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Anita Bucknam

"Historical Origins of U.S. Intelligence"

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Anita Bucknam is the CIA Officer in Residence for 2006-07 and 2007-08 at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. She is teaching a variety of intelligence-related courses during her time here, including Introduction to Intelligence, Topics in Advanced Intelligence, and 9/11: Truth, Lies and Conspiracy.

Bucknam received her B.A. from Cornell in Russian Language and Literature, and her M.A. from Harvard in Soviet Area Studies. She joined the CIA in 1992 to conduct analytic assessments of Russian economic and political issues.

After the events of 9/11, Bucknam transferred her analytic work to counterterrorism issues, particularly related to homeland security. She also served short tours in the National Security Agency, the State Department, and the White House, and she served overseas in Moscow.

During this presentation, Bucknam will focus on the historical origins of U.S. intelligence efforts. She will set the stage by discussing ancient uses of intelligence from Sun Tsu and the Bible through Medieval times. She will then focus on the United States, discussing the use of intelligence in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. She will conclude with a discussion of how World War II and the Cold War shaped the U.S. intelligence community.



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