

## SIGMA Threat Management Associates Bio

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Dr. Pollard is the Senior Consulting Psychologist with SIGMA Threat Management Associates. He is a Board Certified Licensed Psychologist, a founding member of George Mason University's Threat Assessment Team, and Adjunct Faculty in the Department Criminology, Law and Society where he teaches threat assessment. He has consulted on threat assessment to universities, colleges, private individuals, government agencies, and houses of worship throughout the country. He has been a presenter on violence prevention and threat management at national meetings of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, the American College Health Association, the American Board of Professional Psychology, the American College Personnel Association, the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors, the Big 10 Threat Assessment Conference, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Governor of Virginia's Domestic Violence Prevention & Response Advisory Board Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Dr. Pollard's career in the prevention of campus-based violence has spanned thirty years. Among numerous publications on violence prevention, he co-edited *Campus Violence, Kinds, Causes and Cures* in 1993 and in 2016 he published: *University Counseling Centers' Role in Campus Threat Assessment and Management* in the *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*. His research on student alcohol use included a 15-year longitudinal study that furthered the understanding of the impact of drinking on academic performance and interpersonal violence. Dr. Pollard's current projects include the Virginia Tech Victims Family Outreach Foundation where he serves as a member of the Advisory Council for the 32 National Campus Safety Initiative and serving on the Advisory Board for the Consortium for the Advancement of Threat Assessment and Management in Higher Education. He was an invited subject matter expert at the Campus Threat Assessment Summit sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS) and served a critical role in developing the curriculum for national campus threat assessment training sponsored by the COPS Office. He has testified before the United States congress in support of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as well as in support of resources dedicated to the mental health of returning veterans. Dr. Pollard has thirty-five years of experience directing counseling and health centers on secular and non-secular campuses with enrollments ranging from 2,100 to 34,000 students. He is past president of the American Board of Counseling Psychology and the American Academy of Counseling Psychology. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia that included a Clinical Psychology Residency at Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine. In 2010, the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors awarded him the Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2012 recognized him as an Emeritus Counseling Center Director.