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- *The Terrorism Lectures, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (Nortia Press, 2019; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 2015; 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. 2012)
- *Essentials of Counterterrorism* (Praeger, 2015)
- *Homeland Security & Terrorism* (McGraw-Hill, 2013, w/Russell Howard & Joanne Moore)
- *Intersections of Crime & Terror* (Routledge, 2013)
- *Weapons of Mass Destruction & Terrorism* (McGraw-Hill, 2012, w/Russell Howard)
- *Countering the Terrorist Threat of Boko Haram in Nigeria* (JSOU Press, 2012)
- *Influence Warfare* (Praeger, 2009)
- *Handbook of Defence Politics* (Routledge, 2008, w/Isaiah Wilson, III)
- *Countering Terrorism & Insurgency in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Praeger, 2007)
- *Teaching Terror: Strategic & Tactical Learning* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2006)
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