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Current Supervision
Jag Aithal (MSS)
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Education
B.A. History (Honours), University of Alberta, 1978
Ph.D., War Studies, King's College, London, 1986
Thesis: The Evolution of British Strategic Policy, 1916-1926
University of London, 1986

Professional Experience
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Calgary, 1987-89
Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Calgary, 1990-96
Professor, Department of History, University of Calgary, 1996-present
Head, Department of History, University of Calgary, 1996-2001
Director, Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, University of Calgary, 2000-01, 2003-06.
Director, History part of Social Sciences 202, an element for a distance education/internet based course for a Bachelor of Accounting Science programme, run by the Faculty of Management, The University Of Calgary, for the Chartered General Accountants of Canada, 1998 to 2005.
Author of a graduate course in Intelligence History, taught by The Department of War Studies, The Royal Military College, Kingston, 2003 to present.

Member
Member, The Anglo-Japanese History Project, 1996-2002
Fellow, The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, 1997 to present
Editor of Publications, The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, 2006-present
Editor, The Journal of Military and Strategic Studies, 2002-present
Fellow, The Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, 2002-present
Chair, Editorial Committee of The Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, 2004-present
Member, International Advisory Board to The International Centre for the Study of Intelligence, The University of Wales, Aberwysteth, 2004 to present.
Board of Editors, The Journal of Strategic Studies, 2006 to present.

Scholarships: The MacKenzie King Open Scholarship, The IODE Scholarship


Publications

Ferris, J.R., Intelligence and Strategy, Selected Essays, (Routledge, 2005)
Ferris, J.R., (editor), The Journal of Military and Strategic Studies, 8/3, (special issue), December 2005, Continental Defence and Canadian Strategy
Ferris, J.R., Canada in Kandahar, Calgary Papers in Military and Strategic Studies, Volume 1, (Calgary, CMSS, 2007).


Ferris, J.R., 'Indulged in all Too Little"? Vansittart, Intelligence and Appeasement", Diplomacy and Statecraft, vol. 6, no. 1 March 1995)


Ferris, J.R., "'Airbandit':C31 and Strategic Air Defence During the First Battle of Britain, 1915-1918" in Michael Dockrill and French, David (eds.), Strategy and Intelligence, British Policy During The First World War (Hambledon, 1996).


Ferris, J.R., "The 'Usual Source': Signals Intelligence and Planning for the Crusader Offensive, 1941" Intelligence and National Security, Volume 14, Number 1, (Spring 1999), pp. 84-118.


Ferris, J.R., “Far Too Dangerous a Gamble?: British Intelligence and Policy During the Chanak Crisis, September-October 1922”, pp. 139-184, in Diplomacy & Statecraft, 14/3, July 2003.


Ferris, J.R., “Intelligence”, in Intelligence and Theory ( RAND Corporation, Washington, 2006)


**In Press**


Ferris, J.R., “‘Now that the Milk is Spilt’: Appeasement and the Archive on Intelligence”, in B.J.C. McKercher and Roi, Michael, *Appeasement Reappraised*, (Cambridge University Press, 2008)


**Conference Papers And Seminars**

"Churchill and the Cruiser Crisis of 1925", Military History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, the University of London, 21 May 1981.

"The 'Ten Year Rule' and British Defense Policy, 1919-1925", Military History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, the University of London, 12 April 1982.

"Ramsay James MacDonald and British Defense Policy, 1924", Colloquium, Department of History, the University of Alberta, 4 December 1982.


"Signals Intelligence and the British Army During the First World War", Military History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, the University of London, 8 October 1986.


"Intelligence and Operations on the Western Front, 1918", United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, March 1990.


"Lord Salisbury, Secret Intelligence and British Policy Toward Russia and Central Asia, 1874-76", Military History Colloquium, Royal Military College of Canada, March, 1990.


"Intelligence in Historical Perspective", Consortium for the Study of Intelligence, Bowdoin College, 7 August 1991.


"Between Military and Political": British Power and Diplomacy from the Chanak Crisis to the Lausanne Conference, 1922", The Turkish Israeli Colloquium on The First World War In The Middle East", Tel Aviv & Istanbul, 12 April 2000.

"Artillery & Attrition In the Anglo-Japanese War In Asia, 1941-45", The Society for Military History, Quantico, Va., 30 May 2000.


