty years of progressive and varied management experience, Larry’s expertise includes the full range of supply chain management activities, strategic leadership in multiple business start-ups, as well as operations, project, and program management. These activities have included consultancy and at-risk construction work for major global petroleum, retail, and hospitality clients and three years of post-earthquake construction projects in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Larry is actively pursuing three primary research agendas, including his work on blockchain use to substantially improve supply chain visibility, public policy options to mitigate workforce constraints, and automation impacts in the workplace. His graduate studies in three tangential disciplines, combined with his decades of industry experience, have equipped him to contribute substantively at this nexus of accelerating technological change, business innovation, and societal shifts.

“The Person-First Norm: Re-Thinking the Ethical Framework of War”

Lewis and Clark Classroom #4326

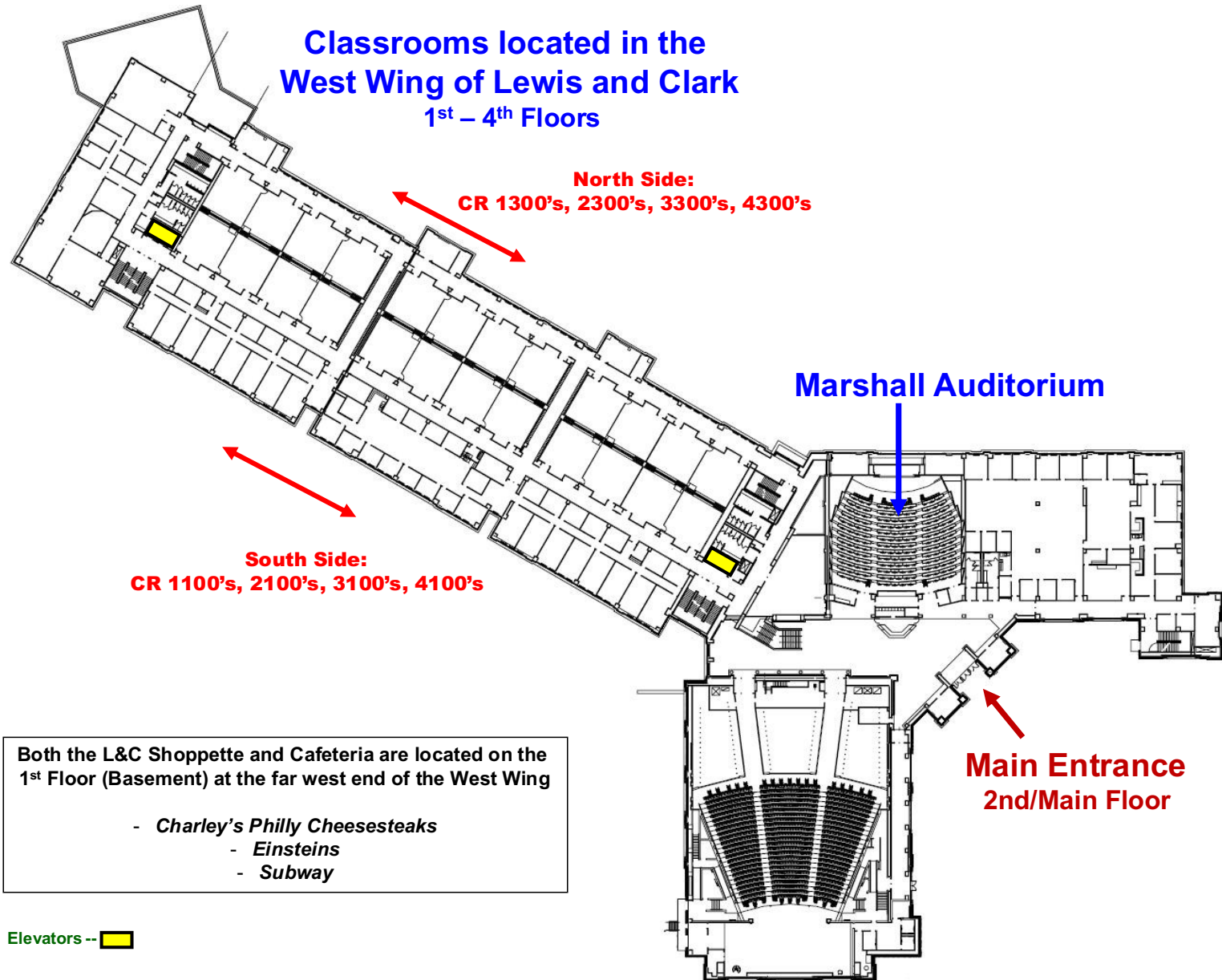
While war remains a contest of wills, warfare is changing at new speeds. With worldwide globalization, the internet of things, and the almost-instant connectedness of ideas through multiple mediums, human beings are evolving the methods of imposing national will. Artificial intelligence, drones, cyber, and space were all once the realm of the imagination—they are now reality. All this puts considerable pressure on the traditional American understanding of just war. The philosophical thought of Aristotle, Augustine of Hippo, Thomas Aquinas, and Hugo Grotius guided the West through much of the Middle Ages to the present day. Their objective approach to morality provided a universal, moral base for ethical reasoning and law. Yet, while many of those concepts still influence the law of war, their application may be waning.

