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Message from the Editors

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Dear IJEL Readers,

The Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence at Case Western Reserve University awards an annual prize for the best thesis in military ethics to promote active involvement in the study and application of military ethics. For those not familiar with military ethics, it is an interdisciplinary field focused on a wide range of issues including Just War Theory (JWT; also referred to as the Just War Tradition), the conduct of war (*jus in bello*), the pursuit of a just peace (*jus ad pacem*), the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC); International Humanitarian Law (IHL), and other related topics such as the development of new military technologies (example: autonomous weapons systems), what societies owe to those who serve in their militaries, moral injury and dehumanization, and human rights in the context of armed conflict.

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Sincerely,

Shannon and Beth