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**LICENSES &  
CERTIFICATES:**

Licensed Psychologist  
Texas Board of Psychology  
Nationally Certified School Psychologist

**EMPLOYMENT  
HISTORY:**

2006-Present	Professor and Co-Director of the Suicide and Violence Prevention Office Co-Director, SAMSHA Grant for Suicide Prevention Nova Southeastern University Center for Psychological Studies Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
2005-2006	School Psychology Program Administrator/Core Faculty Nova Southeastern University Center for Psychological Studies Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
1982-2005	Director, Department of Psychological Services Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Houston, Texas
1985-Present	Adjunct Faculty Pittsburg State University Pittsburg, Kansas
1990-2005	Director, ROPES Program Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Houston, Texas
1983-2000	Director of Training for Internship Program ( <i>APA accredited in 1991</i> ) Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Houston, Texas
1981-1982	School Psychologist Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Houston, Texas
9/80-8/81	Psychological Consultant Cowan, Indiana Schools
3/76-8/77	Mental Health Administrator New Castle State Hospital New Castle, Indiana
5/75-9/75	Counselor Bethel Home for Boys New Castle, Indiana

9/72-9/73      Psychiatric Aide  
Connecticut Valley Hospital  
Middletown, Connecticut

**EDUCATION:**

Ed.D.            Ball State University, 1981  
School Psychology

M.A.            Ball State University, 1975  
Counseling Psychology

B.S.            Arizona State University, 1975  
Psychology

**LEADERSHIP  
ACTIVITIES:**

2011            Consultant and Trainer  
Realengo, Brazil  
In response to a school shooting

2011            Consultant and Trainer  
Kuakauna, Wisconsin  
In response to a youth suicide cluster

2010 -Present    Member  
Advisory Board  
Ganley Foundation

2010            Consultant  
Star Valley, Wyoming  
In response to a youth suicide cluster

2009            Consultant and Trainer  
Sarpy County, Nebraska  
In response to a youth suicide cluster

2008            Consultant and Trainer  
Volusia County Schools  
In response to a school violence plot

2006-Present    American Association of Suicidology  
Task Force on School Credentialing

2006-Present    Prevention Division Chair  
American Association of Suicidology

2006-2008      Chairman  
National Emergency Assistance Team

2005            Member  
U. S. Department of Education Crisis Team  
Red Lake, Minnesota  
In response to school shooting

2005	Member Advisory Board Louisiana Department of Education In response to Hurricane Katrina
2005-Present	Member Advisory Board Signs of Suicide (SOS)
2005	Consultant Hurricane Relocation Issues Houston Independent School District, Houston, Texas
2004	Consultant and Trainer Millard School District, Omaha, Nebraska In response to a youth suicide cluster
2003	Consultant and Trainer Sealy Independent School District, Sealy, Texas In response to a youth suicide cluster
2002	Consultant and Trainer Grossmont School District, El Cajon, California In response to a youth suicide cluster
2002	Consultant Youth Violence and School Safety Federal Emergency Management Agency
2001	Consultant Children's Mental Health Education Bureau Shanghai & Beijing, China
2001-Present	Member National Association of School Psychologists, National Emergency Assistance Team
2001	Leader U.S. Department of Education Crisis Team Santee, California In response to shooting at Santana High School
2001	Leader U.S. Department of Education Crisis Team El Cajon, California In response to shooting at Granite Hills High School
2001	Consultant School Crisis Planning Ministry of Education Istanbul, Turkey
2001	Briefing Children's Mental Health Children's Caucus of the United States Congress Washington, DC

