



SIGMA Threat Management Associates Bio

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Dr. Jeff Pollard is Vice President and Senior Psychologist for SIGMA Threat Management Associates LLC. Jeff consults on and serves as the psychologist resource on active threats, teaches introductory and advanced threat assessment courses and provides audits for SIGMA clients. He also provides psychological liaison between mental health providers and SIGMA Threat Management Associates. His career in preventing violence has spanned thirty-five years. He is a Board Certified Licensed Psychologist, co-founder of George Mason University's Threat Assessment Team, Adjunct Faculty in the Department Criminology, Law and Society teaching threat assessment, and serves as the Psychologist for GMUPD. He has provided threat assessments to universities, colleges, private individuals, government agencies, businesses, and houses of worship throughout the United States. He has given presentations on threat assessment and management to an array of professional associations, including the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, American College Health Association, American Board of Professional Psychology, American College Personnel Association, Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD), Big 10 Threat Assessment Conference, National Reconnaissance Organization, Campus and University Police and Investigators Conference, U.S. Department of Education, and the Governor of Virginia's Domestic Violence Prevention & Response Advisory Board. He co-edited Campus Violence, Kinds, Causes and Cures in 1993 and in 2016 published: University Counseling Centers' Role in Campus Threat Assessment and Management in the *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*. He received the AUCCCD's Excellence in Counseling Center Scholarship Award in 2016 and 2019. Dr. Pollard served the Virginia Tech Victims Family Outreach Foundation Advisory Council on the 32 National Campus Safety Initiative. 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 curriculum development for the 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) and in support of resources dedicated to the mental health of returning veterans. Dr. Pollard directed 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 including a Clinical Psychology Residency at Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine. In 2010, AUCCCD awarded him the Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2012 they recognized him as an Emeritus Counseling Center Director.