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Professor of War and Strategy | Director of the Secretary of Defense Strategic Thinkers Program
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Key achievements

- 2021, 2014, 2003 Three-time honoree - Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer Medal Book Prize (Awarded annually to the book which has made the most significant contribution to the history of the militaries of the United Kingdom and the British Empire/Commonwealth)
1st Place Medal (2021, 2003) | Runner-up award (2014)
- 2018 - present Founder and Director
[Secretary of Defense Strategic Thinkers' Program](#)
US Department of Defense | SAIS, ASU
USD\$12 million contract | 100 graduates to date
- 2012 Awarded tenure, Australian National University
- 2012-2018 Military and Defence Studies Program
Australian Defence Force | ANU
ASD\$20 million contract
- 2005 Nominated for fellowship in the Royal Historical Society
- 2004 - present Senior advisor from tactical to strategic levels to American, Australian, and British militaries (US, UK, Australia, Afghanistan, and Iraq)

Academic appointments

- Aug 2026 - present Professor of War and Strategy
Director, Secretary of Defense Strategic Thinkers Program
School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership
Arizona State University | Washington, DC and Tempe, AZ
- 2018 - Aug 2026 SAIS Distinguished Professor of Military History and Strategy
Director, Secretary of Defense Strategic Thinkers Program
School for Advanced International Studies
Johns Hopkins University | Washington, DC
- 2025 - present Senior Fellow, Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History
Trinity College, University of Toronto | Toronto, Canada
- 2012 - 2018 Principal of Military and Defence Studies Program (ANU)
Australian Command and General Staff College

Professor of War and Society
Director of Studies
Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC)
The Australian National University | Canberra, Australia

- 2010 - 2012 Ike Skelton Distinguished Chair in the Art of War
US Army Command & General Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA
- 2008 - 2009 Research Fellow
Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC)
Australian National University | Canberra, Australia
- 2007 - 2009 Visiting Fellow, Changing Character of War Programme
University of Oxford | Oxford, UK
- 2004 - 2007 Senior Lecturer, Department of War Studies
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst | Camberley, UK

Policy work and external engagement

- 2019 - present Director of the Art of War course for US and Australian general officers
- 2004 - present Senior advisor from tactical to strategic levels to American, Australian, and British militaries (US, UK, Australia, Afghanistan, and Iraq)

Education

- 1998 - 2001 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
University of Oxford (Balliol College)
D.Phil Thesis: Phoenix from the Ashes: The Indian Army in the Burma Campaign, 1942-45
- 1997 MA by Thesis
McGill University
MA Thesis: Swift and Bold: The 60th Royal American Regiment and Warfare in North America, 1755-65
- 1992 BA (Honours)
McGill University, November 1992
Honours Thesis: General Sir Ian Hamilton and the Russo-Japanese War

Publications

Books

- 2021 *The 1945 Burma Campaign and the Transformation of the British Indian Army*
Co-Author with Professor Ray Callahan
University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
“This volume comprises the preeminent existing account of British Commonwealth land forces during the final year of the Burma campaign.” - [War in History](#)
- 2016 *Strategy, Policy and War: Essays in Honour of Robert O'Neill* (Editor and contributing author)
Australian National University Press, Canberra, Australia
- 2014 *The Indian Army and the End of the Raj*
Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK
“Rigorously researched and nuanced....” - [The English Historical Review](#)
- 2008 *Counterinsurgency in Modern Warfare* (Editor and contributing author)
Revised 2nd ed Osprey/Bloomsbury Publishing, Oxford, UK
2010 “The editors contribute sober and thoughtful analyses of the Afghan and Iraq conflicts, but the strength of this volume is its summary of important insurgencies....” - [Eliot Cohen in Foreign Affairs](#)
- 2006 *Military History of India and South Asia: From the East India Company to the Nuclear Era*
2008 (PB) (Editor and contributing author)
Praeger Publishers, Westport, CT/London
Indiana University Press, Bloomington, Indiana (PB)
“One of the first steps towards a deeper understanding of the conflicts in this region as well as helping to reintroduce the study of military history to academia. . . . an insightful and lucid analysis” - [Indiana University Press](#)
- 2005 *Pacific War Companion* (Editor and contributing author)
Multiple Osprey/Bloomsbury Publishing, Oxford, UK
editions
- 2003 *Phoenix from the Ashes: The Indian Army in the Burma Campaign*
Praeger Publishers, Westport, CT/London
“How exactly was the Indian Army rebuilt? Daniel Marston has now provided the answer in a fine monograph, massively researched and clearly written.” - [The Journal of Military History](#)

- 2003 *The American Revolution*
Routledge Publishing, London
- 2003 *The French and Indian War*
Routledge Publishing, London
- 2001 *The Seven Years' War*
Routledge Publishing, London