It is time to propose a new consideration in just war theory: the person-first norm. Instead of evaluating acts separately from persons, one must consider acts as extensions of persons. This requires one to see persons first: not as objects, but as subjects—beings whose intrinsic value cannot be removed by an ethical evaluation. As Pope Francis notes: "[A] person's fundamental value cannot be measured by data alone." Such a framework requires a fresh perspective in ethical evaluation. It requires a thinker to combine the objective concepts of just war with a subjective consideration of the human person. By this, the person-first norm provides a developed moral framework that can help Army leaders make better, faster ethical decisions to meet the complex needs of the modern battlefield.



Major Joseph D. Librande is a student at the Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, KS. He commissioned in 2011 through the United States Army's Officer Candidate School, branching Military Police. In 2017, he transitioned to the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He has served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, and on staff from Battalion through Corps. He has deployed twice to Afghanistan: in 2012 (OEF), as a platoon leader in the Wardak Province and in 2021 (OFS), in support of a task force responsible for facilitating the retrograde. Major Librande holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Catholic Studies, and Latin from the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN - 2007) and a Juris Doctor from the same institution (Minneapolis, MN - 2010). He also has a Master of Laws from the United States Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (Charlottesville, VA - 2023).

Lewis and Clark Building Map



Ethics Symposium Keynote Address

1300-1445, Marshall Auditorium, Lewis and Clark Center

“Beyond Moral Leadership: Ethics, Technology and Relationality”

Discussions on the ethical implications of certain technologies are not new. Whether it is nuclear weaponry, non/less than lethal weapons, AI, drones, uncrewed platforms, warfare in space or cyberwarfare, there is significant and deep literature on the intersection of ethics and technology.

Our keynote address will take a different route, inviting the audience into a reflective journey exploring ethics and technology, broadly construed. Beginning with ADM James B. Stockdale and considering his famous observation (upon being shot down in Vietnam) that he was “...entering Epictetus’ world,” we will examine the nature and use of technology in the national security sphere. We will think about the need to go beyond Moral Leadership and develop capacities of Ethical Leadership, outlining an approach in terms of power, relationality, and context. This reflective journey will ask us all to reframe and examine assumptions, values, and approaches to the current discourse on ethics and technology, with the aim of providing insights and leaving us with questions to ponder as we consider what matters most for the ethical character of the modern warfighter.



Pauline Shanks Kaurin holds a PhD in Philosophy from Temple University, specializing in military ethics, just war theory, and applied ethics. She serves as the Stockdale Chair and Professor of Professional Military Ethics at the US Naval War College in the College of Leadership and Ethics. She also holds a BA in Philosophy and International Relations from Concordia College, MN and a MA in Philosophy from the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

Recent publications include: “When Less is not More: Expanding the Combatant/Non-Combatant Distinction”; “With Fear and Trembling: A Qualified Defense of Non-Lethal Weapons” and *Achilles Goes Asymmetrical: The Warrior, Military Ethics and Contemporary Warfare* (Routledge 2014) and

On Obedience: Contrasting Philosophies for Military, Citizenry and Community (US Naval Institute Press, 2020.) Current works in progress include an account of military honor rooted in Ethics of Care and a book on Stoic philosophies.

She was Featured Contributor for The Strategy Bridge and has published in Clear Defense, The Wavell Room, Newsweek, War on the Rocks, Grounded Curiosity, US Naval Institute Proceedings, Just Security, as well as a variety of academic journals. She lives in Rhode Island.

Keynote Address Response Panel Members:



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.



Major General (Retired) Christopher P. Hughes is the Chair of the CGSC Foundation. He and his wife Marguerite culminated their distinguished 35-year military career in July 2018, retiring from the U.S. Army. Embarking on a new chapter, they established NWC-M&C, LLC, delving into academia and the defense industry with multiple clients. Their family life flourishes with three children and five grandchildren. With an educational resume including Creighton University and dual master’s degrees in business management and National Security Strategies, Hughes is an award-winning author, renowned for “War on Two Fronts: An Infantry Commander’s War in Iraq and the Pentagon.” His scholarly pursuits earned him the 2008 Army Historical Foundation’s Distinguished Writing Award. Hughes’ military tenure spans from platoon leadership to two-star command, with deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Noteworthy roles include Commanding General of the United States Army Cadet Command, Chief of Staff of the United States Army Pacific Command, and the esteemed position of co-founder and first Provost of the Army University. His leadership garnered national acclaim during the invasion of Iraq in 2003 and he contributed to the establishment of major DoD organizations and served as an investigator on the USS Cole Commission in 2000. Hughes is a decorated veteran, with awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, and multiple awards of various other prestigious honors. He maintains active involvement in military organizations and is a revered figure, recognized for his contributions both within and beyond the armed forces.



Marc LiVecche (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is the McDonald Distinguished Scholar of Ethics, War, and Public Life at *Providence: A Journal of Christianity and American Foreign Policy* and non-resident research fellow at the US Naval War College. He is the author of *The Good Kill: Just War and Moral Injury* (OUP, 2021). His edited volumes include, most recently, *Military Necessity and Just War Statecraft*, co-edited with Eric Patterson and featuring chapters from several scholars at this conference. He is completing manuscripts of two books, *Just War 101: A Primer on Fighting Right Fights Rightly* and *Moral Horror: A Just War Defense of the Bombing of Hiroshima*. When not thinking about grim things, he enjoys good food, good whiskey, games, hiking, films, and his family.

Ethics Symposium Special Topics Panel

1500-1630, Marshall Auditorium, Lewis and Clark Center

During the symposium's second panel, members will address specific topics that pertain to this year's theme: *how the evolving challenges of the modern world and modern warfare are affecting the character of the modern warfighter*. Panel members will discuss these issues together, as well as answer questions from the audience.



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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.



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