

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Michelle Kelley, PhD

For her three decades of exceptional service as a leader, advocate, researcher, and mentor in military psychology.

Dr. Kelley has been a member of APA since 1988 and Division 19 since 1990. In Division 19, she has served on the Membership Committee for four years, Membership Chair for two years, and champion of the strategic objective to increase membership and promote diversity. In this role, Dr. Kelley organized the Society's first membership drive, and her efforts have resulted in an increase to 1320 members. She has also supported students in the Student Leadership Program by assisting them with survey creation and distribution. She has served the EXCOM well by providing timely member updates, responses to specific cues, and data analysis to identify membership trends. Dr. Kelley has also served on two task forces for APA and as an APA expert consultant on families and deployment. Dr. Kelley has authored over 160 peer-reviewed publications, most of which are in high-impact, often APA, journals. She is primarily known for her work with military members and their families, including military family mental health, substance use, and moral injury. Not only is Dr. Kelley stunningly prolific, but nearly all of her articles include student authors and/or military experts. Further, given that her entire career has been at Old Dominion University, and now as the Department Chair, many of her students have been veterans, active duty service members, and dependents, many of whom are now academics, clinicians, or researchers.

Dr. Kelley tackles long-standing and difficult questions through her work, including combat's unique effects on women, deployments' effects on military children, and high OPTEMPO's effects on depression. She currently serves as Division 19's moral injury think tank chair. Her focus on moral injury has been examined in 19 articles in this area to date. Perhaps most remarkable is that Dr. Kelley has a separate line of research on parental substance abuse's effects on children, wherein she is even more published than her military and veteran studies. Though not one to seek the spotlight, Dr. Kelley has served as PI on major NIH, DoD, VA, Navy Family Advocacy, and APA grants totaling over \$2 million. She has been interviewed by numerous international outlets including the Chicago Tribune and MSNBC.com. Since 2007, she has won 12 ODU awards including (1) the College of Sciences Best Undergraduate Research Mentor, (2) Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Award, (3) the College of Sciences Doctoral Mentoring Award, and (4) the Gene W. Hirschfeld Faculty Excellence Award.

For her remarkable leadership and commitment to the Society and the field of military psychology through advocacy work, research, and mentorship, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Michelle Kelley.

Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, ABPP
President, Society for Military Psychology

