

Title: Strategy and Ethics in Conversation

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Synopsis

What ethical capacities are needed for strategic thought? What is the role of values (moral and non-moral) in strategy? Dr. Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Stockdale Chair in Professional Military Ethics, College of Leadership and Ethics) and Dr. Tim Schultz (Associate Dean of Academics) will bring the discourses of Strategy and Ethics into conversation with one another to clarify central concepts, explore tensions and commonalities, and examine current events and questions of interest related to Strategy and Ethics. We will explore the nature of strategy, the nature of ethics, and how they intersect. This will inform the NWC's effort to inculcate ethics principles into the education of members of the profession of arms. Please join us in person for some engaging conversation!

Bio

Pauline Shanks Kaurin is professor and Admiral James B. Stockdale Chair in Professional Military Ethics. She holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Temple University and specializes in military ethics, "just war theory" and philosophy of law and applied ethics. She is author of "On Obedience: Contrasting Philosophies for Military, Community and Citizenry" and "Achilles Goes Asymmetrical: The Warrior, Military Ethics and Contemporary Warfare." She served as a contributor for The Strategy Bridge and has published in War on the Rocks, Clear Defense, The Wavell Room, Grounded Curiosity, Newsweek and Just Security. She is a member and serves on the board of directors for the Military Writers Guild.

Tim Schultz joined the NWC faculty in 2012 as an Air Force colonel and became the associate dean of academics in 2014. He previously served as the dean of the U.S. Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. Tim's research interests include the transformative role of automation in warfare and the impact of technological change on institutions, society and military strategy. He authored "The Problem with Pilots: How Physicians, Engineers, and Airpower Enthusiasts Redefined Flight" (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018) and co-edited

"Air Power in the Age of Primacy: Air Warfare since the Cold War" (Cambridge University Press, 2021). He spent his aviation career as a U-2 pilot.