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I am the author or editor of some eighteen books on intelligence and security topics as well as numerous academic articles and book chapters. Recent books include Principled Spying: The Ethics of Secret Intelligence co-authored with Sir David Omand (Oxford University Press/Georgetown University Press 2018) a 3rd edition of Intelligence in an Insecure World co-authored with Peter Gill (Polity Press 2018) and The Iraq War and Democratic Governance: Britain & Australia Go to War coauthored with Judith Betts (Palgrave Macmillan 2020) which was included in a 2020 listing of the '100 Best Australian History and Politics Books'. I am co-editor of the journal Intelligence and National Security and one of the editors of the Georgetown Studies in the History of Intelligence book series. In 2012 I was elected a Fellow of the UK Academy of Social Sciences in recognition of my work in developing social science approaches to the study of intelligence. In 2020 I received the ISA Intelligence Studies Section Distinguished Scholar Award becoming only the 10th recipient of the award since it was first made in 2000.

Publications

'The Iraq War and Democratic Governance: Britain and Australia Go to War', with J. Betts, Palgrave Macmillan, 2020

'Ideologies of American Foreign Policy', with J. Callaghan & B. O'Connor, Routledge, 2019

'Developing Intelligence Theory: New Challenges and Competing Perspectives', edited with P. Gill & S. Marrin, Routledge, 2019

'Intelligence in an Insecure World', 3rd ed. with P. Gill, Polity Press, 2018 'Principled Spying: The Ethics of Secret Intelligence', with David Omand, Oxford University Press/Georgetown University Press, 2018

'Understanding the Intelligence Cycle', editor, Routledge, 2013

'Commissions of Inquiry and National Security: Comparative Approaches', edited with S. Farson, Praeger Security International, 2011

'Intelligence Theory: Key Questions and Debates', edited with P. Gill & S. Marrin, Routledge, 2008

'The Labour Party, War and International Relations 1945-2006', London, Routledge, 2007

'The Politics of British Arms Sales Since 1964', Manchester, Manchester University Press, 2000

Teaching

I currently teach the following modules: Postgraduate: PL7542 Intelligence Failure PL7543 Intelligence Ethics Undergraduate: PL3119 The Politics of Intelligence **Current Editorial Positions**: Co-editor Intelligence and National Security 2015 -Book series co-editor: Georgetown Studies in the History of Intelligence 2019 -Editorial Committee International Journal of Intelligence Security and Public Affairs 2016 - Senior Editor Romanian Intelligence Studies Review 2016 - Editorial Board Journal of Intelligence History 2015 - Associate Editor Crime Law and Social Change 1997

Awards

International Studies Association Intelligence Studies Section Distinguished Scholar Award 2020. Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS) since 2012 The book 'Principled Spying: The Ethics of Secret Intelligence' was selected as a finalist for the Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO) 2018 ""Best Intelligence History of 2018"" book award.

Conferences

Keynote: 'Framing the Challenges and Opportunities of Intelligence Studies Research' University of Texas El Paso (UTEP) Mar. 2017 Keynote: 'Principled Spying: The Ethics of Secret Intelligence' Oriel College Oxford Sept. 2017 'Intelligence Analysis and Social Science' Norwegian Defence Intelligence School (NORDIS) Oslo Feb. 2018 'Principled Spying: The Ethics of Secret Intelligence' GCHQ Cheltenham Feb. 2019 'National Law and Accountability in Cyber Space: Can National Legislation and Oversight Function as a Confidence-Building Measure? The UK Case' 'Foreign Intelligence in Cyberspace' Workshop The Hague Program for Cyber Norms Leiden University The Hague Apr. 2019 'Ethics and Intelligence' Center for Asymmetric Threat Studies (CATS) Swedish Defence University Stockholm May 2019 'Ethics Intelligence and the Cyber World: Confidence-Building in the Post-Snowden Era' National Security Intelligence Ethics Workshop Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics University of Oxford June 2019 'The Future of Critical Intelligence Studies: Rethinking Secrecy and Democracy'; 'State Surveillance and Democracy in the Digital Era' colloquium Sciences Po Paris Sept. 2019