

**CURRICULUM VITAE
JESSICA WOLFENDALE**

EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy), Monash University, 2005

Dissertation title: "Nothing Personal: The Moral Psychology of Military Torture"

BA, Australian National University (ANU), 1998.

EMPLOYMENT

Case Western Reserve University	2022 – present
Professor of Philosophy	
Professor of Law (secondary)	
Marquette University	
Department Chair and Professor	2020 – 2022
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 of political violence, military ethics, moral psychology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Feminist philosophy, bioethics, social and political philosophy, ethical theory

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Forthcoming. *American Torture and American Terrorism*. Oxford University Press. Expected publication 2026.
- Under contract: *The New Basics: State Violence*. Agenda Publishing. Expected submission: December 2026.
- 2018 *War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame* (with Matthew Talbert), Oxford University Press, USA.
- 2007 *Torture and the Military Profession*, Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave-Macmillan.

As editor

- 2011 *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.

Refereed journal articles

- 2022 "The Erasure of Torture in America," *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* 54 (1): 231–257.
- 2022 "White Supremacy as an Existential Threat: A Response to Rita Floyd's The Morality Of Security: A Theory of Just Securitization," *European Journal of International Security* 7 (2): 256–265.
- 2021 "Toxic Warrior Identity, Accountability, and Moral Risk" (with Stoney Portis), *Journal of Military Ethics* 20 (3-4): 163–179.
- 2020 "Prison as a Torturous Institution," *Res Philosophica* 97 (2): 297–324.
- 2017 "Moral Security," *Journal of Political Philosophy* 25 (2): 238–255.
- 2016 "Provocative Dress and Sexual Responsibility," *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law* 17 (2): 599–624.
- 2009 "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.
- 2008 "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.
- 2007 "Terrorism, Security, and the Threat of Counterterrorism," *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 30: 75–92.
- 2006 "Training Torturers: A Critique of the 'Ticking Bomb' Argument," *Social Theory and Practice* 32 (2): 269–287.
- *Reprinted in *Morality and Moral Controversies: Readings in Moral, Social and Political Philosophy*, 8th edition, eds John Arthur & Steven Scalet (Prentice Hall, 2009); and 9th edition (2012).
- *Reprinted in *Exploring Moral Problems: An Introductory Anthology*, eds Steven M. Cahn & Andrew T. Forcehimes (Oxford University Press, 2017).

- 2006 "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.
- 2005 "The Hardened Heart: The Moral Dangers of Not Forgiving," *Journal of Social Philosophy* 36 (3): 344–363.

Refereed book chapters

- 2024 "Charles W. Mills (1951–2021)," In *Just War Thinkers Revisited: Heretics, Humanists and Radicals*, edited by Daniel Brunstetter and Cian O'Driscoll. Routledge.
- 2023 "Drone Warfare, Civilian Deaths, and the Narrative of Honest Mistakes," (with Matthew Talbert). In *Honest Error? – Combat Decision Autonomy 75 Years after the Hostage Case*, edited by Carola Lingas and Habashi Nobuo. T.M.C. Asser Press / Springer.
- 2023 "Moral Injury, Moral Health, and Moral Distress" (with Matthew Talbert). In *Preventing and Treating the Invisible Wounds of War: Combat Trauma, Moral Injury, and Psychological Health*, edited by Justin McDaniel, Evan Seamone, and Stephen Xenakis. Oxford University Press.
- 2021 "Technology as Terrorism: Police Control Technology and Drone Warfare." In *Counter Terrorism, Ethics, and Technology: Emerging Challenges at the Frontiers of Counter-Terrorism*, edited by Adam Henschke, Scott Robbins, and Alastair Reed. Springer.
- 2019 "The Making of a Torturer." In *The Routledge International Handbook of Perpetrator Studies*, edited by Suzanne C. Knittel and Zachary J. Goldberg. Routledge.
- 2019 "Self-Control and Moral Security" (with Jeanette Kennett). In *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, edited by David Shoemaker. Oxford University Press.
- 2019 "Is Obedience a Virtue?" In *Military Virtues (Issues in Military Ethics series)*, edited by Michael Skerker and David Whetham. Howgate.
- 2018 "Is Terrorism a Serious Threat to International and National Security? NO: The Myth of Terrorism as an Existential Threat." In *Contemporary Debates on Terrorism*, 2nd Edition, edited by Richard Jackson and Daniela Pisolou. Routledge.
- 2017 "Defining War." In *Soft War: The Ethics of Unarmed Conflict*, edited by Michael Gross and Tami Meisels. Cambridge University Press.
- 2016 "The Narrative of Terrorism as an Existential Threat." In *The Routledge Handbook of Critical Terrorism Studies*, edited by Richard Jackson. Routledge.
- 2015 "War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame" (with Matthew Talbert). In *Character: New Directions from Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology*, edited by Christian Miller Oxford University Press.
- 2015 "War Crimes and Military Culture." In *The Routledge Handbook of Military Ethics*, edited by George R. Lucas, Jr. Routledge.
- 2013 "Psychologists, Torture, and SERE." In *Military Medical Ethics*, edited by Don Carrick and Michael L. Gross. Routledge.
- 2012 "The Concept of Security in Political Violence." In *Ashgate Research Companion to Political Violence*, edited by Marie Breen-Smyth. Ashgate.

