



## Past & Current President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as President for the 2024-2025 term.

It has been an honor to lead during a time of growth, innovation, and collaboration within our remarkable community. During my tenure as president, we have united to advance our mission, enhance our scientific contributions, and broaden our impact. Through your unwavering support, dedication, resilience, active participation, and steadfast commitment to RASS, we have maintained a focus on science, integrity, and service to society.

I want to express my gratitude to the Executive Committee, our committees, volunteers, and SOT staff for their support and collaboration. Your expertise and tireless efforts have truly been the foundation of our progress.

I have confidently passed the torch to the next president. I believe RASS will continue to thrive, evolve, and make meaningful contributions to our field and the world.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving. I look forward to remaining an active member and supporting the important work ahead.

With sincere appreciation,  
Bernard Gadagbui, MSc, PhD, DABT, UKRT  
RASS Past President 2025-2026



**Bernard Gadagbui,  
RASS Past President**

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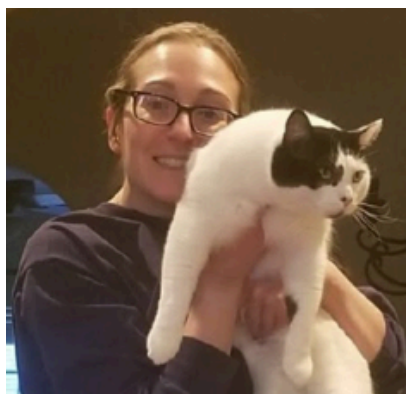
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**Anne Loccisano, RASS President**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer season!

We had a fantastic reception at the Annual Meeting in March, and I am honored to serve as your President for the 2025-2026 year! I served as the RASS postdoc rep and I recall talking with my fellow postdocs and grad students that I would love to serve as the RASS president someday (I have some amazing predecessors that I admire very much and that I served on the EC with!), and here I am—it's a dream come true! RASS continues to be more relevant and a beacon of excellence and collaboration, and I am fully committed to upholding these values as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead. I am grateful for your unwavering support, active participation, and steadfast commitment to RASS.

We have an exciting lineup of events planned for the coming year. Our monthly informative and accessible flagship RASS Webinar Series continues to cover a range of subjects, from technical skills, emerging technologies, etc., to industry best practices. I want to give a special shout-out to our RASS Webinar Series Coordinator, Annie Jarabek, for serving in this role and for her dedication for almost two decades.

If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, feedback, etc., please get in touch with any of the EC members or Annie Jarabek. We also welcome proposals for joint webinars from other Specialty Sections. George Woodall and his colleagues also deserve a special mention for coordinating the Risk Assessment Syllabus that complements the RASS Webinar Series and other RASS-related mentoring activities.

Your continued support, participation, and volunteering are crucial to our collective success and to make RASS as impactful as possible. As such, please consider ways to become more involved with RASS activities, such as contributing to the Endowment Fund, serving on the Endowment Fund Committee or the Risk Assessment Syllabus Committee, running for an EC Officer position, being a speaker, or volunteering to assist in the award selection process or at the Annual Meeting.

I have to put in a special shout-out to any of our members who were accepted as Fellow ATS this year! Kan Shao and I were both accepted, and we want to hear from others who were accepted. A big congratulations to all of us! We aim to serve you and provide the resources, support, and networking opportunities needed to make RASS the best community it can be and for all of us to excel in our respective fields.

I had to include a photo with my pride and joy. That kitty is my constant companion, and he has had a role in RASS as he sits with me during EC meetings and he sits with me as I write this (his given name is Tommy, as in Tommy DeSimone from *Goodfellas*, but he goes by many names, most notably, he is Fuzz Face and Snowy!).

