

## Dr. Pauline M. Shanks Kaurin

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**AOS:** Military Ethics, Ethics of War, Ethics of Political Violence, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, History of Philosophy (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century)

**AOC:** Business Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Race

### Education:

Temple University, Philadelphia PA: January 1997 Ph.D. Philosophy

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba: January 1993 M.A. Philosophy

Concordia College, Moorhead MN: May 1991 B.A. Philosophy, International Relations

### Teaching Experience:

July 2018 – present, US Naval War College, Stockdale Chair in Professional Military Ethics, Professor with tenure

September 2011 – May 2019, Pacific Lutheran University, Associate Professor

September 2007 – May 2011, Pacific Lutheran University, Assistant Professor

September 1997 – May 2007, Pacific Lutheran University, Visiting Assistant Professor

May - June 1997: Cabrini College, Adjunct Faculty

September 1996 - May 1997: Moravian College, Adjunct Faculty

September 1994 - May 1996: Temple University, Instructor

### Selected Publications:

"Who Do we Honor?" co-authored with Dr. James Joyner *War on the Rocks*, June 16, 2020

"AI and Moral Reasoning" (with Dr. Casey Hart) *Artificial Intelligence: Future Trends, Threats and Considerations*. Ed. Yvonne Masakowski Emerald Publishing, 2020

"What Were They Thinking: Professional Judgment in the Crozier/Modly Affair" *Grounded Curiosity*, April 2020

"Was the Secretary of the Navy Really Insubordinate?" *Proceedings of USNI* March 2020

Book: *On Obedience: Military, Citizens and Community* (contracted with US Naval Institute Press, publication 2020.)

"Disgraceful Pardons: Dishonoring the Honorable" co-authored with Dr. BJ Strawser, NPS, *War on the Rocks*, November 2019

Book Review: "Expanding Responsibility for Just War" *Hypatia* (invited)

"Courage" *Military Virtues*. Eds Michael Skerker, David Whetham and Don Carrick. Howgate Publishing, 2019 (invited)

"Questioning Military Professionalism" *Redfiniing the Modern Military: The Intersection of Profession and Ethics*. eds N.Finney and T. Mayfield USNI Press, 2018

Book Review: "War as Paradox" *The Strategy Bridge* April 2018 (invited) [War as Paradox](#)

["Healing the Wounds of War: Moral Luck, Moral Uncertainly and Moral Injury,"](#) *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), January 2018 \*(Invited)

Book Review: "[Soldiers and Civilization](#)" *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), November 27, 2017 \*(invited)

"[After Mattis' Remarks to US Troops....](#)" *Newsweek*, August 29, 2017

"[Just Another Mattis Pep Talk?...](#)" *Just Security*, August 29, 2017\*

'Comment on Stephen Kershner's *Gratitude Towards Veterans* in [Reason Papers: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Normative Studies](#) No 39. Vol 1 Summer 2017 \*

"[Obedience and Loyalty](#)" *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), July 2017 \*

"[Professional Military Education: What Is It Good For?](#)" *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), June 2017 \*

"6 Questions on Ethics and #Leadership" *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), May 2017 \*

"Beyond the Ticking Time Bomb: The Case for NCO Ethical Education" *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), April 2017 \*

"Beyond the Band of Brothers: Henry V, Moral Agency and Obedience" *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), March 1, 2017 \*

Book Review: [What Have We Done. Army](#) \*

"Thucydides Roundtable" multiple posts beginning October 2016 at <http://zenpundit.com/?p=52965> \*

Book Review: James Dubrik "Just War Reconsidered: Strategy, Ethics and Theory." *The Strategy Bridge* (Featured Contributor), December 2016 \*

"Strategy and Ethics: Why Strategists Need Philosophers" *The Strategy Bridge* October 17, 2016 \*

Book Review of John Lango, [The Ethics of Armed Conflict.](#) *Parameters* 46 (2) Summer 2016 \*

Book Review [Incoming: Veteran Writers on Returning Home.](#) Eds. Justin Hudnall et al *The Strategy Bridge* August 24, 2016 \*

