

FY2025 Annual Report

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research

Innovating Injury and Violence Prevention Through Collaboration and Evidence-Based Practice

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cassandra Crifasi, President (April 2024 – March 2025)



Dear SAVIR Members, Partners, and Friends,

It is my privilege to introduce the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research's FY25 Annual Report. This past year reflects the strength, dedication, and momentum of our community as we continue advancing the science of injury and violence prevention and strengthening the pathways that bring research into practice and policy.

SAVIR's mission—to promote high-quality research and translate evidence across science, practice, and policy—remains our guiding force. In a year marked by both persistent and emerging challenges in injury and violence prevention (IVP), our members, partners, and leaders have demonstrated the power of collaboration, innovation, and steadfast commitment.

FY25 was also a year of significant progress and new initiatives. Key highlights include:

- Partnering with Safe Kids Worldwide to establish the Drowning Prevention Special Interest Group.
- Launching the Teaching Hub for Injury and Violence Prevention to support faculty in developing high-quality curricula and training experiences.
- Creating the Find an Expert directory to expand our virtual resources and connect practitioners, policymakers, and the public to IVP expertise.
- Growing our community with more than 100 new members since FY2024.
- Launching the Safe Kids/SAVIR Scholarship for Unintentional Childhood Injury Research, helping cultivate the next generation of injury prevention scholars.

These accomplishments reflect the collective energy and vision of our members, volunteers, Board, partners, and staff. As we look ahead, SAVIR remains committed to expanding our influence, supporting rigorous and impactful science, and fostering the diverse, skilled workforce our field needs.

Thank you for your continued support, your expertise, and your dedication to preventing injuries and violence in all communities. Together, we are shaping a stronger future for the field and for the populations we serve.

With gratitude, Cassardra Crifasi



ABOUT SAVIR

VISION

The Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) aims to be the leading scientific organization dedicated to advancing the science of injury and violence prevention, helping build a well-trained pipeline of researchers across industries, and fostering linkages between the science community and the practice and policy communities.

MISSION

The mission of SAVIR is to promote high-quality research in violence and injury prevention and to translate and disseminate research findings across the spectrum of science, practice, and policy communities through research, research dissemination, advocacy, and training.

STATED PURPOSES

The leading professional organization fostering excellence in the science of injury and violence prevention (IVP), SAVIR helps members connect with colleagues, learn new skills, share their research, and advance the field. Our work centers on the areas of advocacy, education, and training with specific focus on the following purposes:

1. Advocacy

- Advocating for sustained research funding broadly, including government/public funding and private philanthropic investment
- Educating policymakers on the science of IVP and evidence-based solutions and serving as a resource for evidence-based policy solutions and the importance of funding

2. Education

- Connecting members to achieve better science outcomes
- Providing resources and advancing standards for best practices in research methodology and practice

3. Training and Mentorship

- Cultivating a diverse community of injury and violence prevention professionals, enriching connections with senior colleagues, and helping students and early career researchers and practitioners find their place in the field.
- Cultivating training across the career lifespan to encourage IVP researchers to stay in the field and move into leadership positions taking IVP with them
- Extending intentional outreach aimed at drawing a diversity of people and fresh perspectives to the field
- Training the interdisciplinary research workforce of the future.

HISTORY



SAVIR was incorporated in Maryland as a 501c(3) in 1997, emerging from an organization, the National Association of Injury Control Research Centers (NAICRC). NAICRC had been formed several years earlier by the directors of the Injury Control Research Centers funded at that time by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at CDC. In creating SAVIR, the group aimed to increase engagement of all injury researchers, whether they were affiliated with a CDC-funded center or not. The organization also aimed to enhance the research focus within the field and strengthen collaboration with its sister organization for practitioners, Safe States Alliance.

As SAVIR has grown and matured, the Board expanded to include new seats, and formed a strong cadre of committees that work to accomplish the mission of the organization.

Over the years, SAVIR has used varied management structures including part-time administrators and contracting with a management company. In 2022, the organization shifted to hiring an Executive Director and professional staff, to further growth. In addition, the organization has a longstanding relationship with the international journal, Injury Prevention as the official journal of SAVIR.

Today SAVIR has grown to hundreds of members with many contributing service to the organization in the form of leadership and governance activities, programmatic efforts, committees and workgroups, and conference planning.



STRATEGIC GOALS

SAVIR's mission is to promote high quality research in violence and injury prevention and to translate and disseminate research findings across the spectrum of the science, practice, and policy communities.