- 2011 “‘New Wars,’ Terrorism, and Just War Theory.” In *New Wars and New Soldiers: Military Ethics in the Contemporary World*, edited by Jessica Wolfendale and Paolo Tripodi. Ashgate.
- 2009 “Preventing Torture in Counter-insurgency Operations.” In *Ethics Education for Irregular War*, edited by Paul Robinson, Nigel de Lee, & Don Carrick. Ashgate.
- 2008 “What is the Point of Teaching Ethics in the Military?” In *Ethics Education in the Military*, edited by Paul Robinson, Nigel de Lee, and Don Carrick. Ashgate.
- 2008 “From Soldier to Torturer? Military Training & Moral Agency.” In *Violence*, edited by Tobe Levin. Rodopi.
- 2008 “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*, edited by Andrew Alexandra, Deane-Peter Baker, and Marina Caparini. Routledge.
- 2007 “Military Obedience: Rhetoric and Reality.” In *Politics and Morality*, edited by Igor Primoratz. Palgrave-Macmillan.

Book reviews and review essays

- 2019 “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.
- 2013 Claudia Card, *Confronting Evils: Torture, Terrorism, and Genocide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), Social Theory and Practice 39 (3): 540–548.
- 2012 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 Wisnewski & R. D. Emerick, *The Ethics of Torture* (New York: Continuum, 2009), Journal of Moral Philosophy 9 (1): 137–139.
- 2008 Larry May, *War Crimes and Just War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007), Journal of Military Ethics 7 (4): 317–319.
- 2006 James Sterba (ed.), *Terrorism and International Justice*, Iyyun: The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly 55: 107–110.

Non-refereed publications

- 2014 “The Torture Fantasy,” *Torture: Asian and Global Perspectives* 3 (4-5): 5–12.
- 2011 “Introduction: Who Cares About Fashion?” (with Jeanette Kennett) in *Fashion: Philosophy for Everyone* (Wiley-Blackwell), eds Jessica Wolfendale & Jeanette Kennett.
- 2011 “Introduction,” (with Paolo Tripodi) in *New Wars and New Soldiers: Military Ethics in the Contemporary World* (Ashgate), eds Jessica Wolfendale & Paolo Tripodi.
- 2010 “The Necessity Defense and the Myth of the Noble Torturer,” *Global Dialogue: Journal of the Centre for World Dialogue*, Cyprus.
- 2009 “Virtual Harm and Attachment,” *Aware: Newsletter of the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault* 21: 9–11.

- 2008 "Response to Open Peer Commentary on 'Performance-enhancing Technologies and Moral Responsibility in the Military'," *American Journal of Bioethics* 28 (2): W4.
- 2007 "The Ticking Bomb Torturer," *Preventing Torture within the Fight Against Terrorism, Newsletter of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims* 1(3): 5–6.
- 2006 "New Technologies and New Ethical Dilemmas," *Infonet: Journal of the Victorian Information Technology Teachers' Association* 16: 4–6.