"Thinking About Messy War" *PRISM* (Division of Humanities, PLU) Spring 2016 \*

"Monday Musings" *The Strategy Bridge* February 1, 2016 \*

"And Next Please: The Future of the Non-Lethal Weapons Debate" *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* \*

"Non Lethal Weapons and the Rules of Engagement" *Handbook of Military Ethics* ed. George Lucas, Jr. (Routledge, 2015) \*

"Myth of the Warrior: Rhetorics of Masculinity and Don't Ask Don't Tell" with PLU Associate Professor Amy Young in *A Communicative Perspective on the Military: Messages, Strategies and Meanings* (Peter Lang, 2015)

Multiple posts [queenair.wordpress.com](http://queenair.wordpress.com) Personal/Professional Blog

"Perfection, Moral Clarity and Impossible Expectations: A Civilian Reflection on Operation Desert Storm," *Strategy Bridge* blog, posted August 3, 2015.

"Questioning Military Professionalism" *The Strategy Bridge*, January 22, 2015 (invited)

[The Warrior, Military Ethics and Contemporary Warfare: Achilles Goes Asymmetrical.](#) (Ashgate Press, 2014)

"The Tea Party and the Nature of American" invited guest blog for *Daily World Watch*, posted March 8, 2013 \*

"Kill v. Capture – With a Twist" *Combatting Terrorism Exchange* (invited - November 2013) \*

Book Review: *US War Culture, Sacrifice and Salvation*, Kelly Denton-Boraug *Lutheran Quarterly* (Autumn 2012)

"Provocateur for the Common Good: Reflections on the Vocation of an Academic Philosopher" in *When Reason is a Whore: The Quandary of a Lutheran Philosophy* (Fortress Press, 2011)

"Enemy Combatant" entry for *Encyclopedia of Global Justice* (Springer, 2011)

"With Fear and Trembling: An Ethical Framework for Non-Lethal Weapons" in *Journal of Military Ethics* (January 2010)

"To Debate or Not to Debate: Philosophy and Torture After 9/11" in *The Day That Changed Everything? Volume 6: Religion and Philosophy* (An Interdisciplinary Series of Edited Volumes on the Impact of 9/11) (Palgrave MacMillan, 2010)

"Promises" in *Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society* ed. Robert Kolb (Sage Publishing, 2007), to be reprinted in 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (forthcoming 2016)

"When Less is Not More: Expanding the Combatant/Non-Combatant Distinction" in *Rethinking the Just War Tradition*, eds. John Lango, Harry Vander Linden, Michael Brough (SUNY Press, 2007)

"Nothing New in Guantanamo Bay: Precedent and Prisoners Of War" in *Philosophy 9/11: Philosophy and Terrorism*, ed. Timothy Shanahan (Open Court Press, 2005)

"Scene Forum: Professors Discuss Terrorism" PLU Scene, Spring 2005

Book Review: "William Ian Miller's *The Mystery of Courage*" BRIDGES Spring/Summer 2001

"On the Virtue of Charity: Revisioning Religious Toleration in America" BRIDGES Fall/Winter 2000

"Summer Lessons from Nietzsche" Prism, Spring 1999

"Agency and Character: A View of Action and Agency" (Dissertation) Director: Dr. Joseph Margolis, May 1996.

### **Selected Presentations: (Peer Reviewed)**

Title on Moral Exemplars ISME, June 2019

"Management on War and Moral Obligation" Panel Discussion with Dr. Charles Allen (US Army War College) Lt. GEN (Ret.) James Dubik (Georgetown University) ISME January 26, 2018

"Obedience as a Military Virtue: A Reconsideration" ISME January 24, 2017

"Lying to Ourselves or Exercising Professional Judgement: A Reflection on Lying and Candor in the Military," co-authored Col. David Barnes, USMA, ISME January 30, 2016

"Unnecessary Suffering: Moral Injury and *Jus in Bello* Considerations in Asymmetric War" Future of Just War Conference, October 9, 2015