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In Fiscal Years 2025-2029, we will execute our mission and purpose through these strategic goals:



GOAL 1. Position SAVIR as the leading scientific organization dedicated to advancing the science of injury and violence prevention.



GOAL 2. Support the long-term sustainability and growth of SAVIR.



GOAL 3. Advance the science of injury and violence prevention and control.



GOAL 4. Prepare and support the next generation of injury and violence researchers.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAVIR is guided by a dedicated Executive Committee—comprising the President, President-Elect, Past President, and Treasurer—and a Board of Directors representing diverse expertise across the injury and violence prevention field. The Board includes 14 members serving overlapping one- to three-year terms, as outlined in SAVIR's bylaws, ensuring continuity and shared leadership. SAVIR's staff provides strong administrative and operational support. Our standing committees play a vital role in advancing the organization's mission through work focused on membership, policy, education, communication, and annual conference planning. Below is a breakdown of SAVIR's leadership team for FY 2025:



Name	Title	Affiliation	Term
Cassandra Crisafi, PhD, MPH	President of the Board	John Hopkins University	2024-2027
Shabbar Ranapurwala, PhD, MPH, BHMS	President-Elect	UNC Global Public Health	2025-2028
Ashley Brooks-Russell,PhD, MPH	Past-President	Colorado School of Public Health	2022–2026
Jason Goldstick, PhD	Treasurer	University of Michigan	2024–2027
Anthony R. Carlini, MS	Board Member	Johns Hopkins University	2024–2027
Sara Solomon, MPH, RD	Board Member	University of Pennsylvania	2023-2026
Nichole Michaels, PhD, MPH	Board Member	Ohio State University	2024–2027
Rebecca Naumann, DrPH, MSc	Board Member	Appalachian College of Pharmacy	2023–2026
Elizabeth O'Neal, PhD, MPH	Board Member	University of Iowa College of Public Health	2025-2028
Lindsay Sullivan, PhD, MA, CHES	Board Member	Ohio StateUniversity	2025-2028
Carol Shirley , MA	Student Board Member	UNC Injury Prevention Research Center	2025-2026
Terri deRoon-Cassini, PhD, MS	Council of Centers	Medical College of Wisconsin	2024–2026
Julie Bromberg, MPH	Conference Host Representative	Brown University Health	2025-2026



Dr. Christen Rexing, PhD, MPH, Executive Director



Christen provides strategic leadership for SAVIR, guiding organizational growth, partnerships, and advocacy for evidence-based injury and violence prevention. With over 15 years of experience in research and policy, she advances SAVIR's mission by fostering collaboration and supporting the next generation of prevention scientists.

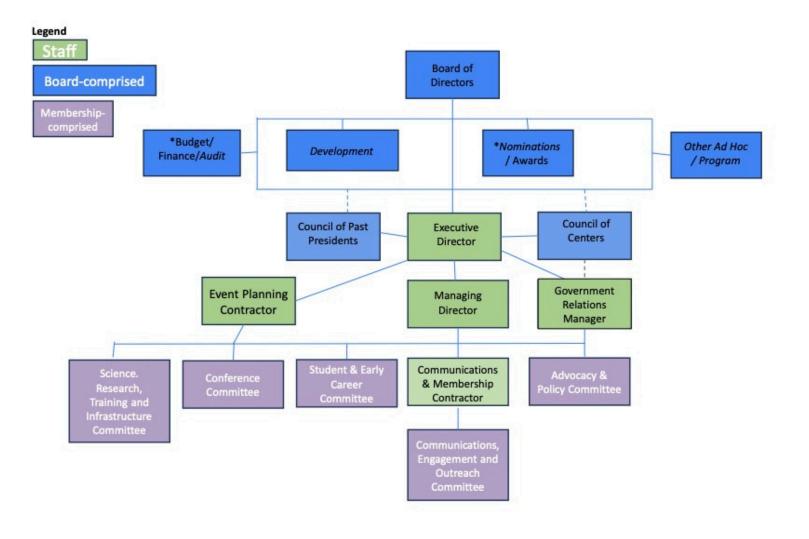
Sara Brandspigel, MPH, Managing Director



Sara oversees SAVIR's operations, communications, and membership management, ensuring the organization runs efficiently and effectively. She also leads key initiatives within SAVIR that enhance visibility and connection across the injury and violence prevention community.