Public philosophy

- 2024 "Beyond Law: When States Use Ethics to Excuse War Crimes," *Just Security*, November 20, <https://www.justsecurity.org/104969/states-ethics-excuse-war-crimes/>
- 2024 "Are Trump voters morally responsible for the harms that will follow from his policies?" *ABC Religion & Ethics*, November 10, <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/jessica-wolfendale-moral-responsibility-trump-voters/104584970>
- 2024 "Going into year two of war, could international criticism — and accusations of war crimes — actually change Israel's tactics?" *The Forward*, October 2, <https://forward.com/opinion/660300/war-crimes-israel-gaza-war/>
- 2024 "Tragic but 'unintentional': The myth of honest mistakes and the value of civilian lives in Gaza," *ABC Religion & Ethics*, April 7, <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/jessica-wolfendale-wck-honest-mistakes-civilian-lives-gaza/103681794>
- 2024 "The Moral Significance of Naming Genocide in Gaza," *Inkstick*, January 29, <https://inkstickmedia.com/the-moral-significance-of-naming-genocide-in-gaza/>
- 2023 "Why All Civilian Lives Matter," *The Conversation*, December 1, <https://theconversation.com/why-all-civilian-lives-matter-equally-according-to-a-military-ethicist-218686>
- 2023 "The War from Within: Racial Injustice in the US Prison System," *Just Security*, April 24, <https://www.justsecurity.org/86024/the-war-from-within-racial-injustice-in-the-us-prison-system/>
- 2021 "When Drone Warfare is Terrorism: The Myth of 'Precision' Weapons and 'Precise' Strikes," *Inkstick*, November 17, <https://inkstickmedia.com/when-drone-warfare-is-terrorism/>
- 2021 "The legacy of 9/11 and the erasure of American torture," *ABC Religion and Ethics*, September 14, <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/911-erasure-of-american-torture-jessica-wolfendale/13541156>.
- 2021 "To "Serve Queen and Country": Duty and Moral Responsibility," *Public Ethics Blog*, July 7, <https://www.publicethics.org/post/to-serve-queen-and-country-duty-and-moral-responsibility>.
- 2021 "Collective honour and collective shame: Taking responsibility for war crimes after the Brereton Report," *ABC Religion and Ethics*, April 22, <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/anzac-taking-responsibility-for-war-crimes-after-brereton-report/13313712>.
- 2021 "Military Sexual Assault is a Moral Injury," *War on the Rocks*, May 21, <https://warontherocks.com/2021/05/the-military-justice-improvement-act-and-the-moral-duty-owed-to-sexual-assault-victims/>.

- 2020 “Moral Reckoning after the Brereton Report,” *ABC Religion and Ethics*, December 8, <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/moral-reckoning-after-the-brereton-report/12961982>
- 2017 “The Moral Questions in the Debate on What Constitutes Terrorism,” *The Conversation*, December 11, <https://theconversation.com/the-moral-questions-in-the-debate-on-what-constitutes-terrorism-86990>.
- 2016 “Dangerously Provocative,” invited post for the Dangerous Women Project website, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh, July 4, <http://dangerouswomenproject.org/2016/07/04/dangerously-provocative/>.

Works in progress

- “White Supremacist Domestic Extremism and Police Terrorism,” submitted chapter for *Domestic Violent Extremism and the Threat to U.S. National Security*, edited by Ilya Rudyak and Max Abrahms. Oxford University Press. Accepted.
- “Moral Responsibility for War Crimes,” (with Matthew Talbert), submitted chapter for the *Elgar Research Handbook on War Crimes*, edited by Paola Gaeta and Abhimanyu George Jain. Edward Elgar Publishing. Accepted.
- “Dirty Hands, Savage Enemies, and Bad Apples: A Taxonomy of War Crimes Apologia” (with Christopher Elliot and Neil Renic). Under review at *International Studies Quarterly*.

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS

Invited presentations and keynote addresses

- 2024 “Victims’ Perspectives, Moral Injury, and the Ethics of War,” invited presentation for the Ethics/Experience/War workshop, Department of International Relations, Australian National University, December 9.
- 2024 “Accountability and Moral Reckoning after the Brereton Report,” keynote speaker, Department of International Relations 75th Anniversary Public Lecture Series, Australian National University, May 23.
- 2021 Invited panelist, Inamori Ethics Prize Academic Symposium with Judge Silvia Fernández, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, September 24.
- 2021 “The Erasure of American Torture,” invited speaker, The Academy and International Law: A Catalyst for Change and Innovation, Case Western Reserve Law School, Cleveland, Ohio, September 25.
- 2019 “New Definitions of National Security and the Future of Just War Theory,” keynote speaker, Ethics of War and Peace Conference, Villanova University, Philadelphia, March 29–30.
- 2019 “Understanding the Causes of War Crimes,” keynote speaker, McCain Conference, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, March 28–29.
- 2017 “Defining War,” invited speaker at the McCain Conference, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, April 19–20.
- 2015 “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.
- 2014 “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.
- 2013 “War Crimes, Character, and Responsibility,” Oxford University Changing Character of War Programme Lunchtime Seminar Series, May 21.
- 2010 “New wars and Just War Theory,” United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, September 17.

