

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Katherine Rahill, PhD

For her visionary leadership in lunar psychophysics and as student chapter leader, and for her role as ambassador to promote the mission of the Division.

As a student, Dr. Rahill established a chapter of the Society for Military Psychology at The Catholic University of America, whereupon she organized student trips to the Pentagon and hosted venerable military leaders at speaker panels on campus. It is because of Dr. Rahill that students of The Catholic University of America are exposed to military psychology as a field. She has inspired so many to devote themselves to this discipline of study. She is an inspirational individual who is fearless in initiating new processes for the benefit of others.

Dr. Rahill's innovation and ingenuity are exemplified by her founding of the Lunar Psychophysics Research Team at The Catholic University of America, and most impressively, the founding of lunar psychophysics as a novel field in psychology. She continues this important work in Laboratory for Autonomy-Brain Exchange (LabX) at the University of Central Florida as a Post-Doctoral Associate.

Between 2013 and 2018, Dr. Rahill was a Doctoral Research Fellow in the Consortium Research Fellows Program within the U.S. Army Research Institute for Behavioral and Social Sciences. There, she was selected by the 2014 U.S. Army Chief of Staff's Strategic Studies Group to participate in the review of Sikorsky's manufacturing contract for the U.S. Military and Presidential aircrafts. Her contributions to the U.S. Army have been long-lasting, as she developed the Army Specific Items Module as an addendum to the existing DEOCS that is currently used by all military services. She also has collaborated with NASA's team effectiveness and performance research programs for long-duration space missions. Furthermore, Dr. Rahill has dedicated her skills and perseverance to the U.S. Air Force on the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, where she was a member of the Air Force Research Laboratory between 2012 and 2013. There, she supervised the completion of five research studies in the Multi-Modal Communications Research Laboratory in the War-Fighter Interface Division.

For her leadership, dedication, and innovation within the field of military psychology, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting this Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Katherine Rahill.

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