"Guilty in a Way: Collective Liability and Non-Combatant Immunity" ISME October 14, 2014 (part of Kelmer Roe project with philosophy major, Peter Joyce)

"Mission Accomplished: Military/Civil Relations after 9/11 with caveats and prescriptions" ISME January 25, 2012

"Politics of Courage and Asymmetrical Warfare" ISME January 27, 2010

"The War over Contingent Faculty" (co-authored with Dr. Brenda Ihssen) AAUP National Conference, June 12, 2009

"How's that Working for You?: Character Development and Assessment in Military Education" ISME, January 29, 2009

"With Fear and Trembling: A Qualified Defense of Non-Lethal Weapons" ISME, January 24, 2008

"War Stories: Narrative, Identity and (Recasting) Military Ethics Pedagogy" ISME January 25, 2007

"Identity, Loyalty and Combat Effectiveness: A Cautionary Tale" ISME (International Society for Military Ethics formerly JSCOPE), January 27, 2006

"Warriors and CEO's: Nietzsche, Identity and Professional Ethics" Society for Business Ethics, August 7, 2005

"Traveling in No Man's Land: The Warrior Archetype and Contemporary American War Film" (co-written with Samuel T. Shanks, CUNY) Far West Association of Popular Culture, February 7, 2004

"Five Steps to Non-Combatant Protection" JSCOPE XXV (Joint Services Conference on Professional Ethics), January 29, 2004

"Nothing New in Guantanamo Bay: Precedent and POW's" Philosophical Issues in Terrorism Conference, September 12, 2003

"Innocence Lost: The Future of the Combatant/Non-Combatant Distinction" JSCOPE XXIII, January 25, 2002

"After Nietzsche: Possibilities for Moral Reconstruction", NW Philosophy Conference October 13, 2001, Washington State University

2001, "The Siege: Facing the Military-Civilian Culture Chasm" JSCOPE XXII January 26,  
2000 "The Moral Drill Sergeant: Ethical Education for the Enlisted" JSCOPE XXI, January 27,

"Loyalty: Two Rival Versions of Moral Education in the Military" JSCOPE XX, January 28, 1999

### **Selected Presentations: (Invited)**

Military Writers Guild series, "On Writing" interview, June 13, 2020

TYFYS Podcast, "On Obedience" June 2020

War College Podcast, "On Obedience" June 9, 2020

Midrats podcast, "On Obedience" March 2020

New Books in Military History podcast, "On Obedience" March 2020

"Leadership, Obedience and the Conduct of War" *Proceedings* Podcast, March 2020

"Ethics of Care" [Ethics of Care](#) with Dr. Francis Annais

"Military Ethics and the Profession" *Midrats* [Military Ethics and Profession](#)

"This is Sparta (Not!)" *War College Podcast* [Sparta](#)

"On the Military as a Profession" *Dead Prussian Podcast* [Military Profession](#)

Invited Speaker "Leadership and Ethics Symposium" College of Leadership and Ethics, US Naval War College, August 2018 [Ethics Symposium](#)

Invited Panelist "Military Professional Ethos in 2030" SSI/USAWC 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Strategic Leadership Conference April 24, 2018.

Podcast, "[Nothing New Under the Sun: Ethics and Government Service in the Age of Trump](#)" *War on the Rocks* October 2017

Podcast, "[On Experiencing Thucydides](#)" *Dead Prussian Podcast* October 2017

Interview for KPBS story "[Navy Grappling with Ethical Issues Raised by Fat Leonard Case](#)" Steve Walsh July 26, 2017

Podcast "[Ethics on the Battlefield](#)" *Reuters War College/War is Boring* March 1, 2017

Interview for *Task and Purpose* article "[The Navy is in Trouble...](#)" Matthew Gault February 6, 2017

Podcast, "[Ethics and Strategy](#)" *Dead Prussian Podcast*, October 17, 2016

Podcast, On [The Valley](#) *Military Writers Guild Book Club*, July 15, 2016

Podcast, "Open to Interpretation: On Violence" PLU, September 30, 2016

Panelist for Author Meets Critics on John Lango's *The Ethics of Armed Conflict* ISME (October 15, 2014)