SAVIR ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

SAVIR's organizational structure is grouped into three key areas: board-comprised, staff, and membership-comprised divisions. Each division supports a range of committees, and individuals across roles collaborate regularly to advance the organization's mission.





COMMITTEES

Advocacy and Policy Committee

The Advocacy and Policy Committee works to actively promote the field of injury control research and to disseminate evidence that informs public health policy and practice. The committee focuses on advancing research translation, supporting advocacy efforts, and elevating the visibility of injury and violence prevention science across sectors.

Communications, Engagement and Outreach (CEO) Committee

The CEO Committee enhances SAVIR's organizational impact by streamlining communication efforts and promoting the dissemination of cutting-edge injury and violence prevention research. Through social media, newsletters, and other communication channels, the committee shares timely announcements, encourages scholarly collaboration, supports membership growth, and provides resources to researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee oversees planning and coordination of the annual SAVIR conference. This includes developing the program structure, identifying themes and speakers, and ensuring that the event fosters meaningful knowledge exchange and professional development opportunities for attendees.

Council of Centers

The Council of Centers represents members affiliated with research centers and provides a platform for collaboration, shared learning, and professional enrichment. Its goals include:

- Enhancing opportunities for regional, national, and global collaboration.
- Sharing best practices to bridge research and practice.
- Expanding the number and funding of injury research centers.
- Collaborating with other SAVIR committees to advance shared objectives.
- Supporting centers in addressing challenges and increasing their effectiveness.

Council of Past Presidents

The Council of Past Presidents of SAVIR was formed in the fall of 2022 with the intent of drawing on the expertise of former leaders in helping the organization appreciate and learn from its history and by bringing perspectives of former leaders as SAVIR considers new directions and addresses new challenges.

COMMITTEES (continued)

Development Committee

The Development Committee supports the sustainability and growth of SAVIR, in partnership with the Executive Director and SAVIR board members, by planning, advancing and providing oversight to all fundraising and development efforts, which shall be aligned with the organization's mission and strategic plan.

Awards and Nominations Committee

This committee advances SAVIR's mission by recognizing outstanding contributions in injury and violence prevention, and managing leadership nominations to strengthen the organization's impact and sustainability.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee provides organizational oversight and strategic direction for SAVIR. Composed of elected officers, this committee ensures alignment between the organization's goals, operations, and governance.

Finance Committee

This Committee oversees SAVIR's financial health, including budgeting, financial planning, and monitoring expenditures.

Student and Early Career Professionals Committee

The Student and Early Career Professionals Committee amplifies the voices of emerging researchers within SAVIR. It provides opportunities for mentorship, education, networking, and professional growth, supporting students and early career professionals who share an interest in injury and violence prevention research.

Science, Research, Training, and Infrastructure Committee

This committee stimulates collaboration and advances SAVIR's scientific priorities. It oversees the development of the scientific program at the annual meeting, reviews abstracts, and recommends research and policy priorities. Additionally, members of this committee support the professional and academic development of SAVIR members by addressing training needs for current and future researchers and practitioners in the field.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

At a Glance

- Partnered with Safe Kids Worldwide to establish the Drowning Prevention Special Interest Group.
- Created the Teaching Hub for Injury and Violence Prevention to support faculty.
- Added a new "Find an Expert" directory to expand virtual resources on the SAVIR website.
- Launched the Student and Early Career Opportunity Board to support mentorship, networking, and professional development.
- Reviewed SAVIR's bylaws and refined Board committee structures and responsibilities.
- Welcomed over 100 new members since FY2024.
- Introduced the Safe Kids/SAVIR Scholarship for Unintentional Childhood Injury Research to build new researcher capacity.



2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Drowning Prevention Special Interest Group

- Launched in partnership with Safe Kids Worldwide to focus on drowning research and prevention.
- Promoted NIH funding opportunities for transformative drowning research.

Teaching Hub for Injury & Violence Prevention

- Launched a new online Teaching Hub to support educators with tools, video lectures, case studies, and curricula.
- Video lectures are led by leading experts including: health behavior, epidemiology, and policy.

Advocacy Hub for Members

• Introduced a new Advocacy Hub to help SAVIR members engage in research-policy translation and stay informed about funding and policy threats.

Conference Success

- Held the 2025 Annual Conference in New York City (April 7–9), hosted by Columbia University's Center for Injury Science and Prevention.
- Over 330 abstracts submitted, with dynamic scientific sessions, workshops, and a keynote highlighting storytelling and translation of research to practice.

