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Dr. Kevin Gamache is the Associate Vice Chancellor, Chief Research Security Officer, and Director of the Research and Innovation Security and Competitiveness (RISC) Institute for The Texas A&M University System (A&M System). In this capacity, he is responsible for ensuring that the eleven universities and eight state agencies within the A&M System comply with United States (U.S.) Government requirements for protecting sensitive federal information. He manages the A&M System's security relationships with the Departments of Defense, Energy, and the Intelligence Community.

Dr. Gamache created the Academic Security and Counter Exploitation Program, an affinity group of security and compliance professionals at universities across the U.S. He was instrumental in establishing an annual security conference explicitly focused on the unique challenges of maintaining an effective security program in the open environment of academia. His leadership role and efforts resulted in the A&M System's industrial security program receiving the James S. Cogswell Award from the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) in 2015, 2020, and 2023, and the DCSA Award for Excellence in Counterintelligence in 2017, 2019, and 2023.

In 2023, Dr. Gamache established the RISC Institute within the A&M System. The RISC Institute develops partnerships with higher education institutions and diversifies the scope of innovative solutions by collaborating with industry and government research security expertise.

He is also the Director of NSF SECURE Analytics, led by Texas A&M University with support from the Hoover Institution and Parallax Advanced Research. SECURE Analytics supports the assessment needs of the NSF SECURE Center and the broader research community by providing enhanced expertise in threat analyses, risk modeling, and data reporting.

Dr. Gamache served 24 years in the U.S. Air Force where his military career included a wide range of command, nuclear operations, maintenance, logistics, and counter-proliferation assignments in Wyoming, Montana, Texas, and Washington, D.C. His final Air Force assignment was as the 341st Maintenance Group Commander at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, where he retired as a Colonel. In 2005, Dr. Gamache was appointed the Executive Programs Training Manager of the A&M System Texas Engineering Extension Service's National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). NERRTC was established to train local and state officials and emergency responders to prepare for and respond to natural disasters, catastrophic incidents and acts of terrorism, including weapons of mass destruction.

Dr. Gamache holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Water Management and Hydrological Science from Texas A&M University, a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, a Master of Science in Management, with a concentration in Management Information Systems from Lesley University; and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Angelo State University.