



**INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE
RESEARCH LABORATORY**

RESEARCH TO INFORM PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & POLICY

WHAT WE DO

The **Interpersonal Violence Research Laboratory (IVRL)** uses community-based participatory action research to answer two questions:

1. How do we prevent sexual and related forms of violence?
2. How do we most effectively support survivors in the aftermath of violent victimization?

ABOUT OUR WORK

Much of our work focuses on minoritized populations, specifically Indigenous youth and families, as well as LGBTQ2S+ youth and their communities. We value community leadership in developing and evaluating (including the use of decolonized research approaches) strengths-focused, culturally grounded initiatives to prevent and respond to sexual and related forms of violence.

Our mission is to conduct community-led research that helps reduce — if not eliminate — sexual and related forms of violence from communities and to promote recovery among survivors of interpersonal violence victimization.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We have shown in our work that preventing violence is possible and that negative outcomes associated with violent victimization is not inevitable.



Projects

Learn about our projects at:

go.unl.edu/IVRL-projects



Publications

Read a selection of our publications at:

go.unl.edu/IVRL-publications



ABOUT OUR TEAM

Dr. Katie M. Edwards directs the IVRL. Dr. Edwards is an associate professor of educational psychology. Over the past 10 years, Dr. Edwards has published more than 200 peer reviewed journal articles and accumulated over 22 million dollars in research funding to support the work of the IVRL.

Members of the IVRL also include more than 80 postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students, and community-based staff across the U.S.

GET INVOLVED

There are a number of opportunities for students and community members to be involved with the lab.

- We train graduate and undergraduate students, as well as community members, in methodologically rigorous, participatory action research approaches to preventing and responding to sexual and related forms of violence.
- Trainees are provided with experiences to develop knowledge and skills to translate basic research into meaningful intervention, prevention and policy efforts.
- Trainees are given the opportunity to be involved in all phases of the research, including study conceptualization and design, data collection and analysis and dissemination of research findings.



INTERESTED?

If you are interested in joining the IVRL, please complete an application and send it along with a resume/CV and cover letter to Dr. Edwards at katie.edwards@unl.edu.



Student Application

Download the lab application at:

go.unl.edu/lab-application

The IVLR also works closely with practitioners, educators and other community partners. If you are interested in partnering with us to enhance violence prevention and response efforts, please reach out postdoctoral scholar Joseph Gardella at joseph.gardella@unl.edu.

