



International  
Social Role Valorization  
Association

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The purpose of the International Social Role Valorization Association is

**"To promote SRV development, education, assessment, and leadership  
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vulnerable people may have access to the good things of life"**

As this Annual Report attests, 2025 was once again a busy year. Many individuals and groups are involved in the promotion, dissemination and application, around the world and much is going on. We have contacts with individuals who participate in SRV activities from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Canada, the USA, England, Ireland, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, and Norway.

### International SRV Conference.



### 8<sup>th</sup> International SRV conference – May 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

A group of SRV leaders in Canada led by Miriam Kaye, Judith Sandys, Peg Jenner, Bill Forman, Zana Lutfiyya, and others were the organizing committee of the 8<sup>th</sup> International SRV conference. ISRVA provided financial support for the conference (including two social events hosted by the Association) and many ISRVA members were present at the conference. Some local family members dropped in and attended a few of the events.

Registrants included Family Members, Executive Directors, Board Members, Managers Trainers, Students, Professors, Retired Professors, Retired Executive Directors,

Lawyers, Government Officials, Evaluators, and others who didn't state their role. Organizers were able to provide over \$9000 to registrants requesting tuition subsidies.

Conference attendees included people from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the USA. A few members from India led breakout sessions online. Congratulations to the organizing committee who made the conference a great success. ISRVA was pleased to play a supportive role in making the conference a great success.

### Membership

Membership is essential and ISRVA can operate only because of the support of our membership, who make financial contributions to meet our mutual goals of strengthening the global SRV community.

2025 membership consisted of 167 members (from 10 countries and 4 continents, at varying levels of contribution) compared to 134 in 2024. Countries represented included Australia, Canada, France, India, Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and the USA. We invite readers of this Annual Report to join ISRVA for 2026 to support the work of the International Social Role Valorization Association (ISRVA). This past year 25 organizations made a sustaining, supporting, or contributing pledge to this work, compared to 34 in 2024. Many thanks to all members for the support – SRV dissemination continues to be a collective effort.

### Financial Position

At year end, we have a healthy financial situation with an opening balance of \$142,053.86. At year end 2025, our bank balance was \$160,974.12, including \$8,500 held in reserve as seed money for the next International SRV Conference. Much of our expenses were directed towards maintenance for the websites, special projects such as our collaboration with the Wolfensberger Collection in Nebraska and meetings. We funded a research grant of \$5,600 in 2025.

### Wolf Wolfensberger website

ISRVA hosts a legacy website to Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger. This website, [www.wolfwolfensberger.com](http://www.wolfwolfensberger.com).



### Social Role Valorization Website

The current website was launched in mid-2019, and we continue to keep it up to date. Members may post about SRV related events they are organizing on the events calendar. [www.socialrolevalorization.com](http://www.socialrolevalorization.com). We have added a new “members only” section to the website, where members can access videos and other exclusive materials.

Our francophone web site can be accessed by selecting the website link: [www.valorisationdesrolessociaux.com](http://www.valorisationdesrolessociaux.com)

### **Social Media**

ISRVA manages two Facebook groups. One provides a forum for English-speaking SRV practitioners from around the world. The purpose of this group is for the international community of Social Role Valorization leaders, teachers, students, practitioners, and researchers to share our work, look for connections, learn about the events and activities happening worldwide, and assist each other in SRV use in a welcoming, supportive manner.

The ISRVA Facebook group has as of the writing of this report 309 members (174 in 2020) and is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280067349420572/>.

The second group is a Francophone Facebook Group that has 30 members and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/614131435753569>.