Ferris, John, "Strategic Air Defence During the First Battle of Britain 1915-1918", 26 May 2001, The Society for Military History, Calgary


Ferris, J.R., “Global Strike Warfare and C4ISR”, Conference on Global Strike Warfare and National Defence Strategy, United States Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, 21-23 September 2004

Ferris, J.R., American Intelligence History in a Global Perspective, Panel on Intelligence History, The Organisation of American Historians, San Jose, 4 April 2005


Ferris, J.R., “Contemporary American Military Theory and Practice of Intelligence”, Programme on The Changing Character of War, Leverhulme Trust and The Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University, 10 May 2005

Ferris, J.R., “Intelligence and Military Operations”, Oxford Seminar on Intelligence, Nuffield College, 12 May 2005


Ferris, J.R., “Armed Forces, Power and War in the Contemporary World”, United States Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, 21-23 September 2005


“British Seapower”, Conference on Seapower in the Contemporary World, United States Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, 14-17 September 2006.

Chair and Commentator, Panel on Canada and the Suez Crisis, 1956, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2 November 2006


Ferris, J.R., "Canada in Continental Defence", Queen's Centre for International Relations, Annual Conference, "NORAD"s Half Century: Securing and Defending North America", Queen's University, 7 June 2007.

Fwrris, J.R., "British Communications Intelligence and the Blockade During the First World War", Conference on Signals Intelligence, The Center for Cryptological History, National Security Agency, 14 October 2007,

Forthcoming

Ferris, J.R., "Operational Intelligence in Historical Perspective", Conference on Operational Intelligence, The Department of International Relations, The University of Wales, Aberystweth, Aberyswyth, 9 April, 2008
Ferris, J.R., "The Revolution in Military Communications and Intelligence", Conference on Revolutions in Military Affairs in Historical Context", The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, The University of Calgary, 9 May 2008

Ferris, J.R., "Roundtable on Intelligence", The Society for Historians of American Foreign Policy, Columbus, Ohio, 30 June 2008


**Conferences Organized**

The University of Calgary International Conference on the European Union, 8-11 June 1991, 100 panelists, The University of Calgary, Organizing Committee.


Conference on Continental Defence, The University of Calgary, Chair of Organising Committee, 4-8 May 2006, 30 panelists,

**Reviews:**


Assessments for Grants or Publication:


**Assessments for Promotion and/or Tenure:**

Department of Political Science, The University of Haifa, The Department of War Studies, King’s College, London, The Department of War Studies, The Royal Military College, Canada,

Media


Administrative Service


Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, The Department of History, 2002-03

Chair, Department Of History Colloquium Committee, 1987-1992.

Member, Appointments Committee, Position in Asian History, 1988-89, Department of History

Member, The University of Calgary Research Grants Committee, 1989-1991

Chair, The University of Calgary Research Grants Committee, Sub-Committees for Research Grants and Travel Grants, Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, 1990-91

Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee (with responsibility for reorganizing the curriculum of the Department of History), 1995-96.

Member, The Department of History/Faculty of General Studies, Position in Russian History/East European Studies, 1995-96


Chair, Appointments Committee, The Department of History and the Department of Political Science, Position in Latin American History, 1996-97.

Member, Appointments Committee, The Department of History and the Department of Political Science, Position in Canadian Politics, 1996-97.

Chair, Appointments Committee, The Department of History/Faculty of General Studies, Position in Russian History/East European Studies, 1997-98.


Member, The Faculty of Social Sciences Deans’ Advisory Committee, 1996-2001.

Member, The President’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, The University of Calgary, 1996-2000.

Member, The University of Calgary Appointments Committee, Director of the Strategic Studies Institute, 1996-97.

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, The Strategic Studies Institute/The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, 1997 to present

Member, Board of Directors for the Strategic Studies Institute/The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, 1997-2000.

Member, Executive Committee, The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, 2002 to present

Member, Facilitation Group for Curriculum Redesign at The University of Calgary, The University of Calgary, 1998-2001


Director, BA In International Relations, 2000-2001, 2003-06.

Member, Appointments Committee, The Department of History, Position in Military History, 2003-04

Member, University Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure, The University of Calgary, 2004-05

Chair, University Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure, The University of Calgary, 2005-06

Chair, University Committee on Library and Cultural resources, 2007-08.