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- applications of policy theory to live topics (*The Politics of Evidence-Based Policy Making*, 2016)
- policy outcomes in different countries (*Global Tobacco Control*, 2012 (with Donley Studlar and Hadii Mamudu)
- Scottish politics and policy (*The Scottish Political System Since Devolution*, 2011 and *Scottish Politics 2nd ed*, 2013 with Neil McGarvey)
- comparisons of UK and devolved government policymaking ('Has Devolution Changed the British Policy Style?', *British Politics*, 3, 3, 350-72)
- comparisons of policy outcomes across the UK ('Policy Convergence, Transfer and Learning in the UK under Devolution', *Regional and Federal Studies*, 22, 3, 289-307 with Michael Keating and Eve Hepburn).

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