

David R. Thomas



David R. Thomas joined Johns Hopkins University in 2002, becoming a member of the full-time faculty of the School of Education, Division of Public Safety Leadership. In addition to teaching and conducting research, he serves as Program Director for Domestic Violence Education. Thomas is one of the nation's foremost authorities on violence against women and has worked with governments and public safety agencies worldwide.

He retired from the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department, where he served as supervisor and lead investigator of the Domestic Violence Unit, hostage negotiator, and member of the Decentralized Weapons and Tactical Team. In addition, he served as a full-time instructor in the Police Academy, where he taught Constitutional and Criminal Law, Laws of Arrest, and Rules of Evidence. Thomas holds the distinction of being the second highest decorated officer in the history of the Montgomery County Police Department, receiving, among other awards, the silver and bronze medals of valor and the National Association of Counties Award for Outstanding Work in the Area of Domestic Violence. He was recognized as the Department's Police Officer of the Year.

Thomas served three years as Senior Advisor to the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, focusing on violence against women. He is a highly recognized expert witness in state and federal courts on police officer conduct relevant to use of force, search and seizure, and criminal and civil law. He has testified in cases involving violence against women concerning victim and perpetrator dynamics, the impact of trauma on victims of abuse, domestic violence, domestic violence investigations, police officer involved domestic violence, women's use of violence, strangulation investigations, stalking investigations, sexual assault, and sexual assault investigations including drug-facilitated sexual assault investigations.

He served as a faculty member with Project Harmony for the Department of State, providing domestic violence training for police officials, judges, and prosecutors in Russia and Ukraine. He is the author or co-author of over 40 publications including *Toolkit for Implementing Anonymous or Jane Doe Reporting Systems* and *We All Make a Difference: Workplace Violence and Threat Prevention Program and Manual*.

Thomas was recently appointed as a Commissioner to the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. He also serves on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Advisory Board and is President Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Network against Domestic Violence.

He holds a Master's degree in State and Local Government Administration from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor's degree in History from the Towson State University. In addition, he holds a Certificate in Advanced Trauma Treatment.