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- *Intersections of Crime and Terror* (Routledge, 2013)
- *Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism* (McGraw-Hill, 2012, with R. Howard)
- *Countering the Terrorist Threat of Boko Haram in Nigeria* (JSOU Press, 2012)
- *Influence Warfare* (Praeger, 2009)
- *Handbook of Defence Politics* (Routledge, 2008, with I. Wilson)
- *Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century* (Praeger, 2007)
- *Teaching Terror: Strategic and Tactical Learning* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2006)
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