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# ISLINGTON AGAINST POLICE SPIES

Bob Lambert has resigned – but the fight to expose police spies and agent provocateurs goes on

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### sack **BOB LAMBERT**

**Dr. Robert Lambert, London Metropolitan Lecturer = Bob Lambert, Police Spy, Agent Provocateur, Abuser Of Women**

Bob Lambert is currently employed part-time at London Metropolitan University's Criminology Department, the John Gieve Centre for Policing and Community Safety, but **he has a dark past as a Special Branch Officer in the now notorious 'Special Demonstration Squad' (SDS).**

Set up in 1968 in response to mass protests against the Vietnam War, and funded directly by the Home Office, the purpose of the SDS was to place long term spies in political movements in the UK to gather 'intelligence' which was used to undermine those movements. The SDS spied on anti-capitalist, anti-racist, anti-war, environmental and social justice groups.

As part of these undercover operations, **agents, including Bob Lambert, had long term intimate and sexual relationships with campaigners and their friends, in the most abusive breach of trust imaginable.** This abuse has had a severe and lasting emotional impact on those affected. Lambert has admitted **he had four sexual relationships while undercover and even fathered a child before disappearing without trace from their lives.**

From approx. 1983-88, Lambert infiltrated meetings and events of London Greenpeace, an organisation campaigning against nuclear power and war, and on other environmental and social justice issues. He was also actively involved with peace campaigns and animal rights activities and was even prosecuted for distributing 'insulting' leaflets outside a butcher's shop.

**Bob acted as an agent provocateur, encouraging activists to take part in illegal activities for which some were then arrested.**

He has been named in parliament as **having planted an incendiary device in a Debenhams store in 1987,** one of three simultaneous arson attacks causing millions of pounds worth of damage, for which two animal rights activists were jailed.

Bob rose to become a Detective Inspector in Special Branch, and supervised other spies who infiltrated groups such as Reclaim the Streets, anti fascist groups and campaigners against genetically modified crops.

A police whistleblower has also **directly implicated Bob in police attempts to spy on, smear and discredit Steven Lawrence's family's campaign** about the police failure to investigate Stephen's racist murder in 1993.


Lambert has 'apologised' for his sexual exploitation of women while undercover, but his is not an isolated case. Of at least nine other undercover police agents now identified as spying on activist groups in the last 20 years, almost all have had deceitful and exploitative relationships with women. Top cops claim these spies were told not to form sexual relationships, but **in reality supervisors turned a blind eye to what comes very close to rape.** Ten women abused in this way by police spies are suing the Metropolitan Police as the institution ultimately responsible.

The reality is that these undercover police units are unaccountable and undemocratic.

Their purpose is to disrupt and weaken opposition to the domination of our society by the interests of the rich and powerful at the expense of the rest of us.

**Various inquiries and investigations have been announced into undercover policing, following a huge public outcry over the exposures** - but the establishment and the police won't make significant changes unless we force them to by making a fuss.

**We could start by pushing London Met to sack Bob Lambert.**



**Is a liar, spy and exploiter of women really someone they want teaching students at this University?**

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**You can also email Bob Lambert directly and let him know what you think of his activities.**

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## Bob Lambert talk disrupted

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Ex-informant turned academic, Bob Lambert, faced heckling and embarrassment in St. Andrews during his first public engagement since news broke regarding the son he fathered with an activist.

On Thursday 9th February two animal rights activists disrupt a talk in St. Andrews by recently 'outed' police spy Bob Lambert.

Bob Lambert, who worked deep undercover in the London animal rights and environmental political scene, is one of many recently exposed undercover police in the UK radical political scene. Whilst serving in the Metropolitan police, Bob Lambert infiltrated London Greenpeace and animal rights groups with the intent of disrupting their activities. During his time undercover Bob Lambert also fathered a child with a fellow activist whilst withholding information about his true identity and intent. Two years after the child's birth Bob Lambert left the activist scene and returned to a conventional policing role.

Almost twenty years later Bob Lambert poses as a 'progressive academic' and sat on a panel at his home university, the University of St. Andrews, for a talk titled 'Overcoming Obstacles: Counter-Terrorism Police and Community Engagement.' Several activists leafleted the talk outside handing out leaflets that read:

"Do you think it's alright to...trick someone into a romantic relationship so that you can spy on them and their friends?...lie to them and everyone else about your identity in order to do so?...maintain this pretence of love and trust for more than a year? ...have a child with your deceived 'partner' and then abandon the child for decades while concealing your identity from them?

Robert Lambert, the man speaking before you seems to think that this is acceptable behaviour for a public servant. He engaged in all of them during his years as an officer with the Metropolitan Police, sent to spy on peaceful environmental and animal rights campaigns. Perhaps this is Lambert's idea of 'community engagement.'

Is it yours?"

As soon as Bob Lambert started his talk two animal rights activists stormed out after shouting and pointing at Bob Lambert phrases like, 'shame!', 'where is your son, Bob?' and 'sex is not community engagement!'. Audience members reported him as startled and mumbled the first section of his speech.

We were thrilled.

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# St Andrews lecturer "should not be teaching" because of life as undercover spy

**Laura Abernethy**  
News editor

Former activists who were spied upon by undercover police officers visited St Andrews to speak out against a lecturer and to preview a new film about their experiences.

Film director Jason Kirkpatrick and activist Merrick Badger said that they had chosen to come to St Andrews on their UK 'Spied Upon' tour because former undercover spy Bob Lambert teaches international relations here.

Dr Lambert was revealed as an undercover spy in 2011. He worked as a detective from 1980 to 2000 and spent many years working as an officer for a covert Metropolitan Police unit called the Special Demonstration Squad (SDS).

Earlier this year he admitted to having long term relationships with a number of women while working undercover. He also had a child with one of the women, who later described her experience as like being "raped by the state."

During the Spied Upon event Mr Badger read the story of Jacqui, the woman who had a relationship and child with Dr Lambert. She said:

"Since seeing the article [revealing Lambert's identity] my life has been devastated... I feel so confused and hurt by what has happened. I don't understand what I am supposed to have done that I was chosen by the state to be treated like this. I would never threaten home security and what was my child - collateral damage?"

bomb in a Debenhams store in 1987, an allegation he has strenuously denied.

Mr Badger said: "I think it's important that people here know who they are dealing with and realise that this man should not be teaching. This man is not a role model. This is a case study in how wrong it can go."

study of worst practices."

Mr Kirkpatrick explained: "As a documentary film-maker, I've been stunned to see the impunity with which these British undercover police have acted especially when tricking women into having long-term relationships with them in order to improve their credibility within

secretary Theresa May, he refused the chance to present his side of the story for our film, *Spied Upon*. It appears as though anyone directly involved in this policing scandal wants to try to keep the truth swept under the carpet."

Messrs Kirkpatrick and Badger explained that Dr Lambert was part of a network of undercover officers who were all using similar tactics. They both personally knew a man named Mark Kennedy through their work and said he had become "a very dear friend." Mr Kennedy stayed in Mr Kirkpatrick's home in Germany and Mr Badger claimed that they also had joint birthday parties. The men later discovered that he had been working undercover and spying on them. They have now decided to make a film about what it is like to be targeted in this way, focusing on the human cost of the spying.

They are in the process of securing funding for the work but they previewed a number of clips at the event in St Andrews, including an interview with a solicitor representing women affected by these cases and a number of activists who had been spied upon.

They hope to release the film, entitled *Spied Upon*, in 2014.

