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*Society for Advancement of
Violence and Injury Research*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE PROFILE

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Candidate background

Alex Quistberg is Associate Research Professor in the Urban Health Collaborative and the Department of Environmental & Occupational Health. He also has a courtesy appointment as Adjunct Professor in the School of Medicine in Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia. Dr. Quistberg holds a PhD in Epidemiology (2012) and a Masters in Public Health (2010) from the University of Washington at Seattle. After completing his graduate education, Dr. Quistberg was a postdoctoral trainee in pediatric injury prevention at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health. He completed his undergraduate work from the University of Pennsylvania in 2003.



SAVIR experience

Dr. Quistberg has been a SAVIR member since 2013 and attended most of the annual conferences since then via posters and presentations, as well as reviewing submitted abstracts for the conference. He was a member of the Membership Committee from 2022-2024 and has also participated in mentoring activities at the conference and outside the conference.

Vision

My vision for SAVIR focuses on how our organization can continue growing and serving the needs of our members and the wider injury prevention community, especially during these challenging times. First, I believe we must increase our advocacy for injury prevention funding for research and practice at all levels of government and to emphasize the value and importance of our work for public health. Second, we should consider how we can grow beyond our current, mostly English-speaking, North American membership to be more inclusive of other injury prevention professionals across the Americas that could benefit from participating in SAVIR, as well as the many valuable lessons we can learn from their injury prevention research and activities. This may include holding the conference at a location at another city in the Americas outside the US to appeal to injury prevention researchers from other countries. Finally, we should continue to support our society and members in seeking out and identifying injury prevention research partners, funders and sponsors beyond traditional funding mechanisms. SAVIR's future is bright and our work is desperately needed and I look forward to supporting it as a member of the Board to ensure its continued preeminence in injury prevention.