Governance & Infrastructure Strengthening

• Engaged new Board members: SAVIR elected four new directors to its Board of Directors in 2025.

Membership and Benefits Expanded

- Offered discounted access to the Injury Prevention journal for SAVIR members.
- Provided complimentary memberships to 40+ individuals who lost jobs in governmental agencies during 2025
- Continued to build out SAVIR's Grand Rounds and 1:1 Mentorship Program to support professional development.

Scholarship & Awards

- Named winners for its 2025 awards, recognizing excellence at the annual meeting.
- Established the Safe Kids/SAVIR Scholarship for unintentional childhood injury research to support emerging scholars.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS



"Find an Expert" Directory

• Deployed a directory on SAVIR's website to help connect researchers, practitioners, policymakers, media, and community partners with experts in injury and violence prevention.

Student & Early Career Opportunity Board

• Launched a dedicated board to centralize internships, mentorships, and career development resources for early-career professionals.

Training, Workshops, and Member Engagement Events

- Expanded SAVIR's professional development offerings through new **Method Sessions** that provided hands-on, skills-based training in advanced research methods, study design, and analytical approaches in injury and violence prevention.
- Hosted the annual **Fall Forum**, bringing together researchers, practitioners, and students for focused discussions on emerging issues in injury and violence prevention, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange across the field.

Job Board & Career Resources

• Maintained a virtual job board, featuring new opportunities in injury and violence prevention. Job postings were also shared in the monthly newsletter to expand visibility and reach.

PrevCon Engagement & Student Scholarship

- Leveraged the PrevCon conference to advance multiple initiatives, including the Safe Sleep Summit, the Special Interest Group on Drowning Prevention, and practice–research linkages across the field.
- Awarded the Student Scholarship to Amir Ghanbari (University of Iowa) to support emerging researchers in injury and violence prevention.
- Launched the National Injury Prevention 30 days of Action Initiative in preparation for the NIPD Year of Action.

First Practicum Student Hosted

• SAVIR hosted its first practicum student, providing hands-on experience in injury and violence prevention research, professional development, and organizational operations, strengthening mentorship and workforce development opportunities.

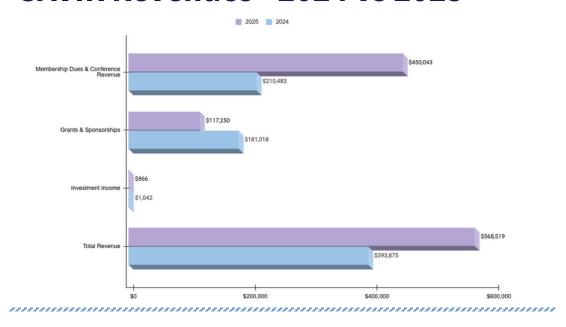
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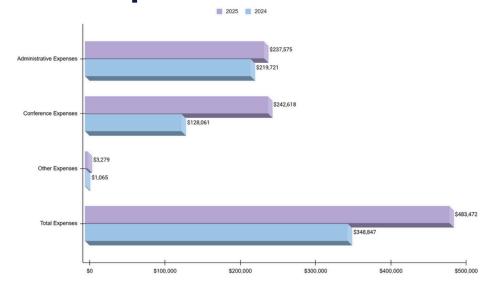


Revenue	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Membership Dues & Conference Revenue	\$450,043	Administrative Expenses	\$237,575
Grants & Sponsorships	\$117,250	Conference Expenses	\$242,618
Investment Income	\$866	Other Expenses	\$3,279
Total Revenue	\$568,519	Total Expenses	\$483,472

SAVIR Revenues - 2024 vs 2025



SAVIR Expenses - 2024 vs 2025

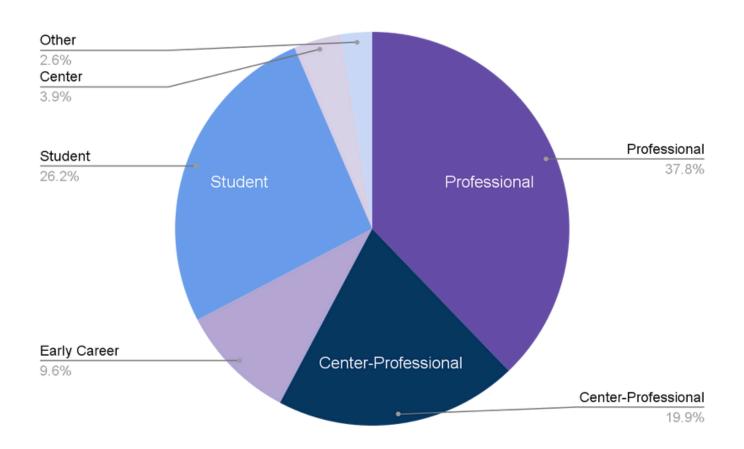


MEMBERSHIP DATA



As of July 2025, SAVIR had **542** paid individual members and **21** center organizational members