**"I think it's important that people here know who they are dealing with and realise that this man should not be teaching. This man is not a role model. This is a case study in how wrong it can go."**

Dr Lambert was also among a number of undercover officers who admitted using the identities of dead children to obtain fake birth certificates. He used the name of a boy named Bob Robinson, who had died aged seven of a congenital heart defect. Dr Lambert admitted to using this false name in court. He was also involved in writing the 'McLibel' leaflet, which led to the longest trial in English civil law history.

Caroline Lucas MP has also accused Dr Lambert of planting a fire-

While in St Andrews the former activists handed out leaflets outside the library to raise student awareness of the actions of Dr Lambert and other undercover police officers. The leaflet states: "A serial abuser of women, Lambert ran a disgrace unit that was more counter-democratic than counter-terrorist. After his past was revealed two years ago, he resigned from his position at Exeter university. There are calls for a public inquiry into the whole scandal, and in any other industry he would be a case

campaign groups. The case of Bob Lambert is at the moment the one in the spotlight after he was named in Parliament as 'the third bomber of Debenhams' and it came to light that he had abandoned a child and not paid child support while he was working as an undercover officer.

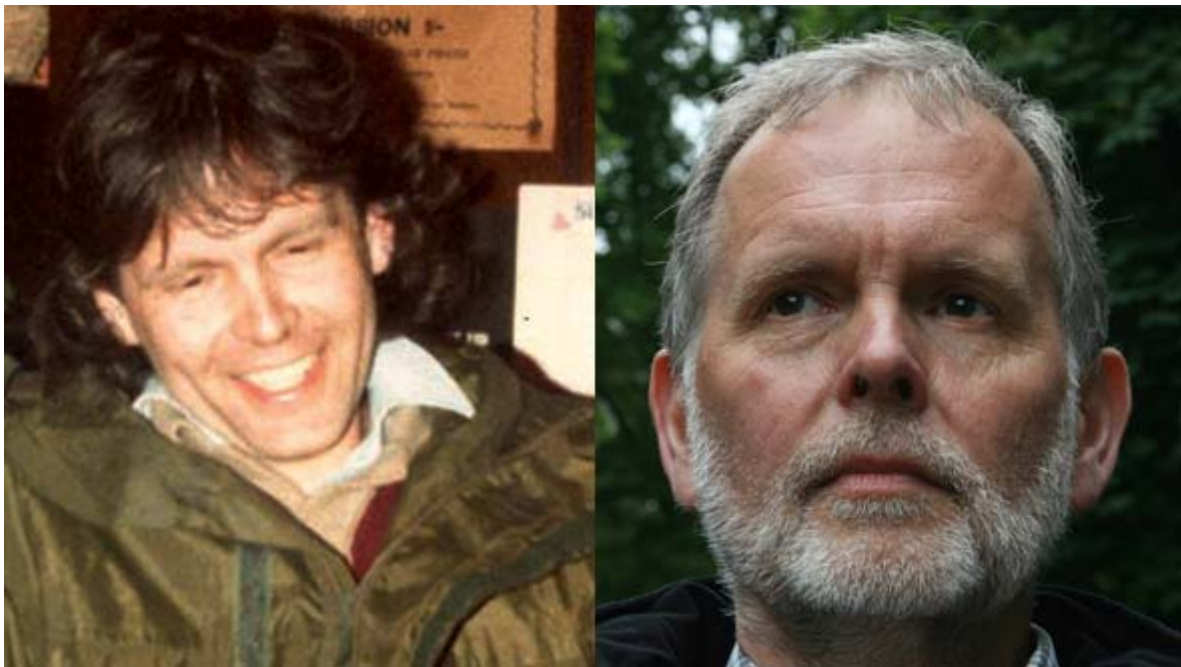
"In the interest of balanced journalism I offered Bob Lambert a chance to give an interview as I thought it would be important to hear his side of the story. Yet, just like the London Metropolitan Police and the home



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# Sack Bob Lambert

November 24, 2014



## **Picket London Metropolitan University**

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**Islington Against Police Spies demands that London Metropolitan University sack lecturer Bob Lambert – Police spy, agent provocateur, exploiter of women.**

These days Robert Lambert works part-time lecturing on Criminology and Policing at London Metropolitan University. But this expert on Islamic fundamentalism and terrorism has a dark past. He spent the 1980s and 1990s in Special Branch's now discredited Special Demonstrations Squad, spying on community and activist groups campaigning against violence and oppression inflicted by governments and corporations around the world. While pretending to be an activist involved in peace and animal rights campaigns, he acted as an agent provocateur, encouraging people to carry out illegal actions which would lead to their arrest. He has been [named in Parliament](#) as having planted an incendiary device in a Debenhams store in



1987, one of three simultaneous arson attacks for which two animal rights activists went to prison for four years.

He also had sexual relationships with several women campaigners, lying to them about his identity and then disappearing from their lives – in the most abusive breach of trust imaginable. This abuse has had a severe and lasting emotional impact on those affected; [one woman had a child fathered by Lambert](#). Only decades later did any of them discover he was a police spy.

After acting as an infiltrator himself, Lambert went on to run the Special Demonstrations Squad, supervising spies in many other political campaigns. Following his own example, almost all of the thirteen other undercover police so far unmasked have also used their position to sexually exploit women who were unaware of their real role. His protégés include police who spied on numerous families and campaigns opposing police racism and/or violence and murders, as well as London Greenpeace, Reclaim the Streets, anti fascist groups and campaigners against genetically modified crops. He is directly implicated in police attempts to spy on, smear and discredit Stephen Lawrence's family campaign against the police failures to investigate Stephen's racist murder in 1993, and also in the 'mysterious' passing on of Special branch files to a private company paid by large construction companies to compile a blacklist of trade unionists active in the building trade, many of whom were fired and victimised.

Top cops now claim that officers were told not to form sexual relationships while undercover; in reality Special Branch turned a blind eye to what one of Lambert's victims herself said felt ['like being raped by the state'](#). Eight women used in this way by police spies are currently [suing the Metropolitan Police](#) as the institution ultimately responsible.

These undercover police were not involved in 'anti terrorist' operations, they were spying to disrupt and weaken the growing opposition to the domination of our society by the interests of multinational corporations, and attacking community campaigns dealing with police corruption, racism and state violence. Several official inquiries and investigations have been launched into undercover policing because of the huge public outcry the exposures have created. However the establishment and the police won't make significant changes unless we force them to by taking action.

Some Islington residents think London Metropolitan University should sack Bob Lambert. He is a known liar, spy and exploiter of women – not in any way a fit person to be trusted teaching students at this University.

We aim to keep up pressure on London Met until they fire him. Join us in our picket of the University building where he works this Friday between 12-2pm as we hand out leaflets and raise awareness.

### ***By Islington Against Police Spies***

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# Protesters demand Holloway university sack former policy spy

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*Robert Lambert*

A former police spy who used a dead child's identity and fathered a child whilst undercover should be sacked from his university job, say protesters.



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About 30 people gathered outside London Metropolitan University, in Holloway Road, on Friday, to demand Bob Lambert be removed from his post as criminology lecturer.

Mr Lambert worked for Scotland Yard's special branch during the 1980s when he infiltrated the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and Greenpeace.

He is alleged to have had sexual relationships with some of the activists and has admitted fathering a child with one – something campaign group Islington Against Spies (IAS) say him unsuitable to work at the Holloway university.

A spokesman for IAS said: "Having sexual relationships with campaigners is the most abusive breach of trust imaginable.

"These undercover police units are unaccountable and undemocratic.

"The establishment and the police won't make significant changes unless we force them to by making a fuss. "Let's start by pushing London Met to sack Bob Lambert."