Cheers and warm regards,  
Anne E. Loccisano, PhD, DABT, Fellow ATS  
RASS President, 2025-2026

# 2025-2026 RASS OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

RASS is one of the largest SOT Specialty Sections. This standing is and will continue to be only as strong as the RASS leadership. Thank you to everyone who ran for an Officer position and to everyone who casted a ballot. Based on the results of the recent election, the incoming RASS Officers for 2025-2026 are:

## Vice President-Elect



**Kathryn Page, PhD, DABT**  
The Clorox Company

## Secretary/Treasurer



**Nikolaos Georgiadis, PhD**  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

## Councilor



**Alexandra Cordova, PhD**  
ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences, Inc.

## Graduate Student Representative



**Disha Gupta**  
Rutgers University

### JOIN THE RASS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be several openings on the 2026-2027 ballot.

- The roles and responsibilities of each position can be found on the [RASS Officers webpage](#).
- Be on the lookout for more information in our Fall 2025 Newsletter.

## OUTGOING RASS OFFICERS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

## Past President



**Cecilia Tan, PhD**  
US EPA

## Secretary/Treasurer



**Katy Goyak, PhD, DABT**  
Celanese Corporation

## Councilor



**Sarah Burnett, PhD**  
CTEH, LLC

## Current RASS Officers

### President

Anne Loccisano, PhD, DABT

### Vice President

Kan Shao, PhD, DABT

### Past President

Bernard Gadagbui, PhD, DABT

### Vice President-Elect

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Nikolaos Georgiadis, PhD

### Councilors

Melissa Heintz, PhD  
Alexandra Cordova, PhD

### Postdoctoral Representative

Chi-Yun Chen, PhD

### Student Representative

Disha Gupta

### Newsletter Editors

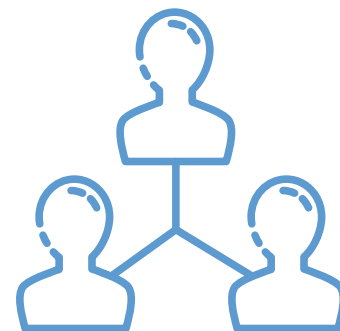
Sarah Burnett, PhD  
Melissa Heintz, PhD  
Bernard Gadagbui, PhD, DABT

## Connect with RASS



## RASS FINANCIAL STATUS

- Dues-paying members: 683 (as of February 2025)
- Financials:
  - Net assets as of December 2023: \$82,516
  - Net assets as of December 2024: \$84,999
  - Expenses for 2025 Annual Meeting not yet paid:
    - Plaques and ribbons: \$700 (estimated)
    - Catering and costs for the RASS mixer: \$12,000 (estimated)
    - Contribution to mentoring activities: \$1,000 (estimated)



## RASS ENDOWMENT FUNDS

RASS has five Endowment Fund-supported awards for students and postdocs: the John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award, the Perry J. Gehring Risk Assessment Student and Postdoctoral Endowment Awards, the Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award, and the Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award. We encourage our members to contribute to our Endowment Funds, as they provide stipends to graduate student and postdoctoral members who display excellence in risk assessment.

Our goal in the next year is to increase each fund by at least \$2,000 (\$8,000 in total). With your help, the annual RASS merit-based Endowment Fund awards will continue to increase each year. Please help us meet this goal and continue to support the next generation of toxicologists. Please visit the [SOT website](#) to see current contributors and learn more about the Endowments.

### 2024 Financial Overview for RASS Endowment Funds

Endowment Fund	Assets as of September 2023	Assets as of December 2024	1-Year Change in Assets	% Change in Assets
John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award	\$57,869	\$61,657	+ \$3,788	+ 6.5 %
Perry J. Gehring Risk Assessment Endowment Awards	\$55,876	\$59,350	+ \$3,474	+ 6.2 %
Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award	\$56,901	\$61,174	+ \$4,273	+ 7.5 %
Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award	\$65,002	\$70,557	+ \$5,555	+ 8.5 %
<b>Total in RASS Endowment Funds</b>	<b>\$235,648</b>	<b>\$252,738</b>	<b>+ \$17,090</b>	<b>+ 7.25 %</b>

RASS would like to thank the 2024-2025 Endowment Funds Committee:



**Laura Plunkett, PhD**  
Integrative  
Biostrategies, LLC



**Bernard Gadagbui, PhD, DABT**  
Toxicology Excellence for  
Risk Assessment (TERA)



**Anne Loccisano, PhD, DABT**  
Exponent, Inc.



**David Szabo, PhD, DABT**  
PPG Industries, Inc.



**Tami McMullin, PhD**  
CTEH, LLC



## RASS SPONSORSHIP

RASS offers the opportunity for individuals and organizations to support the future of RASS through several levels of sponsorship. Please consider making a donation to support RASS. Donations can also be made anonymously if preferred. Click [here](#) to make a donation to our operating fund.