Refereed

- 2024 “Sympathy for the Devil: Moral Injury Discourse and Perpetrators’ Perspectives,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 3–6.
- 2024 Panelist, “Author meets Critic: Cynthia Enloe’s Twelve Feminist Lessons of War,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York, January 15–18.
- 2023 “Drone Warfare, “Tragic Mistakes,” and Responsibility for Civilian Deaths,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, March 15–18.
- 2022 “Drones, Technology, and Terrorism,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Nashville, March 28–April 2.
- 2018 “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.
- 2016 “Shame and Sexual Modesty,” 2016 Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, July 7–10.
- 2015 “Moral Security, Racialized Violence, and Gendered Violence,” Political Violence Workshop, University of Connecticut, December 4–6.
- 2014 “War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame” (with Matthew Talbert), The Ethics of War in the 21st Century Conference, Stockholm Center for the Ethics of War and Peace, Stockholm, May 24–25.
- 2012 “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.
- 2011 “The Right Not to Be Tortured,” Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Manchester, UK, July 1–3.
- 2007 “Why Terrorists Have the Right to be Treated as Persons,” Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of New South Wales, July 4–6

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2024 Australian Research Council Discovery Project
 Project title: “Moral Injury and the Ethics of Military Conditioning,”
 Duration: June 2024–June 2027
 Role: Partner Investigator
 Funding: \$300,307

- Project summary: Military personnel undergo extensive conditioning in the name of combat effectiveness and resilience. The aim of this project is to determine whether any of the intended effects of this conditioning constitute "moral injuries", and to describe the ethical and policy implications if so. This will deepen our understanding of the ethics of military recruitment, training, and socialization. The expected outcomes include a statement of the obligations owed to professional soldiers on account of the potential for moral injury in preparing them for deployment. This will enhance Australia's reputation for being ethically proactive and for taking a holistic approach to the welfare of its military servicemen and women.
- 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, Case Western Reserve University

Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 2022, Fall 2023
 Philosophy of State Violence: Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025
 Philosophy of Evil: Fall 2023, Fall 2024
 Moral & Social Responsibility: Fall 2024
 Armed Conflict & Bioethics: Spring 2024, Spring 2025
 Political & Social Philosophy: Spring 2023

Professor, Marquette University

Graduate Seminar on Torture, Terrorism, and the State: Spring 2022
 Graduate Seminar on Moral Responsibility: Spring 2021
 Philosophy of War and Peace: Fall 2019
 Graduate Seminar: Punishment: Spring 2019
 Feminist Philosophy: Fall 2018
 Theory of Ethics: Fall 2018, Spring & Fall 2019 & 2020, Spring 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 2014

Capstone Seminar on Evil: Spring 2014
Torture, Terrorism, and the State: Fall 2010

SERVICE

Case Western Reserve University

Co-director, MA in Military Ethics: August 2022–present

Marquette University

Chair, Philosophy Department: 2020–August 2022
Chair, Department Hiring Committee: 2019–2020
Chair, Department By-Laws Committee: 2019–2020
Committee Member, Raynor Fellowship Committee: 2021 & 2022
Committee Member, College Area Promotion and Tenure Committee: 2019–2020
Member, Undergraduate Committee: 2018–2019

West Virginia University

Faculty Evaluation Committee: 2009–2010, 2015–2016
Faculty Advisor to 15 Philosophy majors: 2010–2018
Social Justice Liaison: 2011–2012
Hiring Committee: 2011–2012
Wellness Coordinator: 2010–2012
Chair of Curriculum Committee: 2010–2011
College Outstanding Public Service Award Committee: 2011
Dean’s Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Science: 2012–2013
College Outstanding Researcher Award Committee: 2014
WVU Hospital Ethics Committee: 2017
College Promotion and Tenure Committee: 2017