

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy), Monash University, 2005  
Dissertation title: "Nothing Personal: The Moral Psychology of Military Torture"  
BA, Australian National University (ANU), 1998.

### EMPLOYMENT

Marquette University		
Department Chair and Professor		2020 – present
Professor of Philosophy		2018 – 2020
West Virginia University		
Associate Professor of Philosophy		2013 – 2018
Assistant Professor of Philosophy		2009 – 2013
Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy		
Stockdale Fellow		2014 – 2015
Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne		
Australian Research Council Postdoctoral Research Fellow		2007 – 2009
Research Fellow		2004 – 2007
Monash University		
Tutor and Lecturer		2000 – 2004

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Ethics, military ethics, moral psychology

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Feminist philosophy, bioethics, social and political philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame* (with Matthew Talbert), Oxford University Press, USA, 2019

*Torture and the Military Profession*, Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007

### As editor

*New Wars and New Soldiers: Military Ethics in the Contemporary World* (with Paolo Tripodi), Ashgate, 2011

*Fashion: Philosophy for Everyone* (with Jeanette Kennett), Wiley-Blackwell, 2011

### Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

"The Causes of War Crimes," *Journal of Military Ethics*, forthcoming.

"Toxic Warrior Identity, Accountability, and Moral Risk" (with Stoney Portis), *Journal of Military Ethics*, forthcoming.

"Prison as a Torturous Institution," *Res Philosophica* 97(2): 297-324, 2020.

"Moral Security," *Journal of Political Philosophy* 25(2): 238-255, 2017.

"Provocative Dress and Sexual Responsibility," *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law* 17(2): 599-624, 2016.

"The Myth of Torture Lite," *Ethics and International Affairs* 23(1): 47-61, 2009.

"Professional Integrity and Disobedience in the Military," *Journal of Military Ethics* 8(2): 127-140, 2009.

"Paternalism, Informed Consent, and the Use of Experimental Drugs in the Military," (co-authored with Steve Clarke), *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 33(4): 337-355, 2008.

"Performance-enhancing Technologies and Moral Responsibility in the Military," *American Journal of Bioethics* 8(2): 28-38, 2008.

"Terrorism, Security, and the Threat of Counterterrorism," *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 30: 75-92, 2007.

"Training Torturers: A Critique of the 'Ticking Bomb' Argument," *Social Theory and Practice* 32(2): 269-287, 2006.

\*Reprinted in *Morality and Moral Controversies: Readings in Moral, Social and Political Philosophy*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, eds John Arthur & Steven Scalet (Prentice Hall, 2009); and in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition (2012).

\*Reprinted in *Exploring Moral Problems: An Introductory Anthology*, eds Steven M. Cahn & Andrew T. Forcehimes (Oxford University Press, 2017).

"My Avatar, My Self: Virtual Harm and Attachment," *Ethics and Information Technology* 2(9): 111-119, 2006.

"Stoic Warriors & Stoic Torturers: The Moral Psychology of Military Torture," *South African Journal of Philosophy* 25(1): 62-77, 2006.

"The Hardened Heart: The Moral Dangers of Not Forgiving," *Journal of Social Philosophy* 36(3): 344-363, 2005.

