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Dr. Randazzo is an international expert on threat assessment, targeted violence, and violence prevention. She is currently serving as Director of Threat Assessment for Georgetown University and also as Managing Partner with Sigma Threat Management Associates. Dr. Randazzo is an accomplished presenter and instructor on threat assessment investigations, having trained over 12,000 professionals in law enforcement, management, administration, mental health, and the intelligence community throughout the United States, Canada, and the European Union. Her research is used in the federal, state, and local law enforcement communities and has been credited with preventing planned attacks.

Dr. Randazzo previously served for ten years with the U.S. Secret Service, most recently as the agency's Chief Research Psychologist. Among her various responsibilities, she co-directed the *Safe School Initiative*, the landmark federal study of school shootings that was conducted jointly by the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Department of Education. She is co-author of the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Department of Education's publications: Final Report and Findings of the Safe School Initiative: Implications for the Prevention of School Attacks in the United States and Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and Creating Safe School Climates. She is also co-author of The Handbook for Campus Threat Assessment and Management Teams (2008) and lead author of Implementing Behavioral Threat Assessment on Campus: A Virginia Tech Demonstration Project (2009), which are two of the three resources cited in an ANSI-approved national standard for colleges and universities as models for campus threat assessment and threat management.

Dr. Randazzo has testified before Congress, briefed White House staff, and has been interviewed about school shootings, targeted violence, and threat assessment by major television, radio, and print news outlets, including *60 Minutes*, the *Today Show*, the *Early Show*, *Good Morning America*, *48 Hours*, *Dateline NBC*, *MSNBC*, *ABC World News*, *Nightline*, the *New York Times*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *National Public Radio*. She has published numerous articles on threat assessment and violence prevention and has served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Threat Assessment*. She has also published under her maiden name, Marisa Reddy. Dr. Randazzo received her Ph.D. and Master's degree from Princeton University in Social Psychology, and a B.A. in Psychology and Religion from Williams College. In 2005, Dr. Randazzo was awarded the Williams College Bicentennial Medal for her work in preventing violence. She is listed in several *Who's Who* publications for her threat assessment research and training contributions.