Membership Breakdown



SURVEY DATA

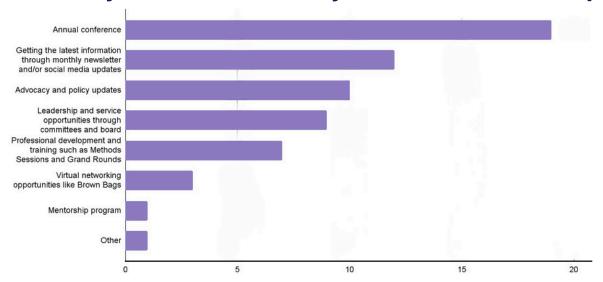


This year, we conducted a survey of our members and here is what they had to say:

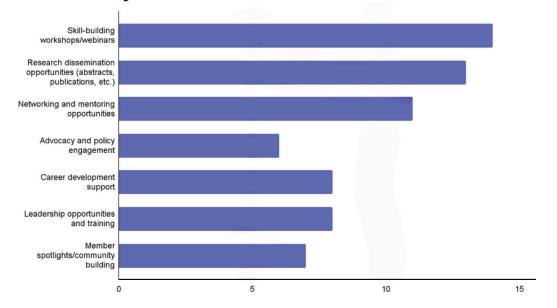


important
growing research
unparalleled
interdisciplinary collegial energy fun
impactful collaborative
engaged homeorganization welcoming
health-research community
groundbreaking injuries
dedication

What do you like most about your SAVIR membership?



What would you like to see more of from SAVIR?



SAVIR 2025 CONFERENCE

The 2025 Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) Annual Conference was held April 7–9 in New York City and hosted by Columbia University's Center for Injury Science and Prevention. Centered on the theme "Accelerating the Science of Safety" the conference convened researchers, practitioners, students, and community partners to share cutting-edge research, discuss emerging challenges, and explore strategies for advancing injury and violence prevention through collaborative, equitable, and data-driven approaches.







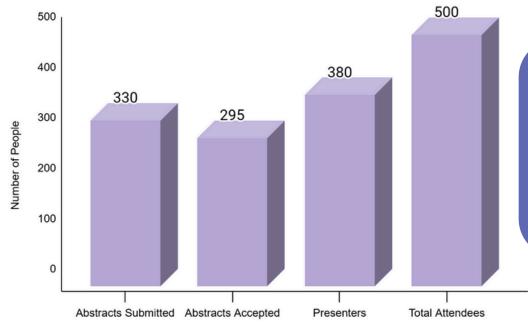
Conference Committee

Name	Representative	
Carol Shirley	Communications	
Sara Brandspigel	SAVIR	
Christen Rexing	SAVIR	
Laura Schwab Reese	SAVIR exec cmt	
Tracy Mehan	Communications	
Chris Morrison	Host Site	
Karla Lawson	Science	
Julie Bromberg	Future Host	
Sarah Lipman	Conference Planning	
Elizabeth O'Neal	Science	

CONFERENCE IMPACT

Co-hosted by Columbia University's Center for Injury Science and Prevention, the event drew hundreds of participants from across the country. The conference included a rich program of scientific sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities. Author Jessie Singer delivered the opening keynote, emphasizing the importance of storytelling in translating research to action and setting an inspiring tone for the conference.

Participants



A total of **500 people** participated in the 2025 SAVIR Conference. We saw recordbreaking participation, with the highest number of attendees and abstract submissions in the organization's history.