Sponsorship Level	Amount	Potential Sponsorship Recognition
Leadership	\$5,000	RASS newsletter, RASS business meeting, RASS annual reception, RASS LinkedIn
Mentoring	\$1,000	RASS newsletter, RASS business meeting, RASS mentoring events, RASS LinkedIn
Education	\$500	RASS newsletter, RASS annual reception, RASS LinkedIn
Visibility	\$100	RASS newsletter, RASS annual reception
Networking	< \$100	RASS annual reception



We would like to recognize our recent sponsors, Raptor Pharm & Tox, Ltd. and Toxiqua Ltd.



*Thank you for supporting the  
future of RASS!*



## RISK ASSESSMENT SYLLABUS

The Risk Assessment Syllabus Planning Committee, with the support of RASS leadership, has continued the development of a dedicated "Risk Assessment Syllabus" that was initiated in 2022. This training series compliments the existing RASS webinar series and other RASS-related mentoring initiatives.

The objective of this Syllabus is to provide participants with an introduction to the fundamental concepts and terminology associated with chemical risk assessment, as well as a practical perspective on the application of risk assessment principles to inform decision making. Each event in the series is focused on a selected risk assessment-related topic and has speakers from academia, government, and/or industry, with each speaker providing their perspective on what risk assessment means in their respective sector.

The Syllabus provides Trainees with valuable insights that enhance their awareness of the importance and sector-specific aspects of risk assessment in their professional careers and the required skills for the respective job profiles. For current professionals, the Syllabus provides an opportunity to refresh and advance their understanding of risk assessment principles and to develop sector-specific perspectives on contemporary topics in human and environmental health sciences.

The Syllabus is currently hosted in a web-based format to maximize attendance. Individual events are structured to contain a formal presentation focusing on a specific aspect relevant to risk assessment, followed by an open panel discussion with invited experts in the field. Our most recent webinar "Basic Tenets of Risk Characterization" was held in June 2025; details on this event can be found below and on the [RASS Events webpage](#).

### Risk Assessment Syllabus Planning Committee

George Woodall, RASS Past President 2018-2019  
Nathan Pechacek, RASS Secretary/Treasurer 2019-2021  
Laura Plunkett, RASS President 2020-2021  
Li Yang, RASS Councilor 2020-2022  
Jon Urban

Bernard Gadagbui, RASS Past President (current)  
Sarah Burnett, RASS Councilor (2023-2025)  
Melissa Heintz, RASS Councilor (2024-present)  
Chi-Yun Chen, Postdoctoral Rep (2024-present)  
Kelly Salinas, RASS Volunteer  
Zemin Wang

We would like to thank the Risk Assessment Syllabus Planning Committee, who plans and coordinates the Risk Assessment Syllabus webinars. The Committee is currently seeking experts in any of the disciplines associated with chemical risk assessment to consider serving on the Committee. In addition, the Committee is currently seeking experts to volunteer to participate as a panelist and share their experiences and perspectives in one of the open discussions. We would also like to use this opportunity to collect feedback, suggestions, and ideas for future Syllabus webinars from the RASS membership. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, participating as a panelist for a Syllabus webinar, or have suggestions for topics for future Syllabus webinars, please email the official RASS email ([sotrassawards@gmail.com](mailto:sotrassawards@gmail.com)).

## RASS WEBINAR SERIES

RASS webinars are held from Fall through Spring, generally on the second Wednesday of each month. If you cannot participate in any of the live RASS webinars, links to the past webinar slides and recordings are available on ToXchange. Information on both upcoming and recordings of past webinars are on our [events page](#).

