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Middle East correspondent for the Guardian since 2010

Iraq correspondent for the Guardian from 2008-10

A journalist for 24 years; led the Guardian's coverage of the Arab world since 2008.

Before then, Middle East correspondent for The Australian 2005-2008

Winner of Britain's most prestigious prize for political writing, The Orwell Prize for Journalism in 2015

Journalist of the Year Foreign Press Association (London) 2015

Feature Writer of the Year Foreign Press Association 2015

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