### **Book chapters (peer-reviewed)**

- “Terrorism as Torture: Police Control Technology and Drone Warfare,” forthcoming in *Counter-Terrorism, Ethics, and Technology: Emerging Challenges At The Frontiers Of Counter-Terrorism*, edited by Adam Henschke, Scott Robbins, and Alastair Reed, Palgrave-Macmillan.
- “The Making of a Torturer,” in *The Routledge International Handbook of Perpetrator Studies*, eds. Suzanne C. Knittel & Zachary J. Goldberg (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2019), pp. 84-95.
- “Self-Control and Moral Security,” (with Jeanette Kennett), in *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, ed. David Shoemaker (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019), pp. 33-64.
- “Is Obedience a Virtue?” in *Military Virtues (Issues in Military Ethics series)*, eds Michael Skerker & David Whetham (Havant, UK: Howgate, 2019), pp. 62-69.
- “Is Terrorism a Serious Threat to International and National Security? NO: The Myth of Terrorism as an Existential Threat,” in *Contemporary Debates on Terrorism*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, eds Richard Jackson & Daniela Pisolou (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2018), pp. 80-87.
- “Defining War,” in *Soft War: The Ethics of Unarmed Conflict*, eds Michael Gross & Tami Meisels (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 16-33.
- “The Narrative of Terrorism as an Existential Threat,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Critical Terrorism Studies*, ed. Richard Jackson (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2016), pp. 114-124
- “War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame” (with Matthew Talbert), in *Character: New Directions from Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology*, ed. Christian Miller (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 671-692.
- “War Crimes and Military Culture,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Military Ethics*, ed. George R. Lucas, Jr. (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2015), pp. 82-96.
- “Psychologists, Torture, and SERE,” in *Military Medical Ethics*, eds Don Carrick & Michael L. Gross (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2013), pp. 173-189.
- “The Concept of Security in Political Violence,” in *Ashgate Research Companion to Political Violence*, ed. Marie Breen-Smyth (Abingdon UK: 2012), pp. 99-116.
- “‘New Wars,’ Terrorism, and Just War Theory,” in *New Wars and New Soldiers: Military Ethics in the Contemporary World*, eds Jessica Wolfendale & Paolo Tripodi (Aldershot, Hampshire, UK: Ashgate, 2011), pp. 13-30.
- “Preventing Torture in Counter-insurgency Operations,” in *Ethics Education for Irregular War*, eds Paul Robinson, Nigel de Lee, & Don Carrick (Ashgate, 2009), pp. 55-75.
- “What is the Point of Teaching Ethics in the Military?” in *Ethics Education in the Military*, eds Paul Robinson, Nigel de Lee, & Don Carrick (Aldershot, Hampshire, UK: Ashgate, 2008), pp. 161-174.
- “From Soldier to Torturer? Military Training & Moral Agency,” in *Violence*, ed. Tobe Levin (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2008), pp. 45-61.
- “The Military and the Community: Comparing National Military Forces and Private Military Companies,” in *Private Military and Security Companies: Ethics, Policies and Civil-Military Relations*, eds Andrew Alexandra, Deane-Peter Baker, & Marina Caparini (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2008), pp. 217-234.

“Military Obedience: Rhetoric and Reality,” in *Politics and Morality*, ed. Igor Primoratz (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007), pp. 228-246.

### **Book reviews and review essays**

“The Torture Debate and the Toleration of Torture: A Review Essay of *Confronting Torture: Essays on the Ethics, Legality, History, and Psychology of torture* (eds. Scott A. Anderson and Martha C. Nussbaum, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2018),” *Criminal Justice Ethics* 38(2): 138-152.

Claudia Card, *Confronting Evils: Torture, Terrorism, and Genocide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), *Social Theory and Practice* 39(3): 540-548, 2013

Michael Gross, *Moral Dilemmas of Modern War: Torture, Assassination, and Blackmail in an Age of Asymmetric Conflict* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010), *Theoria* 78(1): 75-79, 2012.

J. Jeremy Wisniewski & R. D. Emerick, *The Ethics of Torture* (New York: Continuum, 2009), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 9(1): 137-139, 2012.

Larry May, *War Crimes and Just War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007), *Journal of Military Ethics*, 7(4): 317-319, 2008.

James Sterba (ed.), *Terrorism and International Justice*, *Iyyun: The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly*, 55: 107-110, 2006.

### **Non-refereed publications**

“Introduction: Who Cares About Fashion?” (with Jeanette Kennett) in *Fashion: Philosophy for Everyone* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011), eds Jessica Wolfendale & Jeanette Kennett

“Introduction,” (with Paolo Tripodi) in *New Wars and New Soldiers: Military Ethics in the Contemporary World* (Ashgate, 2011), eds Jessica Wolfendale & Paolo Tripodi

“Response to Open Peer Commentary on ‘Performance-enhancing Technologies and Moral Responsibility in the Military’,” *American Journal of Bioethics* 28(2): W4, 2008

### **Public philosophy**

“Military Sexual Assault is a Moral Injury,” *War on the Rocks*, May 21, 2021, <https://warontherocks.com/2021/05/the-military-justice-improvement-act-and-the-moral-duty-owed-to-sexual-assault-victims/>

“Moral Reckoning after the Brereton Report,” *ABC Religion and Ethics*, December 8, 2020, <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/moral-reckoning-after-the-brereton-report/12961982>

“The Moral Questions in the Debate on What Constitutes Terrorism,” *The Conversation*, December 11, 2017, <https://theconversation.com/the-moral-questions-in-the-debate-on-what-constitutes-terrorism-86990>

“Dangerously Provocative,” invited post for the Dangerous Women Project website, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh, July 4, 2016, <http://dangerouswomenproject.org/2016/07/04/dangerously-provocative/>

“The Torture Fantasy,” *Torture: Asian and Global Perspectives* 3(4-5): 5-12, 2014.

“The Necessity Defense and the Myth of the Noble Torturer,” *Global Dialogue: Journal of the Centre for World Dialogue*, Cyprus, 2010.

"Virtual Harm and Attachment," *Aware: Newsletter of the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault* 21: 9-11, 2009.

"The Ticking Bomb Torturer," *Preventing Torture within the Fight Against Terrorism, Newsletter of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims* 1(3): 5-6, 2007.