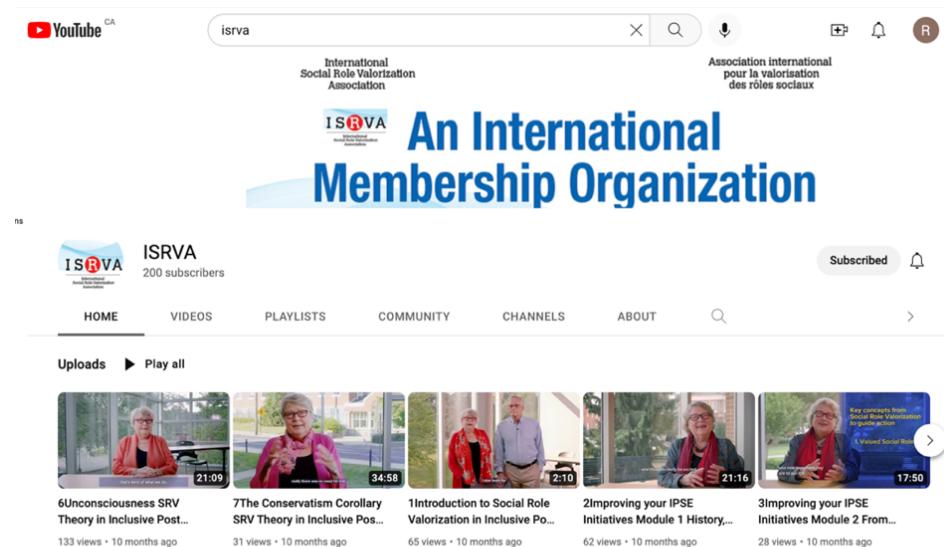
We participate in two other social media groups via Facebook. S.R.V. (Social Role Valorization) has 729 members can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/177849802342830>

“Social Role Valorization” has 1.2k members and is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8623212156>

You can join these private Facebook groups by visiting the URLs listed above, and requesting admission to one, several, or all the groups.

### **YouTube channel**

ISRVA launched a simple-to-use YouTube channel in November of 2019. It can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/c/ISRVA>. We currently have 229 subscribers and 52 videos. ISRVA members were relied upon for recommendations of videos to include, and Guy Caruso, Erica Tinsley-Baker and Betsy Neuville are leading efforts to curate and categorize videos by SRV theme.



### 2025 Research Grant

The 2024 research grant was awarded to Dr. Marc Tumeinski. The grant supported his “research into Wolf’s theological writings, particularly those writings on the nature of membership, integration and valued roles for devalued people within Catholic parishes and Christian communities generally.

Marc’s two visits to the archives were quite fruitful. He found seven manuscripts in very good shape which had not previously been published. With support from Susan Thomas, Ray Lemay and Darby Kurtz, and approval from the Wolfensberger family, these materials are being prepared for dissemination online through ISRVA. Susan and Marc prepared introductory material explaining the origin of these texts. He also gathered other materials during these visits and will start reviewing these for possible dissemination. Marc indicates that one of the texts he reviewed during his time at the archives was a book manuscript on Judeo-Christian service. Susan Thomas is currently working on finalizing this manuscript for dissemination and Marc will play a supporting role in that process. Marc hopes to return to Nebraska to follow up on other potential publishing projects, such as some unpublished materials on Model Coherency, and on Citizen Advocacy, as well as material that brings together different emphases in his thinking, such as applying Model Coherency to faith-based services and the evaluation of faith-based services.

One article Marc wrote, entitled ‘Embodied Love: Christian Community and Disciples with Impairments,’ was published earlier this year in Catechetical Review (11/4), an international quarterly catechetical journal published under the auspices of Franciscan University in Ohio (US). Marc also authored a second manuscript, tentatively titled ‘Serving from the inside out,’ which he will submit in January to another journal. The

published article and the second manuscript draw heavily on Wolfensberger's published and unpublished writings.

Research grants are still available 2026 and the grant application process and description are available at <https://socialrolevalorization.com/international-srv-association/grant-opportunities/>.

### **The Institute for Applied SRV (IAS)**

After a fair amount of work in developing a course syllabus on applying/implementing SRV, we decided to put this project on hold. Such a project would require a significant investment in time and money, and the leadership group was not convinced that there was a market for such an event. We will continue to encourage trainers to develop their own shorter events. We will likely revisit this issue in the coming years.



Valor Press is managed by Valoris (Rockland Ontario – Executive Director Caroline Granger) and collaborates with ISRVA for the purpose of keeping some of Dr. Wolfensberger's works in print and publishing some of his unpublished manuscripts as well as other original works that are of interest to Valoris and ISRVA.

	1 January 2025 to Dec 31 2025	1 April 2024 to Dec 31 2024	1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024	1 April 2022 to March 31 2023
Introduction to SRV	129	221	148	409
Limitations of the Law	1	4	2	3
A Guideline on Protecting the Health...	48	52	63	60
PASSING (Eng)	67	28	21	28
PASSING (Fr)	4	0	1	10
The Future of Children	33	14	33	9
Ageing and SRV	20	12	11	2
Model Coherency -1	18	17	28	17
Model Coherency-2	8	12	26	17
Model Coherency-3	8	12	30	17
La VRS	0	30	5	
Advanced Issues in SRV	0	30	1	
Festschrift	10	20	200	

### **Wolfensberger Collection/Archives**

ISRVA actively supports and collaborates with the University of Nebraska's Robert S. Wigton Department of Special Collections and Archives at the McGoogan Health Sciences Library (McGoogan Library). We provided funding to support the continued organizing of the collection materials. Susan Thomas of the Syracuse University Training Institute spent a week in Omaha to support the work being carried out.

Darby Kurtz, Archivist and Public Historian, can be contacted at the Wolfensberger Archives for more information: [dkurtz@unmc.edu](mailto:dkurtz@unmc.edu)

**Digitizing cassette recordings:** In 2024, the Nebraska University Foundation organized a fundraising campaign to digitize some of the more important cassette recordings of Dr. Wolfensberger's speeches, lectures and workshops. There are 1,691 cassette tapes in the collection

We identified about 500 critical cassette recordings that should be preserved. There were 294 tapes digitized as of Spring 2025. This number includes 15 reel-to-reel 8mm film that was digitized this Spring since the film is degrading even quicker than the cassettes. Darby Kurtz is currently working on creating a list for another digitization request to utilize the \$7,000 still available for this project. The digitized audio files are now available at [https://unmc.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/S0\\_0d405a59-502e-456d-827f-ad2f139e1677/?pg=2](https://unmc.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/S0_0d405a59-502e-456d-827f-ad2f139e1677/?pg=2).

### **Wolfensberger's Psychopostcard Collection and its Future Uses – Update**

Dr. Wolfensberger was a collector of postcards that dealt mostly with institutions, although there are also categories of Freakery, Disability/Deviance, and Human Services as well. His daughter, Margaret Wolfensberger Sager, has kept his collection, and shared it with Dr. Thomas Malcomson, who wrote the Wolfensberger Festschrift book chapter on Wolf Wolfensberger's Use of History. Tom has a serious interest in the "psychopostcards" and is starting projects related to them. He too has collected over 1000 postcards related to Wolf's postcard interest.

Tom reported that the psychopostcard journey continues, though at a reduced speed. He did a session at the SRV conference in Halifax focused on the postcards and what they express in terms of SRV's understanding of imagery issues and roles of people with disability or atypical bodies. The session was well received. Several participants had questions afterward and a few wanted to talk more about the postcards and the subject matter. Tom has agreed to write the presentation up and it has been submitted for publication in a special issue of the SRV Journal or some online collection of papers from the recent SRV conference. We are waiting to hear when the article will appear.

### **Scanning and Digitalization of PASS, PASSING, and CAPE Reports:**

Guy Caruso and Betsy Neuville are leading an initiative to collect and convert into a digital format all extant PASS/PASSING and CAPE (O'Brien and Wolfensberger – 1980-Citizen Advocacy Program Evaluation) reports.

Over the last few years, with the initial suggestion coming from John O'Brien, ISRVA under the guidance of Guy Caruso has asked people to send us any PASS, PASSING and/or CAPE evaluation reports so we could collect, scan and digitalize them for safekeeping and for learning purposes. Most of these reports come from training workshops conducted, or participated in, by the Training Institute. Some are from other parties connected to the TI in some way. Besides these training assessments, there are some from "real" (i.e., bona fide or non-training evaluations. Betsy Neuville, Pam Seetoo and Matt Nyguyen at the Keystone Institute scanned and digitalized around 170 reports and used a coding system to organize reports for example by type (PASS, PASSING, CAPE), year, Training Institute/other, program type (e.g. residential, vocational).

In addition, Susan Thomas reported that she found many PASS and PASSING reports at The Wolfensberger Collection at UNMC's McGoogan Library Nebraska (Wolfensberger archives) that were part of Wolf's large collection of materials sent there. She reported that there are approximately 180 unreleased PASS reports, approximately 70 released ones, and about 90 PASSING reports (mixed released and unreleased) at the archives. Released means the organization that was assessed using PASS or PASSING approved the report to be made public. She further discovered that they are a mix of reports that came out of the Training Institute workshops, and ones that other people sent to Wolf from events they conducted.

Susan also found a paper titled - *Explanation & Instructions for Inventory of WW Archives: PASS & PASSING Reports* - that says the unreleased reports should not be opened to public view until the year 2050. Dr Wolfensberger certainly was one to plan ahead!

Both Susan Thomas and Betsy Neuville report finding only a few reports from the Pennsylvania Evaluation Project (PEP) and if anyone associated with any of those official evaluations has such reports, please contact Guy Caruso ([guycaruso@aol.com](mailto:guycaruso@aol.com)) to share them.

ISRVA member Zana Lutfiyya asked us to collect CAPE (Citizen Advocacy Program Evaluation) reports, and we received a few that were scanned and digitalized as well.

If you have PASS, PASSING, and/or CAPE reports please contact Guy Caruso ([guyucdd@consolidated.net](mailto:guyucdd@consolidated.net)) so he can scan and digitalize these for safe-keeping if we do not have them already.

ISRVA's intent is to collect, save (scan/digitalize) the reports, and to share some released or redacted reports on the ISRVA website. Betsy Neuville is in the process of selecting a few reports for the website. In reading over a few of the reports Betsy found them to be fascinating and edifying to read as so many lessons can be learned about service quality and other realities. Redacted versions protecting the identity of organizations as well as individual people can be made available upon request.

### **SRV Study Sessions**

Four successful SRV Study Sessions were held on Zoom, with available space for participants filling almost immediately. For each event, two sessions have been offered at two different times to make it possible for people from widely different time zones to attend and we have had high participation from Oceania, Asia, Europe, and North America.

Month	Title	Leaders	Registrants
October 7th	"Separate but Equal?- A Retrospective Examination re: Employment"	Milton Tyree	79
August 27 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	"Hidden in Plain Sight: The Scourge of the Human Service Practice of Restraint"	Marc Tumeinski	35
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	So-Called "Artificial Intelligence," Its Connections and Relevance to, and Implications for, Social Role Valorization	Susan Thomas	119
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	"SRV Film Review: Stutterer"	Jo Massarelli, Betsy Neuville	49

### **ISRVA Leadership**

The ISRVA leadership group includes Jo Massarelli, Betsy Neuville, Caroline Granger, Andrew Oliver, Guy Caruso, Joe Osburn, and Raymond Lemay. We generally meet monthly by video-conference, and in-person once a year.

### **A Brief History of ISRVA**

After the Canberra International SRV conference in September 2011, there was some concern that SRV might not survive Dr. Wolfensberger's recent passing (Feb 2011). A few of us (Betsy Neuville, Guy Caruso and Raymond Lemay) on our way back home

from Canberra imagined that a permanent international structure should be established to provide long term institutional support – something like an international association. We then prepared a position paper elaborating the idea and presented it to the North American SRV Council (NASRVC), and, after a lengthy discussion, set up a committee to further develop the idea. From the outset, it was clear that though members of the NASRVC were actively involved in the development of this project, any new entity stemming from our work would be separate from the NASRVC.

The original committee included Jo Massarelli, Beth French (who has since passed away), Betsy Neuville, Joe Osburn, Guy Caruso, and Raymond Lemay. John Armstrong, a senior leader in Australia, was also quite helpful in the early going and participated in early discussions and quite graciously transferred to the association the socialrolevalorization.com website that he had developed and managed for years.

The committee met several times, including multiple-day meetings in Worcester MA and Kingston ON, reached out with a survey and interviews to SRV groups and aficionados around the world, and reworked and transformed the original position paper into statement of purpose and description of activities – the latest version of which is available on the socialrolevalorization.com website.

After much discussion and some procrastination, we decided to move forward and start the ISRVA with a membership drive.

A number of founding organizations were instrumental in moving this project forward. They include:

Valor & Solutions, Plantagenet, Ontario, Canada

Valoris pour enfants et adultes de Prescott-Russell Valoris for Children and Adults in Ontario Canada

Shriver Clinical Services Corporation, Wakefield, Massachusetts, United States  
Family Lives, Massachusetts USA

Keystone Institute, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, United States

Community Ventures in Living, Lafayette, Indiana, United States

Despite the ongoing turbulence in the world, we continue to thrive. The long-term purpose is still alive as we find new ways of promoting “SRV development, education, assessment, and leadership to assist people and organizations to implement SRV concepts so that vulnerable people may have access to the good things of life.”

### **For the ISRVA,**

Jo Massarelli, Betsy Neuville, Andrew Oliver, Joe Osburn, Guy Caruso and Raymond Lemay