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She has over 40 publications, made numerous presentations at international, national, state or local conferences or meetings and received many awards for her work in violence prevention. For example, her work with veterans was recognized by the International Society for Research on Aggression in 2008. In addition to her work at CDC, she is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Tharp was born in Fremont, Nebraska and raised both in Nebraska and Virginia.