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Dr. Kevin Gamache is the Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Research Security Officer for The Texas A&M University System. In this capacity, he is responsible for ensuring that the eleven universities and eight state agencies within the A&M System comply with U.S. Government requirements for protecting sensitive federal information. He manages the A&M System's security relationships with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and the Intelligence Community. Dr. Gamache has earned the Industrial Security Professional designation.

Dr. Gamache established the Academic Security and Counter Exploitation Program, an affinity group of security and compliance professionals at universities across the United States. 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 on behalf of the academic security community resulted in The Texas A&M University System's industrial security program receiving the James S. Cogswell Award from the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) in 2015, 2020 and 2023. In 2017, 2019 and 2023 the A&M System received the DCSA Award for Excellence in Counterintelligence.

Prior to his current position, Dr. Gamache was the Executive Programs Training Manager for Texas Engineering Extension Service's National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). A member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, NERRTC was established to train local and state officials and emergency responders to prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism, including weapons of mass destruction and natural disasters, and catastrophic incidents.

He joined NERRTC in 2005 after serving twenty-four years in the United States Air Force. 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 AFB in Montana, where he retired with the rank of Colonel.

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