"New Technologies and New Ethical Dilemmas," *Infonet: Journal of the Victorian Information Technology Teachers' Association* 16: 4-6, 2006.

### **Works in progress**

"White Supremacy as an Existential Threat: A Response to Rita Floyd's *The Morality of Security: A Theory of Just Securitization*," accepted pending revision at the *European Journal of International Security*.

"Moral Injury, Moral Health, and Moral Distress" (with Matthew Talbert), under review at the *Journal of Political Philosophy*.

### **CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Invited**

"Moral Injury," invited speaker, Conference on Morality and Law of War, University of Richmond, April 3, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID)

"New Definitions of National Security and the Future of Just War Theory," invited speaker, Ethics of War and Peace Conference, Villanova University, Philadelphia, March 29-30, 2019

"Understanding the Causes of War Crimes," invited speaker, McCain Conference, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, March 28-29, 2019

Workshop on *War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame*. University of Oslo Department of Philosophy, March 1-0, 2019.

"Oversight, Accountability, and Moral Risk" (with Stoney Portis), Individualization of War Engagement Workshop, United States Military Academy, West Point, February 13-14, 2019

"Defining War," invited speaker at the McCain Conference, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, April 19-20, 2017

"Defining War," invited panelist for panel discussion on *Soft War: The Ethics of Unarmed Conflict*, Colgate University, April 13, 2017

"Sexual Modesty," Faculty Seminar, Department of Philosophy and Gender Studies, University of Tasmania, July 1, 2016

"Complicity, Moral Responsibility, and Joint Criminal Enterprise," Faculty Workshop, Georgetown University Law School, October 6, 2015

"Rethinking Right Intention," McCain Conference, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, April 16-17, 2015

"Enhancement and Responsibility in the Military," Just War Theory 2.0: Ethics, Technology, and Armed Conflict in the 21st Century, Oxford University, November 8-9, 2014

“War Crimes, Character, and Responsibility,” Oxford University Changing Character of War Programme Lunchtime Seminar Series, May 21, 2013

“New wars and Just War Theory,” United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, September 17, 2010

Invited panelist at the Peace and War Summit, Inamori Center for Ethics and Excellence, Case Western Reserve University, October 26-30, 2010

Invited presenter at the Western Michigan University workshop on “Terrorism, Torture, and Ticking Bombs,” February 11-13, 2010

“The Myth of the Noble Torturer,” University of Haifa Political Science Department seminar series, Haifa, Israel, December 31, 2009

Keynote speaker, Public Committee Against Torture in Israel conference on “Torture and Impunity – Ten Years after the HCJ Torture Ruling,” Jerusalem, December 2009

“The Right not to be Tortured and the Right to be Treated as a Person,” University of Hong Kong, Department of Philosophy Seminar Series, November 13, 2008

“Torture Lite,” International Seminar on Torture, University of São Paulo, February 2008

“The Ethics of Performance-Enhancing Technologies in the Military,” 21<sup>st</sup> Century Advanced Research Seminars, Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford University, May 2006

### **Refereed**

“Prison as a Torturous Institution,” 14th annual philoSOPHIA conference, Nashville, May 14-17, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID)

“Plenary Panel: War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame,” International Society for Military Ethics Annual Conference, Case Western Reserve University, January 24-26, 2018

“The Superior Orders Defense and the Motive of Duty,” International Society for Military Ethics Annual Conference, Case Western Reserve University, January 24-26, 2018

“Shame and Sexual Modesty,” 2016 Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, July 7-10, 2016

“Moral Security, Racialized Violence, and Gendered Violence,” Political Violence Workshop, University of Connecticut, December 4-6, 2015

“War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame” (with Matthew Talbert), The Ethics of War in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference, Stockholm Center for the Ethics of War and Peace, Stockholm, May 24-25, 2014

“War Crimes, Character, and Responsibility,” Violence: Probing the Boundaries, 11<sup>th</sup> Global Conference, Prague, May 9-11, 2013

“War Crimes, Character, and Responsibility,” Capacity-Character Project Workshop, Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands, May 21-22, 2012

“Provocation, Sex, and Fashion,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Colloquium Presentation, Seattle WA, April 2012

“The Right Not To Be Tortured,” Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Manchester, UK, July 1-3, 2011

“Character Development Programs and the Challenge from Situationism,” International Symposium on Military Ethics, University of San Diego, January 29-30, 2009