2001-2007	Member Board of Directors Mothers Against Violence in America
2001	Member Texas Legislative Task Force on Suicide Prevention
2000	Moderator School System Summit on Solutions to Youth Violence Las Vegas, Nevada
2000	Community and School Consultant Palm Beach County, Florida In response to shooting at Lake Worth Middle School
2000	Member Texas Attorney General's Task Force Curriculum Solutions to Youth Violence
2000	Invited Trainer Federal Emergency Management Institute Emmitsburg, Maryland
2000	President National Association of School Psychologists
1999	Crisis Team Member National Organization for Victim Assistance Houston, Texas In response to a bus accident
1999	Invited Guest and Speaker Vice President Gore's School Violence Prevention Meeting Dallas, Texas
1999	Team Leader Crisis response team sent to Jefferson County Public Schools Littleton, Colorado Shooting at Columbine High School
1999-2005	Member Advisory Board for Safe Schools Harris County Department of Education
1999-2005	Member Editorial Board <i>School Safety Journal</i> Aspen Publishing Company
1999-2005	Member Houston & Harris County Commission on Children
1998	Invited Participant White House Round Table on Youth Violence With President Clinton, Attorney General Reno, & Secretary of Education Riley

1998	Team Leader National Organization for Victim Assistance Crisis response team sent to Jonesboro, Arkansas Shooting at Westside Middle School
1998-2004	Member Editorial Board <i>School Psychology Quarterly</i> American Psychological Association, Division 16
1998-2002	Member Advisory Board National Organization for Victim Assistance
1998-2002	Member U.S. Departments of Education and Criminal Justice Task Force on School Violence and Victimization
1997	Team Leader National Organization for Victim Assistance Crisis response team sent to Paducah, Kentucky Shooting at Heath High School
1996-1999	Chairman National Emergency Assistance Team, National Association of School Psychologists
1995	Member National Assessment Team formed by U.S. Department of Education In response to Oklahoma City bombing
1988	Member Task Force on Attention Deficit Disorder Texas State Board of Education
1987-1992	Member Advisory Board Texas State Youth Suicide Prevention
1987	Director Texas Psychological Association School Psychology Division
1985	Treasurer Texas Psychological Association School Psychology Division
1984-1995	Founder and Director Houston School Psychology Association

**HONORS:**

2010	Florida Association of School Psychologists
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Nominee for NASP Lifetime Achievement Award

- 2006 Nova Southeastern University  
Center for Psychological Studies  
School Psychology Program  
Professor of the Year
- 2005 Wall of Fame Induction  
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District
- 2005 Crisis Intervention Award  
National Association of School Psychologists
- 2001 School Psychologist of the Year  
Texas Psychological Association  
School Psychology Division
- 2001 Psychologist of the Year  
Texas Psychological Association
- 2001 Wall of Fame Induction  
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District
- 1999 Houston Wage Peace Award  
Houston Peace Forum
- 1999 Wall of Fame Induction  
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District
- 1998 Presidential Award for Service  
National Association of School Psychologists
- 1993 Professional Profile  
National School Safety Center
- 1993 Finalist  
National School Psychologist of the Year
- 1992 Texas Nominee  
National School Psychologist of the Year
- 1985 School Psychologist of the Year  
Texas Psychological Association

**EXPERT  
TESTIMONY:**

- 2011 State of Montana v. Justine Winter DC-09-424(B) Flathead County
- 2009 Congressional Testimony on School Safety and Bullying Prevention  
Joint Committee Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education and Healthy  
Families and Communities Subcommittees  
United States House of Representatives
- 1999 Congressional Testimony on School Violence  
Early Childhood, Youth and Families Subcommittee  
United States House of Representatives

Committee on Education and the Workforce

1998

Congressional Testimony on Youth Violence and Understanding Violent Children  
Early Childhood, Youth and Families Subcommittee  
United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

**Grants** 2009 Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration Grant for  
Expanding Suicide Prevention Efforts Off Campus Three Year Grant

2007-2008 NSU President's Faculty Research Grant for Bullying Prevention and  
Awareness

2006-2007 NSU Quality of Life Council Faculty Community Based Grant for Suicide  
Prevention

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

Regular featured column for District Administration Magazine a publication for  
school administrators from 2008 to present

Lieberman, R., Poland, S., & Cassel, R. (2008). Suicide intervention in the schools.  
In A. Thomas & J. Grimes (Eds.), *Best practices in school psychology*. Washington,  
DC: National Association of School Psychologists.

