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Thomas Joiner grew up in Georgia, attended Princeton and received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. He is the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at Florida State University. Dr. Joiner's work is on the psychology, neurobiology and treatment of suicidal behavior and related conditions. Author of over 695 peer-reviewed publications, he is the editor-in-chief of the journal *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior* and was awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship and the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Residency Fellowship. He received the Young Investigator Award from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression; the Shakow Award for Early Career Achievement from the American Psychological Association's Division of Clinical Psychology; the Shneidman Award for excellence in suicide research and the Dublin Award for career achievement in suicide

research from the American Association of Suicidology; and the Award for Distinguished Scientific Early Career Contributions from the American Psychological Association, as well as research grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, Department of Defense (DoD) and various foundations. The Lawton Professorship and the Dublin Award are the single highest honors bestowed, respectively, by Florida State and the American Association of Suicidology. In 2017, he was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a consultant to NASA's Human Research Program and is the director, with Pete Gutierrez, Ph.D., of the DoD-funded Military Suicide Research Consortium, a \$30 million project that was recently extended for a second five-year phase at a similar funding level.

Dr. Joiner has authored or edited 18 books, including, "Why People Die By Suicide," published in 2005 by Harvard University Press and "Myths About Suicide," published in 2010, also with Harvard University Press. The book, "Lonely at the Top" was published by Palgrave MacMillan in October 2011 and the book, "The Perversion of Virtue: Understanding Murder-Suicide" was published by Oxford University Press in 2014. The book, "Mindlessness: The Corruption of Mindfulness in a Culture of Narcissism," came out in 2017, also from Oxford. Largely in connection with "Why People Die By Suicide," he has made numerous radio, print and television appearances, including write-ups in The Wall Street Journal and The Times of London, a radio interview on NPR's Talk of the Nation, and two appearances on the Dr. Phil Show. He runs a part-time clinical and consulting practice specializing in, among other topics, suicidal behavior, including legal consultation on suits involving death by suicide. He lives in Tallahassee, Fla., with his wife and two sons, the elder of whom is a recent Florida State graduate and the younger of whom is a Florida State sophomore.