Peer-reviewed book chapters and articles

- 2024 "The Road to the Winter Line in Italy: The Tale of two Divisions"
In *War in History*
DOI: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/09683445241264526>
- 2023 "Limited War in the Nuclear Age: American Strategy in Korea"
New Makers of Modern Strategy, 3rd ed., Princeton University Press, pp. 717-740
- 2021 "Operation TELIC VIII to XI: Difficulties of Twenty-First-Century Command"
Journal of Strategic Studies, 44:1, 63-90
DOI: 10.1080/01402390.2019.1672161
- 2020 "American and British Experience in Iraq: 2003-2014"
Niche Wars: Australia in Afghanistan and Iraq, Australian National University Press
- 2020 "Western Strategic goals and 'Winning' in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001"
Winning Wars: The Enduring Nature and Changing Character of Victory from Antiquity to the 21st Century, Casemate Academic
- 2019 "The Culture of the Indian Army, 1900-1947: An Evolving Identity"
The Culture of Military Organizations, Cambridge University Press, UK
- 2016 "Lessons from Iraq and Afghanistan"
Strategy, Policy and War, Australian National University Press
- 2015 "The Vietnam War"
History of Counterinsurgency, Praeger Publishing
- 2015 "The Indian Army, 1759-1947"
Indian Defence Policy, Routledge
- 2015 "Fighting the Jungle War, 1942-1945"
Australia 1944-45: Victory in the Pacific, Cambridge University Press
- 2015 "The 20th Indian Division in French Indo-China, 1945-6"
Journal of Strategic Studies, National Institute for Defense Studies, Japan.

- 2012 "War in Burma, 1942-1945: The 7/10th Baluch Experience"
The Indian Army in the Two World Wars, Brill Publishing
- 2012 "The 20th Indian Division in Indo-China, 1945-6"
The Indian Army, 1939-1947, Ashgate Publishing, Farnham, UK
- 2010 "Adaptation in the Field: The British Army's Difficult Campaign in Iraq"
Security Challenges, Volume 6, Number 1.
- 2009 "The Indian Army, Partition, and the Punjab Boundary Force, 1945-1947"
War in History (16) 4.
- 2005 "Lost and Found in the Jungle: The Indian Army and British Army Tactical Doctrines for Burma, 1943-45 and Malaya, 1948-1960"
Big Wars and Small Wars: The British Army and the Lessons of War in the 20th Century, Routledge Publishing

Works under contract

Expected publication Feb 2027	<i>The Eighth Army and the Italian Campaign: The British Empire and Commonwealth at War</i> Cambridge University Press, Military Histories Series <i>War in World History Post-1945</i> (provisional title) Co-author with Carter Malkasian Oxford University Press
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Prizes, Grants, and Fellowships

2018 - present	Secretary of Defense Strategic Thinkers Program (STP) US Department of Defense/SAIS/ASU USD \$12 million contract
2021	Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer Medal Book Prize (UK) 1st Place Medal, British Army Military Book of the Year Society for Army Historical Research <i>1945 Burma Campaign and the Transformation of the British Indian Army</i>
2016	ANU Vice-Chancellor's Award for Programs that Enhance Learning Military and Defence Studies Program (Best Program)
2014	Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer Medal Book Prize (UK) Runner Up Medal Society for Army Historical Research <i>Indian Army and the End of the Raj</i>

- 2012 Military and Defence Studies Program
Australian Defence Force/ANU
ASD\$20 million contract
- 2005 - present Fellow of the Royal Historical Society
- 2005 Fellow of the Australian Army History Unit
"Australian Dilemmas of Counterinsurgency: SRAR in Phuoc Tuy, 1966-69"
- 2003 Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer Medal Book Prize (UK)
1st Place Medal
Society for Army Historical Research
Phoenix from the Ashes: The Indian Army in the Burma Campaign
- 2000 - 2001 Beit Senior Research Scholarship (Imperial and Commonwealth History)
University of Oxford
- 2000 - 2001 Fellow of the General Palit Military Studies Trust
UK/India
- 2000 Beit Fund Award
University of Oxford
- 2000 Cyril Foster Fund Award
University of Oxford
- 2000 Balliol College Scholarship
University of Oxford
- 1999 Overseas Research Studentships
1998 University of Oxford

Editorial positions

Editorial Advisory Board

McGill-Queen's University Press Series: *War and the British Empire*

War in History

Manuscript and article reviewer

Cambridge University Press

Oxford University Press

Stanford University Press

I.B. Taurus

Helion Publishing

Bloomsbury Academic Publishers

English Historical Review

American Historical Review

War in History

Journal of Military History

India Review

Book reviewer

English Historical Review

American Historical Review

Journal of Military History

War in History

Invited presentations and conference papers available upon request.

Referees

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