Below are the recent webinars from the 2025 series.

***June 18, 2025 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (US EDT, UTC -4) - ([See Recording](#))***

### **Risk Assessment Syllabus - Basic Tenets of Risk Characterization**

This is the sixth webinar in the Risk Assessment Syllabus series, which began in 2021. This webinar brings together many of the concepts covered in the prior topics to show how Reference Values (topic covered on June 4, 2024) are combined with the results from an Exposure Assessment (covered on August 3, 2023) to characterize risk.

George Woodall, PhD, US Environmental Protection Agency

Larisa Rudenko, PhD, US Food & Drug Administration, retired

Scott Dotson, PhD, CIH, DABT, Insight Exposure & Risk Sciences Group

Deborah McKean, PhD, US Environmental Protection Agency, retired

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***April 9, 2025 - Joint Webinar with In Vitro and Alternative Methods Section ([See Recording](#))***

### **TEER21: Development of Data-driven Insights on the Practice and Interpretation of Epithelial Barrier Integrity Data for NAMs-Based Safety Assessments**

Erin A. Huber, PhD

RTI International

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***February 12, 2025 - Joint Webinar with Exposure Specialty Section ([See Recording](#))***

### **Guide to High Throughput Toxicokinetic (HTTK) Parameters**

John Wambaugh, PhD,

US Environmental Protection Agency

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***January 8, 2025 - Joint Webinar with Mixtures Specialty Section ([See Recording](#))***

### **An Update on Vaping in Two Parts**

*"Part 1: The Mixture Effect – Complexity of Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) Aerosols Toxicity Assessment"*

Alexandra Noel, PhD

Associate Professor, Director of Inhalation Research Facility, Louisiana State University

*"Part 2: Considerations in Assessing Hazards, Exposures, and Risks of ENDS Compared to Other Tobacco Products"*

Mary Irwin, PhD

Center for Tobacco Products, US Food and Drug Administration



RASS would like to extend a HUGE thank you to **Annie Jarabek** for her continued leadership in coordination and facilitation of the RASS Webinar Series.

Please [share your ideas](#) on the topics for the RASS Webinar Series.

## 2025 SOT ANNUAL MEETING



### *Congratulations to RASS Members Receiving 2025 SOT Awards*



#### **Enhancement of Animal Welfare Award**

**Nicole Churchill Kleinstreuer, PhD**  
NIEHS/NICEATM and now Acting NIH  
Deputy Director for Program  
Coordination, Planning, and Strategic  
Initiatives, Morrisville, NC



#### **Public Communications Award**

**Anne H. Chappelle, PhD, DABT**  
SafeBridge Consultants Inc.,  
Chadds Ford, PA



#### **Bristol Myers Squibb Graduate Student Research Training Award to Promote Diversity in Toxicology**

**Elijah Scott, BS**  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, WA

## 2025 STUDENT AND POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS

[RASS Trainee Awards](#) include the John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Awards and Perry J. Gehring Best Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Awards. Joint awards with other Specialty Sections include the Anderson-Clewell Trainee Award (with the Biological Modeling Specialty Section) and Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award (with the Mechanisms Specialty Section).

The applications were scored by volunteers in four categories:

1. Application to risk assessment
2. Quality and significance of the research project
3. Scientific quality of the abstract
4. Significance of the findings described in the abstract

This year's applications included:

- John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award: **8**
  - **6** Graduate Student Applications; **2** Postdoctoral Applications
- Perry J. Gehring Best Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Award: **8**
  - **3** Graduate Student Applications; Postdoctoral Applications: **5**
- RASS-BMSS joint Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award: **7**
- RASS-MechSS joint Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award: **28**



# 2025 STUDENT AND POSTDOCTORAL AWARD WINNERS

## *Perry J. Gehring Best Abstract Awards*



### **Graduate Student Awardee:**

**Sarah Miller**, *UNC Chapel Hill*  
Characterizing individual and mixtures-based chemical contributions to wildfire smoke toxicity through *in vitro* transcriptomic screening. Abstract 4570 H405. Mixtures.



### **Postdoctoral Student Awardee**

**Jessie Chapel**, *UNC Chapel Hill*  
Interpretable machine learning to understand wildfire toxicity: bridging chemicals, - omics, and health outcomes via symbolic regression with novel feature scoring. Abstract 3406 J537. Computational Toxicology I.

## *RASS-MechSS Robert J. Rubin Award*



**Christine Kim**, *Rutgers University*  
Selective receptor modulation during melatonin renoprotection against vancomycin toxicity. Abstract 4005 J495. Kidney.

## *John Doull Risk Assessment Award*



**Katie Clark**, *Vanderbilt University*  
Chronic low-level manganese exposure in drinking water alters brain relaxometry profiles: A potential biomarker for environmental metal exposure. Abstract 3806 E272. Neurotoxicity: Metals.

## *International Society of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology (IS RTP)-RASS Awards*

### **Graduate Student Awardee**

**Zhicheng Zhang**, *University of Florida*  
Development of machine learning and large language model-based QSAR models for predicting plasma and tissue drug residue depletion half-lives for medically treated cattle across various administration routes. Abstract 4570H405. Mixtures.

### **Postdoctoral Awardee**

**Jessie Chapel**, *UNC Chapel Hill*  
Interpretable machine learning to understand wildfire toxicity: bridging chemicals, - omics, and health outcomes via symbolic regression with novel feature scoring. Abstract 3406 J537. Computational Toxicology I.

## *RASS-BMSS Anderson-Clewell Award*



**Kun Mi**, *University of Florida*  
Physiologically based pharmacokinetic modeling for oxytetracycline and chlortetracycline to predict residue depletion and determine withdrawal intervals in swine. Abstract 3556 N710. New Approach Methods: Computational.

# Congrats!



## 2025 BEST ABSTRACT AWARD

The initial pool of **315** abstracts included all abstracts with “risk assessment” as a keyword or category. This list was refined to 30 abstracts by the RASS Executive Committee based on relevance to risk assessment and significance of the work

The abstracts were blinded and scored by volunteers in four categories:

1. Application to risk assessment
2. Scientific significance of the research/project focus
3. Quality of the abstract
4. Significance of the findings described in the abstract



### BEST ABSTRACT WINNER

**S.A. Marchitti and L.A. Bailey, Gradient. *Evaluation of US EPA's Proposed Rule for the Occupational use of Carbon Tetrachloride and Proposal for a Revised Occupational Exposure Value*. Abstract 4237. Poster 751. Risk Assessment II.**

### TOP 9 ABSTRACTS

- **D. Proctor** and C. Thompson. ToxStrategies LLC. *Why Oral Cavity Tumors Should Not be the Basis of the Hexavalent Chromium Oral Cancer Slope Factor—Weight of Evidence Review*. Abstract 3136. Poster D249. Regulatory/Policy.
- **G. Nielsen**, N. Moody, S. J. Baird, W. Heiger-Bernays, and C. M. Smith. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. *Development of Toxicity and Drinking Water Values for Perfluoroheptanoic Acid (PFHpA) Using Health Effects Data and Read Across Methods*. Abstract 3951. Poster J439. PFAS II.
- **S. Hoffmann** et al. SEH consulting + services. *Next Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA) of skin sensitization: major sources of uncertainty and how to assess them, exemplified with an in chemico test method*. Abstract 3849. Poster F325. Skin Sensitization.
- **R. Reiss** et al. Exponent. *Data-Derived Extrapolation Factors for Interspecies Extrapolation of Organophosphate Pesticide Pharmacodynamic Factors*. Abstract 4727. Poster K568. NAMS: In Vitro II.
- **K. P. Cross**. Instem. *AI Applications in Predictive Toxicology Supporting Drug Safety Assessments*. Abstract 4043. Poster J537. Computational Toxicology II.
- **D. Wikoff** et al. ToxStrategies, LLC. *Biological plausibility assessment of acetaminophen and occurrence of developmental neurological outcomes in humans*. Abstract 4768. Poster L614. Risk Assessment III.
- **S. Tripathi** et al. Bayer Crop Science. *Employing NAMs as Primary Cell-Based Assays and Reverse Dosimetry with High-Throughput Toxicokinetics for Improved Endocrine Disruption Screening*. Abstract 3929. Poster H412. Endocrine Toxicology.
- **T. Greene**, R. Gentry, and H. Bartow. Ramboll. *Application of a novel framework for integrating evidence to assess hazards and risk: an example with formaldehyde*. Abstract 4834. Poster N688. NAMS: General.
- **N. Tahir** et al. Leiden Academic Centre for Drug Research, Universiteit Leiden. *Human population toxicodynamics variability assessment using high throughput transcriptomics in peripheral blood mononuclear cells*. Abstract 4785. Poster L632. Systems Biology and Translational Toxicology.



## 2025 BEST PAPER AWARDS

Criteria for eligibility:

- Paper must either demonstrate application of risk assessment or advance the science of risk assessment
- Paper must be published during 2024
- At least one author must be an SOT member

Candidate papers were identified via 2 sources:

- Nomination by RASS members by January 6, 2025
- Risk assessment papers published in SOT's official journal, *Toxicological Sciences*
  - Searched by keyword: "assessment"
  - >50 papers were screened and categorized by Award Chairs
- Combined: 9 nominations and 19 publications from *Toxicological Sciences*
- RASS Executive Committee reviewed and voted for the top papers for each category



The papers were scored by volunteers using the following categories:

- Relevance to risk assessment
- Novelty of research and/or application
- Significance of research and/or application

### ***Best Paper Advancing the Science of Risk Assessment***

Cable S\*, Baltazar MT, Bunglawala F, Carmichael PL, Contreas L, Dent MP, Houghton J, Kukic P, Malcomber S, Nicol B, Przybylak KR, Punt A, Reynolds G, Reynolds J, Scott S, Tang D, Middleton AM. Advancing systemic toxicity risk assessment: Evaluation of a NAM-based toolbox approach. *Toxicol Sci.* 2025 Mar 1;204(1):79-95. doi: [10.1093/toxsci/kfae159](https://doi.org/10.1093/toxsci/kfae159). \*Corresponding author: Sophie Cable, Unilever

### ***Best Paper Demonstrating the Application of Risk Assessment***

Ford LC, Lin HC, Tsai HD, Zhou YH, Wright FA, Sedykh A, Shah RR, Chiu WA, Rusyn I\*. Hazard and risk characterization of 56 structurally diverse PFAS using a targeted battery of broad coverage assays using six human cell types. *Toxicology.* 2024 Mar;503:153763. doi: [10.1016/j.tox.2024.153763](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tox.2024.153763).

\*Corresponding author: Ivan Rusyn, Texas A&M University

## 2026 RASS AWARDS

It's never too soon to start thinking about who to nominate for 2026 RASS Awards! Stay tuned for the instruction to nominate yourself or a well-deserving toxicologist for one of the following awards:

- Best Overall Abstract Award
- Best Published Paper Advancing the Science of Risk Assessment Award
- Best Published Paper Demonstrating an Application of Risk Assessment Award
- Perry J. Gehring Best Graduate Student Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Award
- Perry J. Gehring Best Postdoctoral Fellow Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Award
- Robert J. Rubin Student Risk Assessment Specialty Section Travel Award (Joint with MechSS)
- John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award
- Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award (Joint with BMSS)

More details on each award can be found [here](#).

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are numerous opportunities for RASS members to get involved with RASS-related activities. Fall and Winter are busy times, as the reviewing and judging of student and postdoctoral award applications and best abstract and paper awards are in full force. Your help is greatly needed! The benefits of serving as a RASS volunteer include the following:

- ✓ Getting your name and ability to help recognized. When you get involved, your willingness to serve and help gets recognized. This is especially important for graduate students and postdocs who are looking to get more involved in SOT.
- ✓ Working with colleagues. In volunteering, you have the opportunity to work on committees with people that you might not otherwise have the opportunity to work with, in a fun and collegial way.
- ✓ It is an AWESOME learning opportunity. When you review award applications and candidates for best paper, you have the opportunity to learn about recent developments in risk assessment. Helping out and learning about risk assessment—what more can one ask for?

## Available Volunteer Opportunities:

- Student awards selection committee (Jan–Feb)
- Best abstracts selection committee (Jan–Feb)
- Best papers selection committee (Jan–Feb)



RASS would like to extend a HUGE thank you to **Alea Goodmanson** for her continued leadership in coordination of the volunteer pool.

If you would like to enter your name into the RASS Volunteer Pool, please email Alea Goodmanson ([aleagoodmanson@chevron.com](mailto:aleagoodmanson@chevron.com)).

## 2025 Award Committees

### Student & Postdoctoral

Kan Shao (Chair)\*  
 Melissa Heintz (Chair)\*  
 Senthilkumar Perumal Kuppasamy  
 Elaine Freeman  
 Kel DeShong  
 Kelly Salinas  
 Sairam Jabba  
 Lisa Sweeney  
 Allison Franzen  
 Kim Zaccaria  
 Theresa Onwordi

### Best Abstract

Kan Shao (Chair)\*  
 Melissa Heintz (Chair)\*  
 Martyn Chilton  
 Matthew Wolter  
 J Norm Healey  
 William Klaren  
 Amy Mihalchik  
 Kristin Noell

### Best Paper

Anne Loccisano (Chair)\*  
 Sarah Burnett (Chair)\*  
 Penelope Fenner-Crisp  
 Jon Urban  
 Laura Markley  
 Kathryn Page  
 Santhini Ramasamy  
 Martyn Chilton  
 Matthew Wolter  
 Kristin Noell  
 Norm Healey

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!**

\*RASS Executive Committee Representative

## Other RASS Announcements:



**CONGRATULATIONS to our RASS President Anne Loccisano and Vice President Kan Shao for their recent designation as Fellows of The Academy of Toxicological Sciences (ATS)**

Thank you both for your significant contributions to advancing toxicology!

## RASS OFFICERS 2025-2026

Thank you to the RASS Officers, who dedicate their time and effort to the success of RASS and RASS members. This spring, we asked each of the RASS Officers to share one fun fact about themselves, and we would like to share their answers with you so that you can get to know our Officers!

### Past President



**Bernard Gadagbui**  
TERA

Fun fact: Curious by nature and driven by science. Enjoy diving into topics that blend health, environment, and human well-being. Love watching funny clips, experimenting with natural remedies in the garden, and traveling

### President



**Anne Loccisano**  
Exponent, Inc.

Fun fact: My husband and I didn't meet until we were about 40 years old, despite the fact that we're from the same small town and went to high school together.

### Vice President



**Kan Shao**  
Indiana University  
Bloomington

Fun fact : I enjoy traveling with my kids to explore beautiful natural scenery and experience diverse cultural atmospheres.

### Vice President-Elect



**Kathryn Page**  
The Clorox Company

Fun fact: I am an avid baker and enjoy experimenting with healthy recipes.

### Secretary/ Treasurer



**Nikolaos Georgiadis**  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Fun fact: I finished my first Ironman race one year ago, and during the race, I promised myself never to do it again. I registered for the next race two days later.

### Senior Councilor



**Melissa Heintz**  
ToxStrategies, LLC

Fun fact: A close friend's relative featured me as a character in their novel titled *"Avengers & Horns of the Bull"* by D. Bruce Coryell.

### Junior Councilor



**Alexandra Cordova**  
ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences, Inc.

Fun fact: When I was younger, I was a flamenco dancer and trained/performed with famous professionals from Spain!

### Postdoctoral Representative



**Chi-Yun Chen**  
University of Florida

Fun fact : I have donated my hair three times to organizations that create wigs for people experiencing medical hair loss.

### Graduate Student Representative



**Disha Gupta**  
Rutgers University

Fun fact: I once carbonated my cell culture media - on purpose - for science!