"Non-Lethal Weapons" Presenter for CENTMONS conference on Emerging Technologies, Case Western Reserve University, School of Law (September 2014)

Panelist/Debater for Public Debate on US Drone Policy, PLU Forensics Department of Communication (December 4, 2013)

"War for the Risk Averse: Drones, Protection and Sacrifice" Break out session speaker, Nobel Peace Prize Forum, Augsburg College (March 10, 2013)

"Killer Drones: The Good, Bad and the Ugly" response to PLU Philosophy Department Lecture by Dr. Bradley J. Strawser (November 8, 2012)

"Achilles Goes Asymmetrical" PLU University House Lunch Talk (October 2, 2012)

"Drum Taps: Nine Poems on Themes of War" PLU Panelist (May 15, 2012)

Torture Event, Panelist, St Mark's Lutheran Church sponsored by Associated Ministries (November 1, 2008)

"Torture" Faculty House Luncheon Speaker (September 17, 2008)

"Soft Torture: Ethical Guidelines for Potential Torturers" for "To Torture or Not to Torture" Event at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma WA (September 15, 2008)

"Is War Anti-Christian?" PLU Theological Society (November 15, 2007)

"The Corrosive Power of War" with Prof. Mark Jensen, Philosophy Club (March 7, 2006)

"Warriors and CEO's : Nietzsche, Identity and Professional Ethics" PLU Philosophy Department, (February 11, 2005)

"Just War Theory" (Sample class) PLU Family Weekend (October 30, 2004)

"Fahrenheit 9/11" ASPLU Forum (Discussion Facilitator), October 27, 2004

"Militarism and Patriotism: Can we support the military without supporting war?" ASPLU/Foss Hall Forum (Co-Facilitator with Professor Peter Grosvenor, Political Science), October 12, 2003

"The War in Iraq: A Teach-In" PLU Wang Center for International Peace, PLU (Panel Member), April 7, 2003

"Is the War in Iraq Just?" PLU Debate Team (Faculty Respondent), March 20, 2003

"Civil Liberties in time of War" (Panel member) February 28, 2002, PLU

"The American Warrior: In Need of a Make-over?" PLU Faculty House Lunch Series, November 14, 2001

**Other Selected Conference Activity:**

Future of Just War Conference, Session Chair, October 8, 2015  
ISME Session Chair (multiple sessions) October 14, 2014  
ISME, Session Chair (multiple sessions) January 26, 2012  
"Emerging Technologies and Treaties" Session Chair, ISME, January 26, 2011  
Race and Pedagogy Conference, Attendee University of Puget Sound, October 29-30, 2010  
"To Torture or Not to Torture" (Event Organizer) September 15, 2008, PLU Department of Philosophy  
"The Changing Face of War; Ethics and the Military in a New Age" (Symposium Coordinator/Organizer) April 24, 1999, PLU  
3rd Annual Undergraduate/Graduate Symposium, (Session Co-Chair/Organizer) April 21, 1995 Temple University  
"Agency and Alienation" 'Works In Progress' series, September 30, 1994, Temple University

**Forthcoming/In Progress:**

"Lying to Ourselves or Exercising Professional Judgement: A Reflection on Lying and Candor in the Military," co-authored Col. David Barnes, USMA, Revise and Resubmit *Journal of Military Ethics*

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**Pedagogy and Continuing Education:**

PLUTO Institute (Online Education), July 2017  
Wild Hope Faculty Seminar on Vocation and the Disciplines (September 2014-May 2015)  
US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Faculty Seminar "Holocaust and the Soviet Union" (invited/application process June 2014)  
NEH Summer Institute, "War and Morality: Rethinking the Just War Tradition" U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD June 1-25, 2004  
"Movies and War" (Presenter) September 3, 2002 workshop  
"Teaching as Faithful Profession" Lilly Foundation Summer Institute: June 11-21 1996

**Professional Organizations:**

JSCOPE (Joint Services Conference on Professional Ethics)/ISME (International Society for Military Ethics)  
SOPHIA (Society for Public Philosophy in America)  
Military Writers Guild, member and Board of Directors