Mr Lambert, who also works on counter terrorism research at London Met, apologised for some of his actions on a Channel 4 documentary last year but said that harvesting dead children's identities was "routine practice" in the undercover policing field.

A spokesman for the university said: "Bob Lambert is a valued member of our criminology department, where he is popular with both students and staff.

"While we recognise the mistakes Bob made in his police career, for which he has apologised and displayed deep regret, we have absolute faith in him as a lecturer and member of our community."

"During a 31 year policing career, Bob made a significant contribution to tackling terrorism, political violence and hate crimes in London which, along with his strong academic record, makes him a valuable asset to criminology teaching at London Met."

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## Fresh protests over 'police spy' lecturer working at Holloway Road university



Protesters outside London Metropolitan University in Holloway Road call for Bob Lambert to be sacked by uni chiefs

**Published: 5 December, 2014**  
by **GEOFFREY SAWYER**

LONDON Metropolitan University has come under increased pressure to sack Bob Lambert, a former undercover police officer who lectures at the university's criminology department.

Protesters gathered outside the university in Holloway Road on Friday over its employment of the cop-turned-academic, who had a two-year relationship and fathered a child with an animal rights activist he was secretly monitoring while working for the Metropolitan Police's controversial Special Demonstration Squad in the 1980s.

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Last month the force apologised "unreservedly" for Mr Lambert's actions after agreeing to pay out £425,000 compensation to the mother of the child.

When approached by the Tribune over Mr Lambert's position following the payout, the university said it had "absolute faith" in him as a "lecturer and member of our community".

Around 25 protesters, assembled under the banner of "Islington Against Police Spies", handed out leaflets and spoke to students, staff and passers-by about Mr Lambert's past infiltration of a group of environmentalists.

Alex Neve, a former environmental activist, told the Tribune: "Lambert has been revealed to be someone who exploited people.

"His behaviour in the past is still impacting the lives of the women he had relationships with.

"He made a public apology only after the information came to light, and he has not himself suffered any of the consequences."

He added: "Today is effectively the launch of our campaign and we will be here putting pressure on the university until he goes."

Mr Lambert works part-time as a senior lecturer in London Met's John Grieve Policing Centre. He is an expert in counter-terrorism and has published several progressive academic articles about hate crime. He became a doctor after completing a terrorism studies PhD at Exeter University.

Mr Lambert's role at the university has divided opinion among students.

Second-year International Relations student Sarah Mohammed, 20, said: "I am absolutely disgusted. What does this say about London Met's values?"

But a third-year criminology student, currently taught by Mr Lambert, who did not want to be named, described him as a "good lecturer" who is popular among students.

The student added: "What happened with spying back then certainly got out of control and they should have stopped it earlier.

"But there were bad elements within those movements he spied on and he worked to prevent bad things from happening."

In a statement, London Met said: "While we recognise the mistakes Bob made in his police career, for which he has apologised and displayed deep regret, we have absolute faith in him as a lecturer and member of our community. During a 31-year policing career, Bob made a significant contribution to tackling terrorism, political violence and hate crimes in London which, along with his strong academic record, makes him a valuable asset to criminology teaching at London Met."

In March, Home Secretary Theresa May announced her intention to launch a full, judge-led inquiry into undercover policing within the Met during the 1980s and 1990s. It is expected to be held in the new year.

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## Activists Demand Lambert's Sacking

14th December 2015

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Four prominent activists have written to the University of St Andrews demanding the sacking of lecturer Bob Lambert, former Special Demonstration Squad officer and manager.

The letter, sent on Friday, lists a swathe of wrongdoing by Lambert and officers under his command.

It was signed by:

- George Monbiot, a campaigning journalist who holds an honorary doctorate awarded by the university
- Lois Austin, former chair of Youth Against Racism in Europe, a group spied on by undercover officer Peter Francis under Lambert's command
- Dave Smith, trade unionist and secretary of the Blacklist Support Group
- Helen Steel, who was in several groups targeted by Lambert and officers he deployed, and was deceived into a long-term relationship by one of them.

It comes after Lambert's other employer, London Metropolitan University, has faced similar calls with a succession of pickets and the issue making front page news locally.

The University of St Andrews said

*He has been entirely open with the university and his students about his past. His teaching is highly valued by students. Beyond that, as matter of policy, we don't comment on personal matters or the circumstances of our staff.*

Whilst this isn't as bold as London Metropolitan University's saying

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*He has extremely rich experience in professional practice, accepting that some of that is now controversial*

it nonetheless tests our credulity. Are they really saying Lambert told the university and students things he **says** he didn't even tell his wife? Or has he just been firefighting, admitting each revelation after it has been made public?

Do they really think **Lambert's history** has no bearing on his position? Would they continue to employ, say, a medical lecturer was found to have run a disgraced and disbanded secret clinic that performed unethical, traumatising experiments on patients without consent?

The **Sunday Herald reports** that the call for Lambert to lose his post is endorsed by MSP John Finnie, himself a former police officer.

*I consider his continuing employment a blight on our highly regarded education system and trust it ends soonest.*

It adds a new facet to the clamour around the spycops scandal in Scotland. With Scottish police already under fire for spying on journalists, in recent weeks, as **we have already covered**, there has been a call in the Scottish Parliament for a proper inquiry into the political secret police's activities there. As well as **coverage in the Scotsman**, there has been **a series of articles** in the Sunday Herald and **an MSP calling for an inquiry into blacklisting**.

## FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER

Dear Professor Richardson,

We write regarding Bob Lambert who is listed as a lecturer at the University of St Andrews' Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. We believe that his past conduct as a central figure in the Metropolitan Police's Special Demonstration Squad means that he is supremely unsuitable for teaching and shaping the thoughts of others in his current position.

His **University biography asserts** that "For the bulk of his police service (1977–2007) Robert Lambert worked in counter-terrorism, gaining operational experience of all forms of violent political threats to the UK, from Irish republican to the many strands of international terrorism that include what may now best be described as the al-Qaida movement."

In reality much of his career was spent within the Special Demonstration Squad which was set up to monitor protest groups – more counter-democratic than counter-terrorist. The SDS' abuse of citizens and undermining of legitimate campaigns are one of the darkest corners of Metropolitan Police history. Lambert is no role model and should not be trading on his abuses.

It is not only Lambert's personal conduct undercover that is damning. He went on to run the Special Demonstration Squad, overseeing deployments that largely repeated his pattern of behaviour, hallmarked by the same abuses. For years he directed a raft of officers whose actions were – to use the words of police investigators – morally wrong, completely improper, gross abuses of their role in deployments that were abject failures.

In the four years since he was exposed, many new facts about the SDS have come to light. With each new revelation the scandal grows, and there are two notable constants in almost every case – Bob Lambert is integrally involved, and he has not mentioned it before.

