

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLIGENCE HISTORY

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, July 20-22, 2023

Hosted by the University of Calgary

Thursday, July 20, 2023

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Atrium

Welcome reception for all conference participants

Friday, July 21, 2023

PANEL SESSION A

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

World War I: Intelligence and the Human Element

Location: Forum

Friction, Feuding, and Fraud: British Diplomatic Officials and Human Intelligence Collection on Economic Warfare, 1914-18

Presenter: Avram Lytton, University of Calgary

Memoirs and Diaries of American Intelligence Personnel of World War I

Presenter: Mark Stout, Johns Hopkins University, retired

French Cipher, Secrecy, and Intelligence Cooperation with their Allies during the Great War: From Distrust to Trust

Presenter: Agathe Couderc, Sorbonne

Chair and Discussant: Huw Davies, King's College London

U.S. Intelligence from World War II to the Cold War

Location: Studio B

The US Office of Naval Intelligence and Soviet Naval Power in the Pacific, 1945-1947

Presenter: Hal Friedman, Henry Ford College

Allied Counterintelligence Between the Wars, 9/3-9/4, 1945

Presenter: John Fox, FBI/U.S. DOJ

Intelligence Support to Operation Husky: A Closer Examination of *Ultra* Relevant to the German Evacuation of Sicily

Presenter: Steve Jaskoski

Chair and Discussant: Philip H J Davies, Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies

Espionage and Subversion in World War II
Co-sponsor: Second World War Research Group (North America)
Location: Studio C

Nicholas Bodington: SOE's Baker Street Irregular

Presenter: Paulette Pepin, University of New Haven

For the (Intelligence) Record: Churchill, de Gaulle, Truman, and the Val d'Aosta Controversy, 1945

Presenter: Matthew Hefler, Center for Statecraft and Strategic Communication, Stockholm School of Economics

The Foreigner: Hitler's Spy in the White House

Presenter: Mark Pruett, Article58 Resarch

Chair and Discussant: Mary Kathryn Barbier, Mississippi State University

BREAK
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Location: Atrium

PANEL SESSION B
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Drawing Lessons from Intelligence History

Location: Forum

The Cold War Soviet Awareness Programs as an Example of Educating the Military

Presenter: Bryan Leese, Naval War College

Using Representation Heuristic as a Foundation for Counterintelligence

Presenter: Carol Choksy, Indiana University, Bloomington

The Country's Call: GCHQ and the Falklands Conflict, 1982

Presenter: David Abrutat, GCHQ Historian

Chair and Discussant: Maria Robson-Morrow, Harvard Intelligence Project

Intelligence and the Global Cold War

Location: Studio B

Chinese Technological Inferiority?: A Re-Examination of the Chinese Communist Forces' Communication Intelligence and Security during the Korean War, 1950-1953

Presenter: Zhongtian Han, George Washington University

AMSTRUTting Their Stuff: Fidel Castro's Sister, the Brazilian Ambassador's Wife, and the CIA, 1962-64

Presenter: James G. Hershberg, George Washington University

No Instructions or Green Light? US and Iranian Arms in the Yugoslavian Civil War

Presenter: Melinda Haas, University of Pittsburgh, GSPIA

Chair and Discussant: Sara Castro, United States Air Force Academy

Issues in Cold War Intelligence

Location: Studio C

Edwin Land: The Isocolon of Influence

Presenter: Jack O'Connor, Johns Hopkins University

Is Seeing Knowing? Libraries, Information, and American Public Diplomacy in Cold War East Asia, 1953-1978

Presenter: Connor Au Yeung, UC Berkeley Asian Studies

Recruiting Agents in Postcolonial Africa: The Czechoslovak Státní bezpečnost (StB) in Egypt, Tanzania and Ghana, 1958-1974

Presenter: James R. Brennan, University of Illinois

Chair and Discussant: Diana Bolsinger, University of Texas at El Paso

LUNCH

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Atrium

PANEL SESSION C

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Humanizing the History of TECHINT

Location: Forum

TECHINT vs HUMINT in World War II

Presenter: Nicholas Reynolds, CIA Museum Historian, retired

“Vital and Irreplaceable Facilities”: How US Collection Sites in Iran Left Washington Hostage to the Shah

Presenter: Diana Bolsinger, University of Texas at El Paso

Overflying the Iron Curtain: Satellite Reconnaissance and the Quest for Strategic Warning

Presenter: Aaron Bateman, George Washington University

Chair and Discussant: Jeffrey Rogg, Center for Adaptive and Innovative Statecraft, Joint Special Operations University

Intelligence, Institutions, and the Law

Location: Studio B

Ralph Heyward Isham: A New York Yankee at the Court of British Counter-Subversion, 1918-1920

Presenter: Jock Bruce, Private Researcher

Espionage, Counterintelligence and Naval Observation in the Mid-Atlantic During World War II: A Case Study of the U.S. Intelligence Campaign in the Canary Islands, Spain

Presenter: Marta Garcia Cabrera, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Convictions, Acquittals, and Appeals: Fascist and Nazi Spies at the End of World War II

Presenter: Benedetta Luciana Sara Carnaghi, Irish Research Council, Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellow, University College Dublin

Chair and Discussant: Laura Hartmann-Villalta, Johns Hopkins University

Canadian Intelligence Activities

Location: Studio C

H. John Wickey, Officer Commanding 5 Intelligence Training Company

Presenter: Robert Nash, LTC RCAF, retired

The Seven Ages of Canadian SIGINT

Presenter: Bill Robinson, Research Fellow, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto

The Central Intelligence Agency and Canada

Presenter: Sam Eberlee, University of Toronto

Chair and Discussant: Jessi A.J. Gilchrist, King's College London, Ax:son Johnson Institute for Statecraft and Diplomacy Doctoral Fellow

BREAK

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Atrium

PANEL SESSION D
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Covert Operations in the Early Cold War
Location: Forum

Secrecy and the Politics of Selective Disclosures: The US Government's Intervention in Guatemala

Presenter: Dr. Luca Trenta, Swansea University

Project AEGEAN: The Development, Execution, and Outcomes of the CIA's OSO-OPC Joint Operation into Lithuanian SSR

Presenter: Mallory Needleman, American University

Thailand and U.S. Covert Operations in Indochina

Presenter: Arne Kislenko, Toronto Metropolitan University

Austria as Operational Basis for Western Intelligence Services' Covert Actions against Czechoslovakia in the Early Cold War

Presenter: Philip Lesiak, Independent Scholar

Chair and Discussant: Sarah-Jane Corke, University of New Brunswick

Intelligence Activities in the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc
Location: Studio B

100 Years of the Chekist PR: From the VChK Publication Bureau to the FSB Public Relations Center and the SVR Press Bureau

Presenter: Filip Kovacevic, University of San Francisco

Everybody Needs Help Sometimes: Facilitators of Soviet Defectors' Publications

Presenter: Kevin Riehle, University of Mississippi

Vladimir Pravdin, Man of Truth

Presenter: Steven Usdin

Chair and Discussant: John Ferris, University of Calgary

The Human Side of Intelligence

Location: Studio C

Emil Kliemann, aka Ernest Killburg, von Kaerstaedt: Slick Operator or Incompetent Handler?

Presenter: Mary Kathryn Barbier, Mississippi State University

Admiring the Enemy: American Interrogation of German Prisoners of War in the United States during the Second World War

Presenter: Derek R. Mallett, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

Declassified: The Memoirs of CIA Women Case Officers

Presenter: Laura Hartmann--Villalta, Johns Hopkins University

Chair and Discussant: John Fox, FBI/U.S. DOJ

Saturday, July 22, 2023

PANEL SESSION E

8:00 AM -9:30 AM

Roundtable: Using Intelligence Documents in History: How to Learn to Stop Chasing Smoking Guns and Love the Memorandum

Location: Forum

Participant: Joel Christenson, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Historical Office

Participant: Gary Keeley, History Staff, Center for the Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, retired

Participant: Mircea A. Munteanu, Office of the Historian, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State

Chair and Discussant, Mark Stout, Johns Hopkins University, retired

Race, Gender, and Culture in Nineteenth-Century Intelligence

Location: Studio B

The Transformation of Victorian Military Intelligence: Technology, Experience and Opportunity

Presenter: Huw Davies, King's College London

To Russia with Love: Sex Work and Espionage in the Great Game

Presenter: Rachel Cleves, University of Victoria

African-American Intelligence Contributions during the American Civil War

Presenter: David Welker, Central Intelligence Agency

Chair and Discussant: Timothy Sayle, University of Toronto

BREAK

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Location: Atrium

PANEL SESSION F

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

One Size Doesn't Fit All:

Teaching Intelligence History in Myriad Academic Settings

Location: Forum

How to Raise an Intelligence Historian: Pedagogical Scaffolding at the Undergraduate Level

Presenter: Sarah-Jane Corke, University of New Brunswick

Energizing Undergraduate Course Design with Intelligence History

Presenter: Sara Castro, United States Air Force Academy

Intelligence History and the Future Practitioner

Presenter: Melissa Graves, The Citadel Military College of South Carolina

Chair and Discussant: Kevin Riehle, University of Mississippi

Intelligence and the Middle East Playground

Location: Studio B

Containing Colonial ‘Renegades’

Presenter: Steven Wagner, Brunel University

Historicizing the Late Ottoman Intelligence Activities: The Ottoman State Espionage during the Reign of Abdulhamid II (1876-1909)

Presenter: Arda Akinci, University of Salamanca (USAL)

The 1927 Rome Understanding and Imperial Intelligence in the Arabian Peninsula

Presenter: Jessi A.J. Gilchrist, King’s College London, Ax:son Johnson Institute for Statecraft and Diplomacy Doctoral Fellow

Chair and Discussant: Matthew Hefler, Center for Statecraft and Strategic Communication, Stockholm School of Economics

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch + Keynote

Atrium

PANEL SESSION G

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Intelligence Theory, Culture, and Institutional Development

Location: Forum

Counter-what? Understanding a Fundamental Dilemma in Counterintelligence through the Evolution of British Military Counterintelligence Doctrine, 1905-2020

Presenter: Philip H J Davies, Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies

‘Later on, I fear’: Revisiting the Failed Plan for a Canadian SIS
Presenter: Timothy Sayle, University of Toronto

Defining Intelligence: A Kentian Perspective
Presenter: Steven Stottlemyre, University of South Wales

Chair and Discussant: Mallory Needleman, American University

Contemporary Intelligence: Success or Failure?
Location: Studio B

Ali Mohamed and American Missed Opportunities in the Lead Up to 9/11
Presenter: Shannon Nash, St. Mary’s University

**Public-Private Intelligence Cooperation Over Time: The US State
Department’s Overseas Security Advisory Council**
Presenter: Maria Robson-Morrow, Harvard Intelligence Project

Chair and Discussant: Melinda Haas, University of Pittsburg, GPSIA

CLOSING CEREMONY
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Forum