



TAKING STOCK

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OUR MISSION

The Stockdale Center's mission is to empower leaders to make courageous ethical decisions. The Center's priority audience is at the Naval Academy, yet the Center has a broader vision to be a "beacon to the nation," exporting lessons from the Academy to influential leaders.



STOCKDALE NEWS

The **Ethics Debate Team** placed 4th out of 32 teams at the Annual Stetson University, Templeton School of Business, Business Ethics Case Competition

Stockdale Fellow, **Dr. Isabel Canfield** recently hired as new Assistant Philosophy Professor in the University of Virginia Philosophy Department, to begin fall 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

USNA Coaching Cohort Program

0830-1615, 2 & 9 June

Join a small, interactive cohort to build coach-like leadership skills through hands-on practice.

Please apply by 10 April.

Critical Thinking and Decision Making Workshop

1200-1300, Fri 10 Apr

Explore reasoning, argument deconstruction, logical fallacies, and cognitive biases.

Your RSVP is appreciated

25th Annual McCain Conference

"The Military Profession in an Era of Great Power Conflict"

16-17 April

Jack C. Taylor Conference Center

Annual USNA Military Ethics Case Competition

0930-1500, Sat 25 Apr

Luce Hall, 1st Floor

STOCKDALE NEWS CONTINUED

Dr. Amanda Click was recently appointed as the new Stockdale Center Director of Influencer Development. Dr. Click is responsible for designing an ethical leadership development program for those who influence the personal and professional development of the Brigade of Midshipmen, specifically the Academy's staff, faculty and coaches.

Fair winds and following seas to **CAPT Tasya Lacy** (right), former Stockdale Center Senior Associate Director (USNA Class of 1997) who retired in February after 20 years of honorable and distinguished service. We sincerely thank CAPT Lacy for her exemplary commitment and service to the Stockdale Center, the Fleet, and the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Dr. Edward Barrett recently gave a talk, "Military AI and Its Ethical Discontents," to the Catholic University of America Department of Philosophy as part of their Spring Lecture Series.

In February, the **Stockdale Associate Fellows** climbed Mount Washington in New Hampshire. The experiential learning expedition was led by skilled guides from Cairn Leadership. Participants engaged with leadership skills and concepts, including communication, core values, decision making, trust and emotional intelligence. One participant noted: "Overall this was a really impactful and memorable experience that I am truly glad I went on. I think I'll be digesting it for a long while."



NEW STOCKDALE CONTENT

Stockdale Blog article: "[Embracing the Future: Overcoming Path Dependence and Risk Aversion in AI Adoption](#)" by Dr. Joe Thomas

NEW Future of Warfighting Video Series:
Episode 1: [Dr. Bob Fishman, Energy Security](#)

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MEET THE TEAM

Elisabeth Parish, PhD

Dr. Elisabeth Parish graduated from The Catholic University of America in May 2025 with a Ph.D. in Philosophy. Her dissertation focused on the metaphysics of living things in Aristotelian and Neo-Aristotelian philosophy. She has published papers in bioethics, challenging the metaphysical basis for thinking about bioethical problems.

She earned her M.A. in Philosophy from Catholic University in 2018, and a Master of Arts in Liberal Arts from St. John's College, Annapolis in 2010. Her undergraduate degree is in Applied Linguistics. Dr. Parish taught middle school in Anne Arundel County for ten years, where she taught multiple subjects and worked in curriculum development before pursuing an academic career. She is enthusiastic about teaching and finding effective pedagogical methods for developing a student's ability to think through problems clearly and write effectively.

Dr. Parish has traveled extensively and has lived in Egypt, South Korea, and the UK. Her overseas experiences have given her a unique perspective on diverse cultures and geopolitical concerns, which informs her approach to teaching and research. She enjoys spending time with her family and in the outdoors.