### **Bob Lambert is responsible for acknowledged human rights abuses.**

Last month the Metropolitan Police issued an unprecedented apology to seven women deceived into long term intimate relationships with undercover officers, including one of Lambert's former partners, Belinda Harvey, and women targeted by officers supervised by Lambert. The apology unequivocally states that the relationships were "abusive, deceitful, manipulative and wrong" and that "these relationships were a violation of the women's human rights, an abuse of police power and caused significant trauma".[1]

In a separate case Bob Lambert deceived another woman, Jacqui, into a relationship and even fathered a child with her despite knowing he would disappear from their lives once his posting as an undercover officer ended. This relationship led to a record compensation payout by the Metropolitan Police to Jacqui in October 2014.[2] Even after he was outed in October 2011, Lambert did not make contact with Jacqui or their son, waiting until she discovered the truth by chance in the press. A statement he issued in Oct 2011 apologised to Belinda Harvey (about whom he had been questioned) but made no mention of Jacqui or other women he had deceived.[3]

Lambert now admits that he had four sexual relationships whilst in his undercover persona.[4] He not only had these relationships, he was later the SDS manager who deployed numerous other officers who did the same. Operation Herne, the police's own investigation into political undercover policing notes of these relationships; "Such an activity can only be seen as an abject failure of the deployment, a gross abuse of their role and their position as a police officer and an individual and organisational failing".[5]

In addition to these abusive relationships, Lambert and the SDS have been shown to be involved in:

**Stealing the identities of dead children:** Lambert stole the identity of Mark Robert Charles Robinson, who died aged seven of a heart defect.[6] The practice has been condemned by the Home Affairs Select Committee who said it "was not only ghoulish and disrespectful, it could potentially have placed bereaved families in real danger of retaliation".[7]

**Deceiving courts:** Lambert admits being arrested "four or five times" and prosecuted under a false identity. He claims he cannot remember if he was convicted [8] This raises serious questions about perjury and perverting the course of justice. Additionally he

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co-wrote the What's Wrong With McDonald's? leaflet that triggered the McLibel trial, the longest trial in English history.[9] The fact of Lambert and the SDS' involvement was kept from the court.

**Spying on the family of Stephen Lawrence:** Lambert was the SDS manager whose officers spied on the Lawrences. He oversaw Peter Francis, who says he was tasked to 'find dirt' with which to discredit the family (a charge Lambert denies but which the Ellison Review recommended is fully investigated by the Public Inquiry into undercover policing).[10]

Five years after the murder Lambert brokered a meeting between one of his officers who had been spying and the Commissioner's team at the Lawrence Public Inquiry. This has been condemned by Mark Ellison QC's report as "wrong-headed and inappropriate... a completely improper use of the knowledge the MPS had gained by the deployment of this officer",[11] and Lambert was referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission. The investigation appears to still be ongoing. The fact of the SDS spying was kept from the Public Inquiry and all other investigations into the case.

This was one of at least 18 similar family and black justice campaigns spied on by the SDS, including others targeted by officers under Lambert's direction.

**Acting as an agent provocateur:** Those who knew Lambert under his pseudonym assert that he often berated activists for being "too soft" and encouraged them to take more serious action. He instigated many of the protests he spied on. Perhaps the most serious charge against him is the allegation that he planted an incendiary device in the Harrow branch of Debenhams in 1987 as part of a co-ordinated action against the fur trade which caused damage totalling £9m in three Debenhams stores.[12] It is a charge he has strenuously denied.

However, he claims credit for getting two of the group jailed and yet fails to explain how the mysterious firebomber of the Harrow store got away without even being named or apprehended.

**Spying on MPs:** In March it emerged that at least ten MPs had been spied on by the SDS. These are elected, public figures rather than the clandestine figures the SDS claimed to be countering. Lambert was one of the SDS managers who deployed officers who spied on the likes of Tony Benn and Jeremy Corbyn.[13]

**Construction industry blacklist:** The Consulting Association was a company that ran an illegal blacklist of thousands of politically active construction workers. Their files contain information that can only have come from police or the security services. The Independent Police Complaints Commission says it appears likely that every Special Branch supplied information that appears in files for the blacklist run by the Consulting Association.[14] Lambert was the SDS manager who oversaw Peter Francis, who says he believes intelligence he collected is in blacklist files,[15] and also Mark Jenner, who posed as a construction worker and infiltrated construction union UCATT under his false identity.

This was no one-off error, it was a catalogue of abuse that Lambert turned into a blueprint for others.

One has to wonder, if all this is not enough to make him unfit to teach others, what does it take? With fresh revelations coming to light almost weekly and the public inquiry about to begin, we can be confident there will be more.

These were not the actions of a young naïve person. This was years of deliberate, strategic abuse of citizens and undermining of legitimate campaigns.

Lambert's apologies, such as they are, come in carefully worded phrases that only take partial responsibility for what has already been exposed. They appear to be little more than firefighting each revelation as it appears. Did he declare this grossly abusive past – which he says he kept secret from his own family – to the University when he applied? Or did he deceive you as he deceived so many women and other campaigners?

Whichever, it is abhorrent that a man so lacking in moral compass should be in a position where he is shaping the minds of others. The University of St Andrews should terminate his contract.

Yours,

George Monbiot (Honorary DSc, University of St Andrews)

Lois Austin (ex-chair, Youth Against Racism in Europe)

Dave Smith (secretary, Blacklist Support Group)

Helen Steel (McLibel defendant and one of seven women who recently received an apology from the Metropolitan Police)

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# University under pressure to sack controversial former undercover spy Bob Lambert

Campaigners want a university to sack former undercover spy Bob Lambert but their demand is so far being resisted

**Rob Evans**

Tuesday 6 January 2015 10.49 GMT

A university has been coming under pressure to sack one of its lecturers who has become known as one of the most controversial undercover officers deployed by the police.

Campaigners have been seeking to persuade London Metropolitan University to remove Bob Lambert from his academic post.

So far the university has backed Lambert, saying they have “absolute faith in him as a lecturer” and is a “valued member” of staff”.

Lambert has been at the centre of many of the revelations about the police’s use of undercover officers.

To recap, he went undercover in the 1980s to infiltrate animal rights and environmental campaigners for four years.

He fathered a child with an activist, known as Jacqui, before abandoning them. The Metropolitan Police has paid more than £400,000 to Jacqui who has been profoundly traumatised after discovering by chance that the father of her son was an undercover police officer.

Lambert also deceived another woman into having a long-term relationship with him, as part of an elaborate attempt to lend “credibility” to his alter ego.

He also stole the identity of a dead boy to shore up his fake identity, been accused of setting fire to Debenhams, appeared in court using his alter ego rather than his real name, and co-wrote the leaflet at the heart of the notorious McLibel trial. In the 1990s, he was promoted to run the operations of the Special Demonstration Squad and was a key figure in the secret operation to spy on the family of Stephen Lawrence.

Since he left Special Branch in 2007, he has taught at three universities.

But the question now is whether a man like Lambert with his undercover past should be employed teaching students?

The campaigners say no. Alex Neve, from the Islington Against Spies campaign group (see here), has said :”We’re saying he’s not a suitable person to be working here, supervising students, some of whom may be vulnerable, when he’s shown evidence of having a very dubious attitude towards women and consent in the past. Can he be trusted not to abuse the power that he’s abused in the past? I don’t think he can.”

Reports of a demonstration can be found here in the Islington Gazette, the Islington Tribune and Islington Now, and a public meeting organised by the Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance and the university’s UNISON Branch here and here.

Observer columnist Nick Cohen argues in this article that Lambert is “uniquely unqualified” to hold his academic post, adding that the security establishment has not disowned him.

London Metropolitan University has defended him, saying : “Bob Lambert is a valued member of our criminology department, where he is popular with both students and staff.

“While we recognise the mistakes Bob made in his police career, for which he has apologised and displayed deep regret, we have absolute faith in him as a lecturer and member of our community.

“During a thirty-one year policing career, Bob made a significant contribution to tackling terrorism, political violence and hate crimes in London which, along with his strong academic record, makes him a valuable asset to criminology teaching at London Met.”

According to this biography, Lambert is a senior lecturer at the university’s John Grieve Policing Centre, teaching students about terrorism, counter-terrorism, far right political violence and anti-Muslim hate crimes.

