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Dorothy Espelage, one of the world's leading academic experts on school safety and student well-being issues, is the William C. Friday Distinguished Professor of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During a 25-year career, Espelage has established herself as a leading researcher and commentator on student safety, bullying and youth violence topics. In addition to conducting research, Espelage orients much of her work toward helping the public and policymakers understand academic research findings so that effective prevention and intervention programs can be created and supported. She regularly advises members of Congress and has led webinars for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Justice. She authored a 2011 White House brief on bullying among LGBTQ youth. Espelage has served as a consultant for the stopbullying.gov website, the Department of Health and Human Services' national anti-bullying campaign, and NIH's Pathways to Prevention initiative to address bullying and youth suicide. She regularly appears on television news and talk shows and is frequently sought after by national news media for her perspective on student well-being issues. Espelage has written close to 200 peer-reviewed scholarly articles, edited six books and 73 chapters on bullying, sexual and gender-based harassment, dating violence, and gang violence. She served as an associate editor of the Journal of Counseling Psychology. She is one of the most-cited scholars worldwide in her areas of research. She is the recipient of the American Psychological Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in Prevention Science and the 2016 APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy. She was elected to the National Academy of Education in 2018, the highest honor for researchers in the educational sciences. She is also a fellow of the Association for Psychological Science, the American Psychological Association and the American Educational Research Association.

Suicide Prevention, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination in the Schools, Workplace, and Military, Gender-based Trauma, Lgbtq Awareness, Bullying, School Safety, Gun Violence Prevention, School Safety Interventions, Bullying and School-Age Children, Dating Violence, Sexual Harassment / Bullying, Gang Violence

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Virginia Commonwealth University

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