- “Why Terrorists Have the Right to be Treated as Persons,” Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of New South Wales, July 4-9, 2007
- “Developing Moral Character in the Military,” International Symposium for Military Ethics, Springfield VA, January 24-25, 2007
- “Defining Torture,” International Intelligence Ethics Association Conference, Springfield VA, January 25-26, 2007
- “The Military and the Community: Comparing National Military Forces and Private Military Companies,” Private Military Companies and Global Civil Society: Ethics, Theory and Practice: An Interdisciplinary Conference, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, July 14-16, 2005

## **RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

- 2020** Institute of Women’s Leadership Summer Grant Program, Marquette University.  
Co-investigator: Desiree Valentine  
Funding: \$10,000
- 2019** Rynne Research Fellowship, Center for Peacemaking, Marquette University  
Funding: \$3,500 Summer research support
- 2013** WVU Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Researcher  
Award: Funding: \$1,000
- 2013** WVU Senate Grant for Research and Scholarship: Funding: \$8,000
- 2012** The Character Project: “New Frontiers in the Philosophy of Character” Funding Initiative, Wake Forest University  
Project title: “Failures of Characters: War Crimes, Obedience, and Responsibility”  
Funding: \$84,184.52  
Duration: June 2012 – June 2013  
Role: Principal Investigator. Co-investigator: Matthew Talbert, West Virginia University  
Project summary: Drawing on work from social psychology and philosophy, this project will analyze situationist and characterological explanations of war crimes and develop an account of moral responsibility that challenges long-standing assumptions about the relationship between situational forces, behavior, and moral responsibility.
- 2011** Eberly College Summer Mini-Grant: Funding: \$5,000
- 2010** Riggle Summer Fellowship in the Humanities: Funding: \$5,000
- 2007** Australian Research Council Discovery Project  
Project title: “A Study of Australia’s Ability to Train Soldiers to be Ethical and Effective”

Funding: \$440,000  
Duration: 2007 – 2009  
Role: Chief Investigator and Australian Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Project Summary: Can modern soldiers be ethical and effective? This project will answer this question through a substantive analysis of ethical soldiering considering, on the one hand, military training practices in Australian and overseas and, on the other hand, contemporary moral philosophy and just war theory. This combination of empirical research and philosophical analysis will fill a significant gap in the research in this area. Outcomes of this project include a critical assessment of traditional conceptions of the ethical soldier and positive suggestions for cultivating ethical soldiering considering the military's changing role.

**2006** Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia Workshop Grant  
Project title: "Issues in the Research and Application of Chemo-Prophylactic Drugs for the Treatment of Traumatic Stress"  
Funding: \$4,500  
Role: Workshop organizer, presenter

**2006** University of Melbourne Early Career Researcher Grant  
Project title: "The Ethics of Performance-Enhancing Technologies in the Military"  
Funding: \$14,750  
Role: Chief Investigator

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Professor, Marquette University**

Graduate Seminar on Moral Responsibility: Spring 2021  
Philosophy of War and Peace: Fall 2019  
Graduate Seminar on Punishment: Spring 2019  
Theory of Ethics: Fall 2018, Spring & Fall 2019, Spring & Fall 2020  
Feminist Philosophy: Fall 2018, Fall 2021

### **Assistant and Associate Professor, West Virginia University**

Current Moral Problems: Fall 2009, Fall & Spring 2010 –2017  
Social and Political Philosophy: Spring 2010, Spring & Fall 2016, Spring 2017  
Health Care Ethics: Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Spring 2012  
Ethical Theory: Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2017  
Philosophy of Sex and Gender: Spring 2016, Spring 2017  
Capstone Seminar on Evil: Spring 2014  
Torture, Terrorism, and the State: Fall 2010



**Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics,  
University of Melbourne**

Issues in Applied Ethics: Spring 2008  
Current Controversies in Applied Ethics: Spring 2007  
Foundations of Human Rights: Fall 2006  
Ethics Workshops for Australian Defense Force Military Chaplains: 2005

**SERVICE**

**Marquette University**

Philosophy Department Chair 2020 – present  
Chair, Hiring Committee 2019 – 2020  
Chair, By-Laws Committee 2019 – 2020  
Committee Member,  
College Area Promotion and Tenure Committee 2019 – 2020  
Committee Member, Undergraduate Committee 2018 – 2019

**West Virginia University**

Faculty Evaluation Committee 2009 – 2010, 2015 – 2016  
Faculty Advisor to 15 Philosophy majors 2010 – 2017  
Social Justice Liaison 2010 – 2014  
Hiring Committee 2011 – 2012  
Wellness Coordinator 2010 – 2012  
Chair of Curriculum Committee 2010 – 2011  
WVU Hospital Ethics Committee 2017  
Eberly College Promotion and Tenure Committee 2017  
Eberly College Outstanding Researcher Award Committee 2014  
Dean’s Advisory Committee, Eberly College of Arts and Science 2012-2013  
Eberly College Outstanding Public Service Award Committee 2011