"Now more than ever, it's important for us to learn from one another, work together, and continue to advocate for what we need to keep families safe"

– SAVIR member

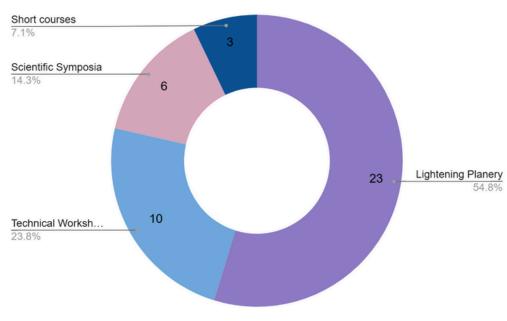
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The Conference offered a dynamic program of over **30 sessions**, including short courses, technical workshops, and lightening plenaries. Attendees also participated in networking events and social gatherings that fostered collaboration across disciplines and career stages.

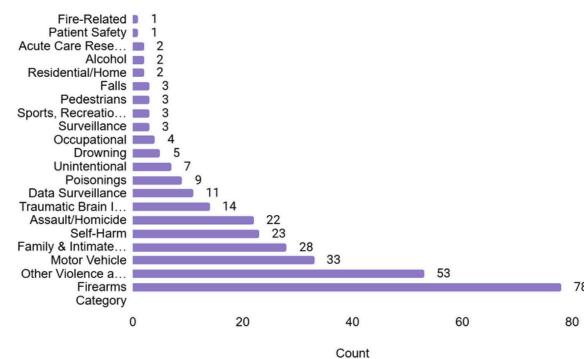
TOPICS

The 2025 SAVIR Conference presentations reflected the breadth and depth of contemporary injury and violence prevention research. Key themes included firearm injury prevention, motor vehicle safety, family and intimate partner violence, and self-harm. Research also addressed traumatic brain injury, poisonings, drowning prevention, falls, and sports or recreational injuries. Additional topics spanned data surveillance, and other emerging areas across the injury and violence prevention spectrum. The diversity of topics demonstrates SAVIR's continued commitment to advancing innovative, equity-focused, and community-engaged research.

Session Breakdown



Research Categories



CONFERENCE AWARDS



This year, SAVIR awards were presented to honor excellence across categories—from Board of Directors recognition to presentation achievements. Our award recipients are featured below.



Shannon Guillot-Wright, PhD
SAVIR Early Career Excellence Award



Catherine Stayton, DrPH SAVIR Local Changemaker Award



David Hemenway, PhD SAVIR President's Award

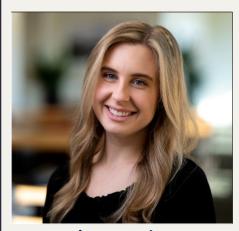


Elizabeth O'Neal, PhD, MPH SAVIR Outstanding Service Award

CONFERENCE AWARDS (continued)



Henry Xiang, MD, MPH, PhD, MBA
SAVIR Excellence in Violence and Injury
Prevention Science



Katrina Kennedy, MPH Student Paper Prize



Jeffrey Ebert, PhD
Best Science Oral Presentation Award



Kechna Cadet, PhD, MPH
Student/Early Career Best Science Poster
Award



Julie Ward, PhD
Student/Early Career Best Science Oral
Presentation Award



BOARD MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

SAVIR recognized the following individuals as **outgoing** board members for their service on the Board of Directors:



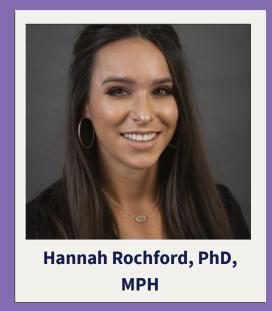
Nicole Asa, MPH, PhD(c)



Shannon Guillot-Wright, PhD



Christopher Morrison, PhD, MPH







BOARD MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

SAVIR also recognized the following individuals as **incoming** board members:



Julie Bromberg, MPH



Elizabeth O'Neal, PhD, MPH



Carol Shirley, MA, DrPH(c)



Lindsay Sullivan, PhD



Shabbar Ranapurwala, PhD, MPH, BHMS



ADVOCACY WITH PARTNERS



In 2025, SAVIR continued to grow in the advocacy space for the field and its members. Executive Director Christen Rexing co-led two learning labs on IVP advocacy at national conferences in 2025, one at the Safe States Annual Conference and one at the National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms. Christen also led two advocacy trainings for the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health Community Violence Interruption Coalition. SAVIR was featured in an NPR story highlighting the national funding crisis for IVP research. SAVIR's participation in these networks keeps research at the forefront of discussions and helped prevent complete losses during 2025.



Christen Rexing, teaches Public Health Advocacy at the University of Pennsylvania and brings students to the Hill each year to educate lawmakers on IVP research funding.