Lieberman, R., Poland, S., & Cowan, K. (2006, October). Suicide prevention in the  
schools. *Principal Leadership, 7(20)*, 11-15.

Poland, S., & Cassel, R. (2006, Summer). The role of educators in the aftermath of  
disasters. *Kids Peace Magazine, 11(1)*, 18-20.

Lieberman, R., & Poland, S. (2006). Self mutilation and schools. In G. Bear & K.  
Minke (Eds.), *Children's Needs III: Development, Prevention & Intervention*.  
Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S. (2004, May). Safe schools in springtime. *Principal Leadership, 3(2)*, 44-  
46.

Poland, S. (2004). Congressional testimony on school violence. National Youth At-  
Risk Conference. Rea, D. (Ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

Poland, S. (2004). School crisis teams. In A. Goldstein & J. Conoley (Eds.), *School  
violence intervention: A practical handbook* (2nd ed.). New York: Guilford Press.

Poland, S., Pitcher, G., & Lazarus, P. (2002). Best practices in crisis intervention. In  
A. Thomas & J. Grimes (Eds.), *Best practices in school psychology*. Washington, DC:  
National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S., & Lieberman, R. (2002). Best practices in suicide prevention. In A.  
Thomas & J. Grimes (Eds.), *Best practices in school psychology*. Washington, DC:  
National Association of School Psychologists.

Brock, S., & Poland, S. (2002). School crisis preparedness. In P. Lazarus & S. Brock (Eds.), *Crisis intervention handbook*. Washington, DC: National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S. (2000, Winter). When death affects your school. *Mulberry Center Journal*. 20-24.

Poland, S. (2000, Fall). Prevention through building relationships at school. *New York School Psychology Association Journal*. 7-10.

Poland, S. (2000, Fall). When death affects your school: A practical guide for administrators. *Inside School Safety*. 1-5.

Poland, S. (2000, September). Managing emotionality. *International School Psychology Association, World Go Round Newsletter*. 16-18.

Poland, S. (2000, September). Crisis expert: Know how to help when crisis strikes. *Today's School Psychologist*. 8-12.

Poland, S. (2000, September). Why students don't end the conspiracy of silence. *Maintaining Safe Schools*. 4-5.

Poland, S. (2000, August). When a student dies: How should schools respond? *Inside Private School Management*. 10-13.

Poland, S. (2000, July). Suicide prevention. *Today's School Psychologist*. 8-9.

Poland, S. (2000, Spring). We can't solve the school security problems until we personalize schools. *Mothers Against Violence in America Newslines*. 1-2.

Poland, S., & McCormick, J. (2000). *Coping with crisis: Quick reference guide*. Longmont, Colorado: Sopris West.

Poland, S., & McCormick, J. (1999). *Coping with crisis: Lessons Learned*. Longmont, Colorado: Sopris West.

Poland, S. (1999, March). The Fourth R – Relationships. *American School Board Journal*. 42-44.

Poland, S., & Poland, D. (1999). *Take back your school!* Memphis, TN: Marshall & Lawrence.

Poland, S. (1999). CBS AOL Crisis Intervention Chatline.

Poland, S. (1999). Developing a crisis plan that works for your school. *Today's School Psychologist*, 2(10), 10-12.

Poland, S. (1999, April). Prevention of violence should be a top priority. *School Board News*, p. 3.

Poland, S. (1999). Teachable moment lesson plan on violence prevention. *Communiqué*, 27(8), 14-15.

Poland, S. (1999). Death: Dealing with crisis at school. In A. Canter & S. Carroll (Eds.), *Crisis prevention and response*. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.