**Selected Peer Review:**

Article Reviewer - *US Naval War College Review* (2019-present)  
Article Reviewer - *Chaplain Journal* (2019-present)  
Article Reviewer - *Parameters* (2017)

Review of Bradley Strawser "A Short Treatise on the Morally Permissible Killing of Osama Bin Laden: Revenge, Assassination and Justified Defense" Palgrave Pivot  
Review of paper for Just War Theory blog (2/year in 2013)  
Reviewer for *Journal of Military Ethics* special volume on Cyber Warfare (2013)  
"The Intolerable Order" Article Reviewer – *Naval War College Review* (2007)  
"Why Treat the Wounded? Warrior Care, Military Salvage and National Health" –  
Article Reviewer – *American Journal of BioEthics* (2007)  
Textbook Reviewer – Broadview Press (2003), Longman Publishers (2003)

#### **Awards:**

Mellon Grant to develop "Ethics and Violence" course for January 2018  
Kelmer Roe Research Fellowship (with Peter Joyce) 2013-14  
Regency Advancement Award, 2010-11  
Kelmer Roe Research Fellowship (with Calvin Moore) 2007-8  
PLU Women's History Month Committee, "Inspirational Woman" Award, March 2007 PLU  
Center for Teaching and Learning, Faculty Teaching Award, May 2004

#### **Selected Administration and Service:**

Holocaust and Genocide Studies Committee (September 2016-May 2017)  
Governance Committee (September 2012-May 2015), Secretary (September 2012-13) Chair  
(September 2014-May 2015)  
Philosophy Department Chair (September 2012-present)  
IHON Steering Committee (September 2012 – May 2015)  
Contingent Faculty Working Group member, Division of Humanities (2012-2013)  
"The Future of the Liberal Arts: Education for a Lifetime of Flexibility and Change"  
position paper for University Conference discussion, panelist (August 29, 2012)  
PLU 2020 Summer Writing Group, facilitator for University Conference presentation  
(June -September 2010)  
PLU 2020 White Paper on "Mission and Identity" (January 2011)  
PLU 2020 Steering Committee, advisory member (2010-11)  
Board of Directors member and Treasurer, ISME (January 2010 – present)  
Program Advisory Board, (elected), ISME (January 2009 – present)  
First Year Experience Program Committee (September 2008 – May 2010)  
University Long Range Planning Committee (September 2008 – May 2011)  
Faculty Ad-Hoc Committee on MA in Peace building (August 2008)  
Dorm (Ordal Hall) Event and Discussion: "Saw IV and Torture" (November 1, 2007)  
Peace Studies Curriculum Subgroup, PLU (2003)  
Peace Studies Working Group, PLU (2002)  
6th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Faculty Co-Coordinator (Spring  
2000)

**Community Service and Teaching:**

Adult Education Working Group Member, Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn, WA  
1999-2012

Adult Education Leader, Messiah Lutheran Church, April 1999 - 2013

Vacation Bible School, Messiah Lutheran Church, Youth Teaching Mentor, July 21-25,  
2003

DCE Search Committee Member, Messiah Lutheran Church May - December 2001

Adult Education Leader, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown PA, 1993 - 1997

Small Group Leader for the ELCA Fellowship of Lutheran Youth Gathering (1993 - 1996)

**References:**

- 1) Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Dean, USMC War College, [rebecca.johnson@usmcu.edu](mailto:rebecca.johnson@usmcu.edu)  
[703/867-5046](tel:7038675046)
  - 2) Lt. Col. David Barnes, Deputy Head, Department of English and Philosophy,  
USMA, West Point [david.barnes@usma.edu](mailto:david.barnes@usma.edu) 845/938-2058
  - 3) Dr. Erin McKenna, Professor of Philosophy, Pacific Lutheran University/University  
of Oregon [mckenne@plu.edu](mailto:mckenne@plu.edu) 618/201-6915
  - 4) Major Nathan Finney, US Army, Strategist, Combined Armed Center/Founder and  
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