In 2025, SAVIR actively participated in networks and coalitions to elevate the voice of research and work to prevent challenges in the current environment. We actively engage in the Injury and Violence Prevention Network (IVPN) and the Keep America Safe Coalition (KASC). SAVIR is represented at the American Association of Pediatrics Gun Violence Prevention Roundtable and actively working with partners across the country to elevate IVP research.

SAVIR works with our Council of Centers and our Injury Control Research Centers on Congressional Briefings and Hill Day visits, educating lawmakers on the critical work of our members. SAVIR supported and attended the ICRC Briefing in February 2025, and again at the IVPN Hill Day in March 2025.

SAVIR IN THE NEWS

SAVIR continued to elevate its national presence in 2025, with members and leadership featured in major media outlets to provide expert commentary on emerging injury and violence prevention issues. Through these appearances, SAVIR amplified evidence-based perspectives, strengthened public understanding of prevention science, and reinforced the organization's role as a trusted national authority in the field.

With CDC injury prevention team gutted, 'we will not know what is killing us'









'One of my concerns is we will not have this comprehensive surveillance system," says Christen Rexing, executive director of SAVIR, an injury and violence prevention nonprofit.

"We will not know what is killing us and that's very scary."

For example, the entire branch charged with analyzing data for the injury center and maintaining a key database were fired, leaving the systems largely unattended, according to interviews with several former CDC employees.

'This is critical work that's been done at such a low cost with such a high return and a lot of it's unseen," says Beth Moracco, who directs the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center.



IMPACT STORIES FROM MEMBERS



"I am currently a member of both the Students and Early Career Professionals (SECP) committee and the Advocacy and Policy Committee. I have had the opportunity to learn from others in the field about their experiences doing advocacy and policy work, which I have applied to my own work."

Nicole Asa, MPH, PhD(c)

"I have been a member of SAVIR since shortly after I became faculty in 2022. My favorite part about SAVIR is the annual conference. I've had great experiences at the last 2 conferences and was able to meet peers and colleagues who are doing similar work in other states. The pre-meeting workshops are always well organized, and I've learned a lot in those. Sometimes it feels like the injury research space is enormous and daunting, but it's a much smaller community than you think and it's so great to see familiar faces every year and get better acquainted with everyone."



Carissa Tomas, PhD



IMPACT STORIES FROM MEMBERS



"I enjoy participating in the Student and Early Career Professionals SAVIR committee because I appreciate the peer mentorship through this committee and connecting with other injury and violence prevention professionals across different organizations and institutions. Everyone is so supportive, and it has been helpful to learn from other students and professionals as I start my PhD."

– Ann Richey, MPH, PhD(c)

"As a new member of the SAVIR SECP committee and as a 1st year MA student, I am very grateful for the opportunity to connect with other students and professionals in the injury prevention field to learn from their expertise, and about ongoing initiatives and research. I've enjoyed the chance to network and gain a broader understanding of the field through committee activities. I'm looking forward to continuing to build connections, grow as a researcher, and contribute to the work that SAVIR committees lead!"



- Genevieve Barlow, BAH, MA(c)



Looking Ahead to 2026

SAVIR will continue expanding its reach, strengthening partnerships, and enhancing support for researchers, practitioners, and students across the injury and violence prevention field. We will also focus on workforce development, member engagement, and advance evidence-informed policy and practice.

Annual Conference in Providence, RI

- What's new?
 - Roundtable Session Format
 - Silent Auction

SAVIR Mentor-Mentee Program

 1:1 program connects students and trainees with experienced IVP researchers and practitioners for a full year of personalized guidance and professional growth

From Rwanda to the U.S.: Adapting Violence Prevention Tools

Methods Session: January 29th 2026

SAVIR Conference 2027

- Save the date for April 6-8, 2027
- The conference will be held at the Historic Union Station hotel in St. Louis, MO
- The 2027 conference marks the 30th anniversary of SAVIR
- Call for abstracts will open first week of September 2026





THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS & SUPPORTERS

This year, SAVIR strengthened its network through new partnerships and collaborations with organizations committed to advancing injury and violence prevention. We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, donors, and supporters whose contributions make our programs, research initiatives, and annual conference possible. Your partnership helps sustain our mission to build a safer, healthier future for all communities.







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Center for Gun Violence Solutions





Center for Gun Violence Research and Education





Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium