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Violence and Injury Research

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE PROFILE

## Cara Hamann, PhD, MPH

### Candidate background

Dr. Hamann is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Iowa College of Public Health, Director of Training and Education for the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center, and leads the Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Safety (TRIPS) Lab. She has a PhD in Epidemiology from University of Iowa and Master's of Public Health from the University of North Texas Health Science Center.



### SAVIR experience

I have been actively involved with SAVIR since 2012 when I became a member and I started contributing to abstract reviews in 2013. I was a member of the Training and Infrastructure Committee from 2021-2024 and since 2024 have been co-chair of the new Science, Training, and Infrastructure Committee. I also coordinated the Student Paper Award in 2024 and will again for 2025. Most recently, I also became a member of the new Award Committee.

### Vision

I envision SAVIR as a future-focused leader in injury and violence prevention research, training, and practice. I see SAVIR promoting innovation, fostering inclusive collaboration, and contributing to translation of research into real-world impact. As a board member, I will work to expand SAVIR's reach by strengthening interdisciplinary partnerships, supporting and enhancing training for emerging scholars, and advancing equity-centered initiatives.

With over 20 years of experience in injury epidemiology, I bring expertise in transportation safety, rural health, and policy-relevant research. My current leadership roles, including Co-Chair of SAVIR's Science, Training, and Infrastructure Committee and Core Director of Training and Education at the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center reinforce my commitment to building capacity and mentoring the next generation of injury prevention professionals.

I will advocate for strategic growth in SAVIR's visibility, funding, and influence. This includes leveraging technology, data integration, and community engagement to address ongoing and emerging challenges. Together, we can ensure SAVIR remains a vibrant, visionary force shaping the future of injury and violence prevention.