He retains his academic post at St Andrews University where he has been a lecturer in terrorism studies. There have been protests there too (see here and here).

However there is a mystery - as yet, not fully explained - about the third academic post he held. In 2008, Lambert started work at Exeter University researching Islamophobia and counter-terrorism. He became the co-director of the university’s European Muslim Research Centre, embarking on a decade-long programme of research.

Exeter University has confirmed that Lambert resigned from the university in October 2011 - the same month his undercover past was exposed.

We asked Exeter University why he resigned but, after some delay, they refused to explain.

Some might wonder why Lambert departed from one university, but manages to keep his jobs at two other universities.

## UPDATE

Islington Against Police Spies is organising another demonstration at the university at lunchtime on January 30 (details here).

Meanwhile the university's Unison branch has published a statement in case it appears that it supports the call to sack Lambert. The statement can be found here.

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## Sack Bob Lambert – Picket Friday 30 January

19th January 2015

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Islington Against Police Spies (IAPS) have called a picket of London Metropolitan University, where former Special Demonstration Squad officer (and later boss) Bob Lambert lectures in criminology.

As reported in the Guardian, the university is under increasing pressure on its employment of Lambert to train tomorrow's police managers, a role which Observer columnist Nick Cohen said Lambert is 'uniquely unqualified' to have.

The IAPS callout says:

Join us to demand the removal of Bob Lambert from London Metropolitan University.

**Picket London Met**  
**Friday January 30th**  
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**LMU Tower, 166-220 Holloway Road, London N7 8DB**

Bring placards, banners, anything to make noise.

In November Islington Against Police Spies (IAPS) held a lively picket of London Metropolitan University in Holloway, launching our campaign to demand the sacking or resignation of Bob Lambert. Former police spy, Special Branch manipulator, abuser of women, agent provocateur, Lambert is now lecturing at London Met on policing and criminology.

As local residents we feel it is totally inappropriate for London Metropolitan to be employing a man with Lambert's record in such a position where he has influence and power over the lives of students, who may be young or vulnerable. Most particularly Lambert has shown he cannot be trusted not to abuse and lie to women.

Islington Against Police Spies have committed ourselves to holding events every month at least, to keep putting pressure on the University and raising awareness of Lambert's past, until he is forced to leave London Met. We know this CAN be done – but it's not necessarily going to be easy. Hopefully this campaign will get stronger until it's irresistible. BUT WE NEED HELP – we call on anyone who thinks Bob Lambert should not be working in a supposedly progressive university to support our campaign.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

**Come down** and join the picket on January 30th. The bigger and noisier our protest, the more notice London Met will have to take of us.

**Protest** to the following in the London Met hierarchy, and demand that they sack Bob Lambert:

- John Raftery, Vice-Chancellor; email: [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]
- Peter McCaffery, Deputy Vice-Chancellor; email: [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]
- Jonathan Woodhead, Executive Officer; email: [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]
- Paul Bowler, Deputy Chief Executive; email: [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]
- Peter Garrod, University Secretary and Clerk to the Board; email: [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]

You can also email Bob Lambert directly and let him know what you think of his activities: [REDACTED]

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**Spread the word** – tell others about this campaign, raise the issue in your networks, communities, union, etc – the more people know about Bob, the more pressure we all put on the university, the more likely it is that he will have to go.

This campaign is being organised by Islington Against Police Spies, a group of local residents and activists.

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## Who will police the police?

February 5, 2015



In his defence of Robert Lambert ("In defence of autonomy (<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/comment/opinion/why-a-controversial-undercover-cop-should-keep-his-academic-post/2018046.article>)", Opinion, 22 January), Stefano Bonino disparages the idea that lecturers be made accountable for their non-academic past. In most cases, he would be correct. But if that past has a very direct bearing on the lecturer's field, it should be considered. As Bonino notes, Lambert is valuable in academia because of his past employment by Metropolitan Police Special Branch. Yet this is not the glowing career it was once claimed to be. It is arguably one of the darkest episodes in recent policing history.

The recent revelations about Lambert raise difficult questions. If his employers, London Metropolitan University and the University of St Andrews, were informed prior to his employment of his deceptive sexual relationships with women he was spying on, of his alleged involvement in spying on Stephen Lawrence's family and of the other shocking acts he is now thought to have been responsible for, then they should publicly answer for themselves. But if Lambert hid any such acts, then he would appear to have deceived his employers just as he deceived the political groups and family campaigns he infiltrated.

Bonino says that the calls for Lambert to stop teaching policing studies and criminology "elevate morality to an absolute virtue floating outside the realm of a complex political world". The growing clamour from politicians, opinion formers and the wider public for Lambert to be sacked comes precisely because morality is not divorced from the political world. Ethics must be integral to teaching, and nowhere more so than in the tutoring of those who will have privileged power over the lives of citizens and the political movements essential to democratic society.

Given the long-term deception of so many people by Lambert, including the sexual exploitation of women, which the Association of Chief Police Officers' Sir Jon Murphy has described as "grossly unprofessional", we ask is there anyone less well-qualified to teach the next generation of senior police officers and management staff?

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# Controversy swirls around the university post of a former undercover spy with a dark past

Pressure on university to sack academic who fathered child with activist and was involved in spying on Stephen Lawrence family

**Rob Evans**

Thursday 26 February 2015 10.47 GMT

Campaigners are stepping up their efforts to compel a university to sack one of its lecturers. London Metropolitan University has been resisting calls to dismiss Bob Lambert from his post lecturing students about criminology.

The campaigners say that Lambert's past work for the Metropolitan Police's undercover unit, the Special Demonstration Squad, makes him unsuitable to be employed by the university.

This previous blog sets out some of the revelations surrounding Lambert's covert work. He for instance fathered a child with a campaigner and then abandoned both of them, deceived other women into intimate relationships, stole the identity of a dead boy, and was involved in spying on the family of Stephen Lawrence.

On Friday, campaigners from Islington Against Police Spies are holding another demonstration at the university calling for his removal. This here is what the group says.

Meanwhile there has been a vigorous exchange of arguments for and against dismissing Lambert in the pages of the Times Higher Education newspaper.

Here Stefano Bonino, an academic, argued in defence of Lambert, writing :”In short, the campaigners make a weakly argued moral case, but fail to make a robust legal or a pragmatic case, and in such circumstances, dismissing Lambert would seriously undermine the credibility of any autonomous institution. The campaign against Lambert is tantamount to institutional hijacking and attacks the very essence of the university as - in Benjamin Disraeli’s words - “a place of light, of liberty, and of learning”.”

A group of academics responded with a letter to the same publication, citing a “growing clamour from politicians, opinion formers and the wider public for Lambert to be sacked”. Their letter can be read [here](#).

They argued : “Given the long-term deception of so many people by Lambert, including the sexual exploitation of women, which the Association of Chief Police Officers’ Sir Jon Murphy has described as “grossly unprofessional”, we ask is there anyone less well-qualified to teach the next generation of senior police officers and management staff?”

Activist Merrick Badger, on his Bristling Badger blog, weighed in with further arguments for the removal of Lambert from the university. He wrote :”When a criminology lecturer devoted decades to abuse of citizens and the counter-democratic undermining of campaigns for seemingly no reason other than they threaten established power, it demolishes their credibility and legitimacy.”

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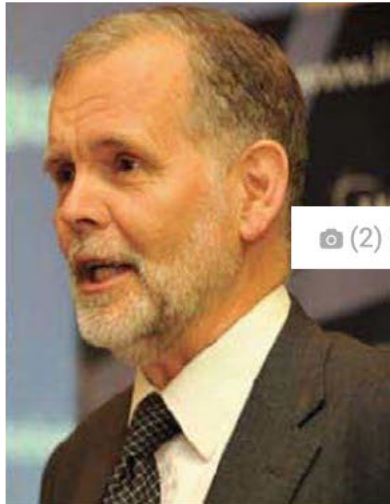
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St Andrews University is facing angry calls to sack an academic exposed as a former undercover police officer who had sex with his female targets.

Campaigners have complained to the University principal about the employment of Dr Bob Lambert, a lecturer in terrorism who is accused of planting a firebomb in a branch of Debenhams while undercover inside the Animal Liberation Front. He denies the accusation.

The signatories to the letter, which include campaigning journalist George Monbiot, have said of Lambert: "The University of St Andrews should terminate his contract."

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was paid to infiltrate animal rights and environmental groups.

He later became a senior SDS manager who handled other officers in the field. However, his past was exposed in 2011 and his discredited tactics form part of a judge-led inquiry into undercover policing which is set to begin imminently.

One of his methods was to take a dead child's name and use it to provide himself with a fake identity and back story.

He has admitted having sex with women linked to groups he targeted and even fathered a child with an activist known as Jacqui, who knew nothing of his undercover role.

Jacqui, who has described her treatment by the Met as amounting to "state rape", has received £425,000 in compensation after being traumatised by the fact the father of her son was a police spy.

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In 1987, Lambert infiltrated an Animal Liberation Front cell planning arson attacks on shops south of the border to protest against the sale of fur.

His undercover intelligence helped bring about the jailing of two individuals – Geoff Shepherd and Andrew Clarke – who were responsible for coordinated attacks on Debenhams stores in Luton and Romford.

However, Lambert has since been accused of being behind a third attack in the same month - on a Debenhams store in Harrow - which caused £340,000 of damage.

Green MP Caroline Lucas used parliamentary privilege in 2012 to air allegations that Lambert was behind this firebomb attack.

She said: "Sheppard alleges that Lambert was the one who planted the third device and was involved in the ALF's co-ordinated campaign." Lambert has denied planting the incendiary device.

It also emerged that Lambert, when posing as an environmental activist, co-wrote a leaflet that was critical of fast food chain McDonald's – a dispute that led to a famous libel trial.

He was promoted to a senior managerial role at the SDS in the 1990s, but the Unit is also facing allegations it spied on the late Stephen Lawrence's family and friends.

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Picture: Stephen Lawrence

However, Lambert left the police service and became an academic specialising in terrorism and political violence. He lectures at St Andrews University and has supervised dissertations.

His “twin research interests” are community-based approaches to counter-terrorism and Islamophobia.

A letter of complaint about Lambert’s status as a lecturer was sent on Friday to University principal Louise Richardson.

The letter was signed by campaigners Lois Austin, Dave Smith and Helen Steel, who had a relationship with another undercover officer without knowing his real identity.

Monbiot, who was awarded an honorary doctorate from St Andrews, has also put his name to the statement.

It reads: “We believe that his [Lambert] past conduct as a central figure in the Metropolitan Police’s Special Demonstration Squad means that he is supremely unsuitable for teaching and shaping the thoughts of others in his current position.

“The SDS’ abuse of citizens and undermining of legitimate campaigns are one of the darkest corners of Metropolitan Police history. Lambert is no role model and should not be trading on his abuses.”

After going through the detail of Lambert’s history as an SDS officer and manager, they added: “One has to wonder, if all this is not enough to make him unfit to teach others, what does it take? With fresh revelations coming to light almost weekly and the public inquiry about to begin, we can be confident there will be more. These were not the actions of a young naïve person. This was years of deliberate, strategic abuse of citizens and undermining of legitimate campaigns.”

The quartet concluded the letter by calling on the University to fire Lambert.



MSP John Finnie, himself a former police officer, said: "My understanding was that the highest standards of integrity - clearly unachievable by this notorious individual - applied to those charged with educating the population. I consider his continuing employment a blight on our highly regarded education system and trust it ends soonest."

A University spokesman said: "Bob Lambert is employed by us as a part-time lecturer in the School of International Relations and principally the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. He has been entirely open with the university and his students about his past. His teaching is highly valued by students. Beyond that, as matter of policy, we don't comment on personal matters or the circumstances of our staff."

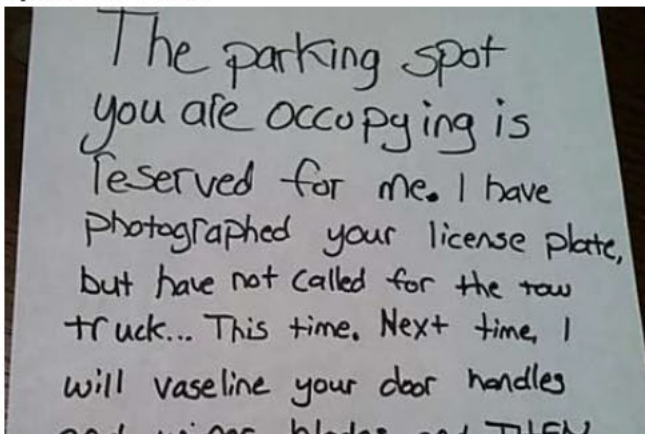
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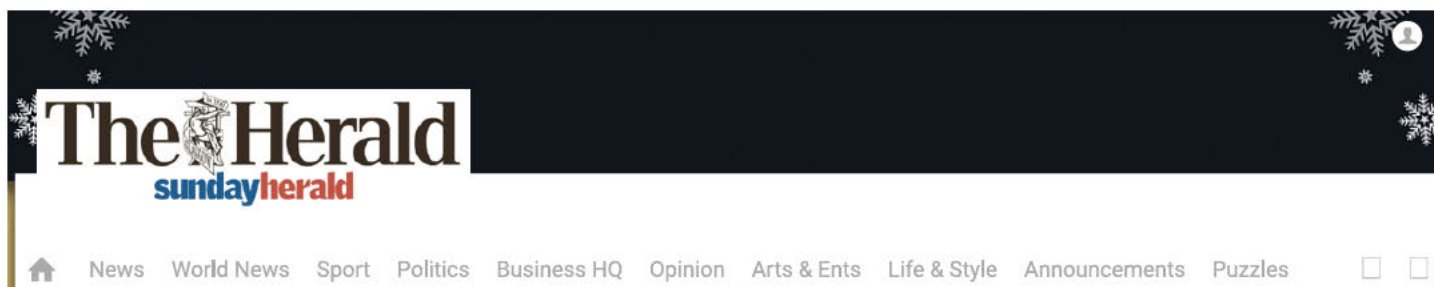


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An academic at a leading Scottish university, exposed as a former undercover police officer who had sex with his female targets, has quit his post.

Bob Lambert, who also fathered a child with a woman he was spying on, has left St Andrews University and another higher education body **amid an outcry about his past**.

Mr Lambert worked for the Metropolitan Police's Special Demonstration Squad (SDS) in the 1980s and was paid to infiltrate animal rights and environmental groups.

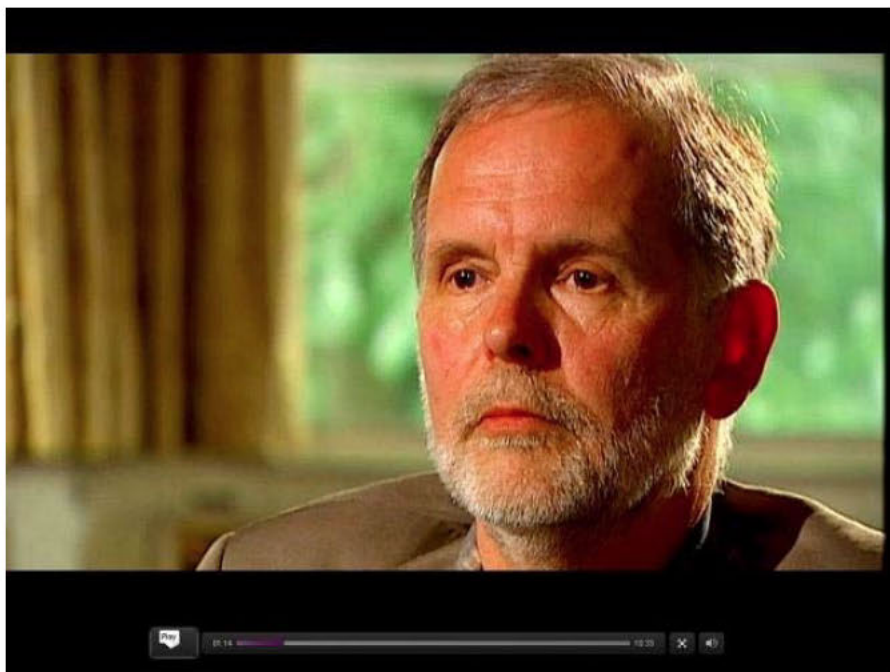
However, his behaviour was unmasked in 2011. He had sexual relationships with women linked to groups he spied

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Last night Mr Lambert, who has faced intense criticism and scrutiny over his covert police activities, said: "I have resigned from my part-time teaching positions at the University of St Andrews and London Metropolitan University and would like to take this opportunity to thank management, colleagues and students at both institutions for their kindness and support.

"Henceforward I will pursue my academic interests in responses to terrorism and political violence as an independent researcher. I will also continue to co-operate with the investigations and inquiry into undercover policing."



Mr Lambert, as an undercover officer, helped secure the convictions of two figures linked to the Animal Liberation Front responsible for firebombing branches of Debenhams.

Green MP Caroline Lucas used parliamentary privilege to air allegations he was behind another attack on the same company in the 1980s.

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The SDS has also faced allegations it spied on the family of murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence.

Despite the Debenhams allegations, Mr Lambert has been a lecturer in terrorism and political violence at St Andrews University.

His “twin research interests” are community-based approaches to counter-terrorism and Islamophobia.

Earlier this month, The Herald's sister paper the Sunday Herald revealed campaigners had written to University principal Louise Richardson to call for his sacking.

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### Picture: How the Sunday Herald broke the story



The letter, signed by George Monbiot, who was awarded an honorary doctorate from St Andrews, stated: "We believe that his [Lambert] past conduct as a central figure in the Metropolitan Police's Special Demonstration Squad means that he is supremely unsuitable for teaching and shaping the thoughts of others in his current position.

"The SDS' abuse of citizens and undermining of legitimate campaigns are one of the darkest corners of Metropolitan Police history. Lambert is no role model and should not be trading on his abuses."

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The letter gave a detailed account of Lambert's history as an SDS officer and noted: "One has to wonder, if all this is not enough to make him unfit to teach others, what does it take? With fresh revelations coming to light almost weekly and the public inquiry about to begin, we can be confident there will be more."



Picture: Monbiot

It was also signed by campaigners Lois Austin, Dave Smith and Helen Steel, who had a relationship with another undercover officer without knowing his real identity.

At the time, a university spokesman said Lambert had been "entirely open with the university and his students about his past", adding that his teaching was "highly valued by students".

It is understood the university and Lambert parted company last Friday.

Lambert has admitted having sexual relationships with activists and fathering a child with one woman, but denies the Debenhams claims.

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The woman he had a child with, known as Jacqui, received around £425,000 in compensation over the trauma of the father of her son being a police spy.

She told the BBC: "He watched me give birth remember and, to me, he was watching his first child being born. He was there throughout the labour. And that is something so intimate between a man and a woman. And I shared that with a ghost, with someone who vaporised."

The activities of covert police units are to be examined by the Pitchford Inquiry, set up by the UK Government in the wake of the claims about various undercover officers.

MSP John Finnie said: "This vindicates all those people who were campaigning to have people of integrity in teaching posts. Mr Lambert is not, and will never be, suitable in a teaching role. I'm delighted at this development."

A university spokesman said: "He tendered his resignation with effect from the end of the current term."

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# Ex-undercover officer who infiltrated political groups resigns from academic posts

Bob Lambert, who fathered a child with an activist, quits part-time posts at St Andrews and London Metropolitan universities

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A university lecturer who has a controversial past infiltrating political groups as an undercover police officer has resigned from two academic posts following long-running protests from campaigners.

Bob Lambert, who fathered a child with an activist before abandoning both of them, has quit his part-time posts at St Andrews and London Metropolitan universities. Campaigners had been calling for him to be dismissed, saying that his previous conduct as an undercover spy made him an unsuitable person to be teaching students.

Lambert's covert work infiltrating animal rights and environmental groups in the 1980s was exposed in 2011 by a group of campaigners on whom he had spied. During his four-year mission, he had fathered a child with a campaigner and then disappeared from their lives, claiming that he had to flee abroad to escape being arrested by the police.

The mother of his child only discovered the truth by chance in 2012, leaving her profoundly traumatised. Last year, the Metropolitan police paid her £425,000 in an out of court



settlement. Lambert also had a 18-month relationship with another woman, Belinda Harvey, while he was undercover.

Last month, the Met apologised and paid substantial compensation to Harvey and six other women who had discovered they had had intimate relationships with undercover officers. The Met admitted that the relationships had been “abusive, deceitful, manipulative and wrong”.

As part of his undercover work, Lambert also stole the identity of a dead boy to develop his fake identity, appeared in court using this false persona, and been accused of setting fire to a branch of Debenhams - an accusation he denies. He is under investigation over his role in secret operations to collect intelligence on the family of murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence.

After leaving the police in 2007, he secured posts at three universities, but has now quit all three. In a statement, St Andrews University said: “Dr Lambert resigned from his post as a lecturer at St Andrews with effect from the end of the current term.”

This month, four activists, including the Guardian journalist George Monbiot, had called for him to be sacked from his job lecturing students on terrorism, saying that it was “abhorrent that a man so lacking in moral compass should be in a position where he is shaping the minds of others”.

Prof Louise Richardson, the university’s principal, told its student paper, The Saint: “I think hiring people who have had real-world experience in an institution which is teaching counter-terrorism is entirely legitimate.

“In my position I’m not going to get involved in what people do privately whoever they are, so I think the university were legitimate to hire him and I think it has been reasonable for us to keep him.”

The London Metropolitan University confirmed that Lambert had resigned earlier this month, adding that it would not comment as a matter of course on why he had left.

The university said he taught students about terrorism, counter-terrorism, far-right political violence and anti-Muslim hate crimes. Lambert had resigned from Exeter University in October 2011: the same month his undercover past was exposed. Exeter has not explained why he left.

In a statement, Lambert said: “I have resigned from my part-time teaching positions at the University of St Andrews and London Metropolitan University and would like to take this opportunity to thank management, colleagues and students at both institutions for their kindness and support.

“Henceforward I will pursue my academic interests in responses to terrorism and political violence as an independent researcher. I will also continue to cooperate with the investigations and inquiry into undercover policing.”

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## Bob Lambert Resigns Academic Posts

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Protest against Bob Lambert's employment at London Metropolitan University, March 2015

Former spycops officer – and later boss – Bob Lambert has resigned from both his positions at British universities.

It comes after more than a year of pressure on the University of St Andrews – where COPS gave a [presentation on Lambert](#) in March – culminating in a [letter two weeks ago](#) from four prominent activists including George Monbiot, who holds an honorary doctorate from the university.

Lambert's other employer, London Metropolitan University, has seen even more intensive activity. As well as having [the COPS presentation](#) on Lambert to staff and students, there have been monthly pickets as part of a [dedicated campaign](#) that has made the controversy [front page news](#).

As a Special Demonstration Squad officer, Lambert was deployed into the animal rights movement in the early 80s. He had sexual relationships with four women whilst undercover, including fathering a planned child with one. He co-wrote the What's Wrong With McDonald's? leaflet that triggered the McLibel trial, yet kept his role and that of the SDS from the court. He was part of an Animal Liberation Front cell that firebombed department stores that sold fur, and stands accused of planting the devices that burned down Debenhams in Harrow.

Afterwards, he was promoted to running the SDS, where his officers also had long-term life-partner relationships. He oversaw the spying on the family of Stephen Lawrence and many similar black and family justice campaigns, as well as Labour MPs including Jeremy Corbyn.

His hiring to academic positions teaching counter-terrorism and criminology to future police managers is entirely at odds with the disgraced history of the man, his methods and his unit. As Observer columnist [Nick Cohen put it](#), Lambert was 'uniquely unqualified' for his positions.

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*I'm not going to get involved in what people do privately*

That is a bizarre response to what Lambert did on duty as a paid public servant.

Lambert was also employed by Exeter University, embarking on a ten year project, but resigned in 2011 shortly after he was exposed. The university has rebuffed inquiries as to why. Likewise, this week London Met refused to say why he had resigned.

Today's [Guardian](#) quotes Lambert saying

*Henceforward I will pursue my academic interests in responses to terrorism and political violence as an independent researcher. I will also continue to cooperate with the investigations and inquiry into undercover policing.*

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# Ex-police spy Bob Lambert resigns academic posts



Bob Lambert, former police spy, has resigned from his posts as lecturer on counter-terrorism at the University of St Andrews and London Metropolitan University.

A timely Xmas present for all of us who have been targetted by undercover police for campaigning to change the world for the better, or for justice for our murdered relatives... Bob Lambert resigns as University lecturer over spying controversy.

Former undercover police infiltrator and spymaster Bob Lambert has stepped down from his posts at both London Metropolitan University and St Andrews University. His resignation comes in the wake of growing calls for him to be sacked over the controversy surrounding his involvement in undercover police operations in the 1980s.

It has been announced that Bob Lambert resigned from his position as a lecturer at London Metropolitan University earlier this month. Today it was also announced that he will also leave his post at St Andrews.

In a statement from St Andrews University it was announced that Dr Lambert's resignation will take effect from the end of the current term.

Exposed as a high ranking undercover police officer in 2011, Dr Lambert has been accused of using his position to pursue sexual relationships with women who were also his targets.

As a member of the Metropolitan Police's Special Demonstration Squad, Lambert posed as an animal rights activist from 1983 to 1988. As part of this operation, he fathered a son with an unsuspecting woman before abandoning them both. The woman in question, who has referred to the experience as "state rape" subsequently received £400,000 in compensation from the Metropolitan Police.

Lambert also entered into in at least another three relationships with women in order to lend "credence" to his undercover persona. His involvement in many of the Animal Liberation Front's activities, including setting fire to a Debenhams, went beyond information gathering, to the point where he was acting as an agent provocateur. He later rose to head the Special Demonstration Squad, where he supervised the infiltration of numerous other undercover police into campaigning, political and environmental groups. Most notoriously, officers under his watch were directed to spy on the family of murdered black teenager Stephen Lawrence and spies were also directed to penetrate the Lawrence campaign during the inquiry into his murder and into racism in the police. The role of these spies was to undermine and if possible discredit the family and campaigners as well as to prepare the Met for the family's approach to the Inquiry.

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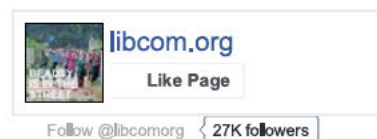
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Lambert was also in charge of the SDS when trade unionists working in the construction industry had detailed information on them passed by undercover police to superiors - information that later came into the hands of private firms running a blacklist on behalf of large construction firms. Many of these workers lost their jobs or were otherwise harassed as a result. Serious questions remain about Lambert and the SDS's role in the blacklisting scandal - did Lambert or more senior figures in the Met pass material gathered by police spies to the blacklisters?

A recipient of an MBE for his services to the police, Lambert has also faced allegations that he appeared in court under the name of his undercover identity, Bob Robinson, rather than his real name.

In an interview with Channel 4 in 2013, Lambert admitted that he had been "cruel" in pursuing relationships with women in activist groups that he was targeting.

Lambert's resignation is a vindication for all campaigners - who have called for Lambert to be sacked from his position, since 2011, when he was exposed as a former SDS operative and supervisor. But his resignation comes as a judicial inquiry into undercover policing is about to begin, where we are working hard for a wealth of further information about undercover policing to be revealed to the targets:

- the families of murder victims, people who have died and been killed in custody, and sufferers of racist attacks who were spied on by the cops, instead of achieving any justice;
- the many women sexually exploited by the undercover police, deliberately condoned by the SDS and senior policemen;
- the numberless community campaigns, political groupings, animal rights, environmental groups and anti-war organisations, the list is almost endless...

Both Universities had consistently resisted calls to sack him and stated that his teaching was highly valued by his students. However the large number of dark points in his past raise serious questions about whether he should EVER have been employed in a position of trust.

While his resignation might spell the end of his academic career in London Met and St Andrews, IT DOES NOT SPELL THE END OF OUR INTEREST IN BOB LAMBERT. Many questions remain about his work over 30 years in Special Branch. Some of it may be forced into the light by the Inquiry; but Lambert's work in the dark underbelly of repressive policing may never be fully revealed. Islington Against Police Spies will continue to play a part in uncovering this master manipulator's torrid history.

BUT FOR NOW - let's drink a toast: Well done to all the campaigners, students and staff at both St Andrews and London Metropolitan universities, local community activists and others who pushed for Lambert to be held to account! This is just the beginning...

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## 11 October: Protest at Peterborough Council meeting to demand resignation/dismissal of Andy Coles

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**On Wednesday 11 October there will be a demonstration at the next meeting of Peterborough Council to demand the resignation or dismissal of ex-spycop turned Tory councillor Andy Coles. Meet outside the Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HF at 6pm.**

In May it was revealed that Andy Coles infiltrated the peace and animal rights movements from 1991-95 as Andy Davey. He was a member of the disgraced secret Special Branch unit called the Special Demonstrations Squad. While undercover he began an intimate relationship with a 19 year old activist named Jessica (not her real name). He lied to her saying he was 24 when really he was 32 and married.

Jessica says she feels like she was groomed: "Although not legally underage, I feel that my youth and vulnerability were used to target me. I was groomed by someone much older, and far more experienced... I was manipulated into having a sexual relationship with him. I didn't even know his real name."

Coles was also Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire. He resigned three days after his sordid past was revealed but has clung on as councillor. There is now a grassroots campaign calling for him to step down and a public meeting in September was attended by 30 people. Since then every house in the Fletton and Woodston ward (which Coles represents) has been leafleted.

**Show your disgust at Andy Coles' actions and join us in calling for his resignation or dismissal. Come to the demonstration, bring banners & placards. Make a noise about it on social media. Talk to your friends.**

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