- Poland, S. (1999). Best practices in suicide intervention. In A. Canter & S. Carroll (Eds.), *Crisis prevention and response: A collection of NASP resources*. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.
- Poland, S. (1999). Suicide intervention in the schools: A handout for school personnel. In A. Canter & S. Carroll (Eds.), *Crisis prevention and response: A collection of NASP resources*. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.
- Poland, S. (1999, Fall). The hardware side of school safety: Why it is not enough. *Journal of the Texas Middle School Association*. 6-9.
- Poland, S. (1999, Fall). Guest commentary on school safety. *Journal of the Arizona School Board Association*.
- Poland, S. (1999, Fall). Crisis intervention in our schools. *Texas Psychologist*. 16-19.
- Poland, S. (1999, Summer). Congressional testimony on school violence. *Texas Association of School Administrators Professional Journal Insight*. 12-15.
- Poland, S. (May 6, 1999). ABC News Online: Interview on school violence prevention.
- Poland, S. (1998, Fall). Challenged by crisis: Seeking solutions. *School Safety Journal*. 4-7.
- Poland, S. (1998, Summer/Fall). Congressional testimony. *Rural Special Education Quarterly*. 5-11.
- Poland, S. (1998, April). Assisting the victims of school violence. *Texas Against Gun Violence*. 1-3.
- Poland, S. (1998). NOVA counseling model helps victims cope with tragedies. *School Violence Alert*, 4(7), 6-7.
- Poland, S. (1998). Suicide intervention. *Child Therapy News*, 6(1), 11-19.
- Poland, S. (1998). Make crisis planning a top priority: What happened in Jonesboro could happen in your schools. *School Board News*, 18(9), 4-5.
- Poland, S. (1998). School crisis planning: Questions answered. *Communiqué*, 27(3), 32-33.
- Poland, S. (1998). Jonesboro turns to school psychologists for leadership. *Communiqué*, 26(8), 5-6.
- Poland, S. (1998). National emergency assistance team chairman invited to the White House. *Communiqué*, 25(8), 4.
- Poland, S. (1998). N.E.A.T. Chairman leads NOVA team in Paducah. *Communiqué*, 26(7), 14.
- Poland, S. (1998). Strategies to support flood victims. *Communiqué*, 25(8), 13.
- Poland, S. (1997). R.O.P.E.S. (Reality Oriented Physical Experiences). In B. Nastasi, K. Varjas, & R. Bernstein (Eds.), *Exemplary mental health programs: School*

*psychologists as mental health providers*. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S. (1997). School crisis teams. In A. Goldstein & J. Conoley (Eds.), *School violence intervention handbook*. New York: Guilford Press.

Young, K., Poland, S., & Griffin, L. (1996). Making psychology in the schools indispensable: Our role in crisis intervention. In R. C. Talley, T. Kubiszyn, M. Brassard, & R. J. Short (Eds.), *Making psychologists in schools indispensable: Critical questions and emerging perspectives*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Poland, S. (1995). *Prevenzione Del Suicidio Nell' Adolescenza*. Italy: Edizioni Erickson.

Poland, S., Pitcher, G., & Lazarus, P. (1995). Best practices in crisis intervention. In A. Thomas & J. Grimes (Eds.), *Best practices in school psychology*. Washington, DC: National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S. (1995). Best practices in suicide intervention. In A. Thomas & J. Grimes (Eds.), *Best practices in school psychology*. Washington, DC: National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S. (1994). The role of school crisis teams to reduce violence and trauma. *School Psychology Review, 23*(2), 190-203.

Poland, S. (1993). *School crisis plan for Alaska Public Schools*. Juneau: State Department Education.

Pitcher, G., & Poland, S. (1992). *Crisis intervention in the schools*. New York: Guilford.

Poland, S. (1991). Tips for teachers in dealing with crises. In J. Sandoval (Ed.), *Resources in Crisis intervention: School, family and community applications*. Silver Spring, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S., & Pitcher, G. (1990). Best practices in crisis intervention. In A. Thomas and J. Grimes (Eds.), *Best practices in school psychology*. Washington, DC: National Association of School Psychologists.

Poland, S., & Pitcher, G. (1990, Fall). Expect the unexpected. *School Safety Journal*. Malibu: National School Safety Center.

Poland, S. (1989). *Suicide intervention in the schools*. New York: Guilford.

Poland, S. (1989). Bus driver training. *Communiqué, 17*(7), 16.

Poland, S. (1988, February). Crisis intervention in the schools. *Master Teacher V.I.P.*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

National Association of School Psychologists

Florida Association of School Psychologists

American Association of Suicidology

**SELECTED RECENT  
MAJOR PRESENTATIONS:**

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| 2011 | Keynote Address<br>Kansas School Safety Center<br>Topeka, Kansas  |
| 2011 | Keynote Address<br>Virginia School Safety Conference<br>Hampton, Virginia   |
| 2011 | Keynote Address<br>Iowa School Court Conference<br>Des Moines, Iowa   |
| 2011 | Keynote Address<br>Texas School Safety Center<br>San Marcos, Texas  |
| 2011 | Keynote Address<br>Texas Suicide Prevention Symposium<br>San Marcos, Texas  |
| 2011 | Keynote Address<br>Idaho Suicide Prevention Action Network<br>Boise, Idaho  |
| 2011 | Keynote Address<br>National Bullying Prevention Conference<br>Orlando, Florida  |
| 2010 | Keynote Address<br>Role of School Psychologists in Crisis Intervention<br>Western Australia School Psychology Association<br>Perth, Australia |
| 2010 | Keynote Address<br>Suicide Prevention<br>Queensland School Counselors Association and Koch Foundation<br>Cairns, Australia                    |
| 2009 | Keynote Address<br>National Australian Postvention Conference<br>Melbourne, Australia   |
| 2009 | Keynote Address<br>National School Safety Conference  |

Orlando, Florida

- 2009      Featured Speaker on Podcast  
Self Injury: Testimony, Insight, and Critical Issues  
Florida Department of Health
  
- 2008      Invited Address  
School Safety and Self Injurious Behavior  
Florida State Prevention Conference  
Orlando, Florida
  
- 2007      Keynote Address  
International Bullying Prevention Association Convention  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
  
- 2007      Invited Address  
New Mexico Department of Health  
Albuquerque, New Mexico
  
- 2006      Invited Address  
Suicide Intervention  
Russian American Behavioral Institute  
St. Petersburg, Russia
  
- 2006      Convention Workshop  
Managing Emotionality after Crises  
National Association of School Psychologists  
Anaheim, California
  
- 2006      Convention Workshop  
Suicide and Self Injury  
Florida Association of School Psychologists  
Hollywood, Florida
  
- 2006      Keynote Address  
Building Resiliency Skills and Successful Students  
Ohio Association of Secondary Administrators  
Columbus, Ohio
  
- 2006      Keynote Address  
School Psychologists as Mental Health Providers  
Arizona School Psychology Association  
Phoenix, Arizona
  
- 2006      Keynote Address  
Education is more than the three traditional R's  
Illinois School Psychology Association  
Chicago, Illinois
  
- 2005      Keynote Address  
Prevention and Response to Tragedies  
Oklahoma State Mental Health Conference  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
  
- 2005      Keynote Address  
Suicide Prevention  
San Diego County, California

2005 Invited Address  
Hurricane Recovery  
Texas School Board Association  
Dallas, Texas

2005 Keynote Address  
School Crisis  
Czech Republic School Counseling Association  
Prague, Czech Republic

2003 Keynote Address  
School Crisis Planning  
Greece School Psychology Association  
Athens, Greece

2002 Keynote Address  
Making Schools Safer  
Indiana Safety Summit  
Indianapolis, Indiana

2001 Keynote Address  
School Safety Solutions  
Oklahoma Governor's Conference  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

2001 Keynote Address  
Preventing Youth Violence  
Illinois Governor's Conference  
Chicago, Illinois

2001 Invited Address  
Crisis Planning  
National School Board Convention  
San Diego, California

2001 Keynote Address  
Preventing Tragic Deaths of Children  
National Youth At-Risk Conference  
Savannah, Georgia

2001 Keynote Address  
Solutions to Youth Violence and School Safety  
Nebraska Governors Conference  
Lincoln, Nebraska

2000 Invited Speaker  
Barry Grunon Memorial Summit on Youth Violence  
Palm Beach, Florida

2000 Keynote Address  
Crisis Intervention and Prevention  
National Organization for Victim Assistance Convention  
Miami, Florida

- 2000 Keynote Address  
What Can Counselors do to Prevent Tragic Deaths of Children?  
Virginia Counselors Association  
Roanoke, Virginia
- 1999 Keynote Address  
Violence Prevention in the Schools  
Arizona School Board  
Phoenix, Arizona
- 1999 Keynote Address  
Violence Prevention in the Schools  
Colorado School Board  
Vail, Colorado
- 1999 Keynote Address  
Stop the Killing Now  
National School Board Convention  
San Francisco, California
- 1999 Congressional Testimony on School Violence  
Early Childhood, Youth and Families Subcommittee  
United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Education and the Workforce
- 1998 Keynote Address  
Crisis and the Schools  
National Association of School Psychologists Convention  
Orlando, Florida
- 1998 Keynote Address  
Violence Prevention  
Maryland Governor's Conference on School Safety  
Baltimore, Maryland
- 1998 Invited Panelist  
The Influence of Media Violence on Children  
American Psychological Association Convention  
San Francisco, California
- 1998 Keynote Address  
Solutions to School Violence  
Delaware School Safety Symposium  
Wilmington, Delaware
- 1998 Keynote Address  
School Crisis Prevention  
Mississippi School Superintendents Association Convention  
Biloxi, Mississippi
- 1998 Congressional Testimony on Youth Violence and Understanding Violent Children  
Early Childhood, Youth and Families Subcommittee  
United States House of Representatives

Committee on Education and the Workforce

- 1998 Keynote Address  
Crisis and Violence Intervention  
Rocky Mountain School Safety Summit  
Missoula, Montana
- 1998 Keynote Address  
Crisis Intervention and Management in the School Setting  
American Association of School Administrators Convention  
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1998 Features Speaker on Satellite Broadcast – ITN  
School Crisis Planning  
Athens, Georgia
- 1984 Featured Speaker on National Telelearning Network  
Crisis and Violence in the Schools
- 1990, 1994,  
1996, 1998,  
2003, 2005,  
2006, 2007,  
2009, 2010 NASP Pre-Convention Workshop  
Crisis Intervention in the Schools

**MEDIA  
PRESENTATIONS/  
INTERVIEWS:**

Over 900 television, newspaper, radio, magazine interviews, including *Time*, *Newsweek*, *People*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Post*. Appearances on national and international network television programs, many broadcast via satellite, including NBC Nightly News, Good Morning Show, ABC 20/20, Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN, and Dateline.

**DEPARTMENTAL  
AWARDS RECEIVED  
WHILE DIRECTOR of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD  
Psychological Services:**

- 1998 Outstanding Recreational Program in Texas  
Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D.'s R.O.P.E.S. Program  
Awarded by Texas Association of Physical Educators
- 1991 Award of Excellence for School Psychological Services Programs  
Awarded jointly by National Association of School Psychologists and  
American Psychological Association
- 2002, 1987,  
1985, 1982 Outstanding School Psychological Services in Texas  
Awarded by Texas Psychological Association