# JESSY CEHA · CV

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CITIZENSHIP LANGUAGES Canadian, Dutch English, Dutch

SUMMARY

Highly adaptable and motivated, with research experience in both academia and industry, spanning various areas, countries, and departments. Adept at conducting in-person research in labs, medical centers, and in-the-wild, as well as writing, publishing, and presenting in multiple research areas. Knowledge of neuroscience & human-computer interaction methods, human physiology measurement, and behavioural & psychometric testing. Passionate about interdisciplinary research, especially psychology, neuroscience, and computer science.

EDUCATION

### Ph.D. Computer Science

2017 - present

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada Specialization: Human-Computer Interaction

Advisor: Dr. Edith Law (School of Computer Science)

Thesis Focus: Pedagogical Agents

#### M.Sc. Human-Machine Communication, cum laude

2014 - 2016

University of Groningen, Groningen, the Netherlands

Advisor: Dr. Marieke van Vugt (Institute of A.I. & Cognitive Engineering)

Thesis: Investigation into the Enhancement of Voice Perception: with simulations of cochlear implants and bimodal hearing

#### B.Sc. Cognitive Systems, with Distinction

2009 - 2014

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Specialization: Cognition & Brain

RESEARCH

#### Pedagogical Agents

2017 - present

Human-Computer Interaction Lab, University of Waterloo

Designing pedagogical agents for scaffolding of learning and affective outcomes Investigating neural correlates of curiosity using electroencephalography (EEG)

### Speech Perception

2015 - 2016

Dept. of Audiology, University Medical Centre Groningen

Psychoacoustic experiments with simulations of bimodal hearing

Dept. of Experimental Psychology, University of Groningen

Developed an EEG BCI for improving auditory speech perception in cochlear-implant users

## Cognitive Modelling

2014 - 2016

Institute of A.I. and Cognitive Engineering, University of Groningen

EEG study on theta oscillation phase-locking after attentional blink (AB) training

Linguistics 2014

The "eh" Lab, Dept. of Linguistics, University of British Columbia Behavioural study on the syntax of speech acts University of Waterloo

CS105: Introduction to Computer Programming, CS106: Introduction to Computer Science, CS349: User Interfaces

Honours Master in High Tech Systems & Materials (HTSM)

2014 - 2016

University of Groningen
A 20-ECTS, 1.5 year program, followed alongside the regular Master's, offered by
The University of Groningen in cooperation with Philips and other major industry
partners, equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel at the

Philips Internship (Consumer Electronics)

frontiers of High Tech Systems and Materials.

2015

On site at the Philips production center in Drachten, the Netherlands
As part of the HTSM Honours Master: manufactured, tested and finalized a solution
to a technical challenge presented by Philips Consumer Lifestyle.

SKILLS

MATLAB, Python, HTML, CSS, Processing, OpenViBE, R, Arduino, ROS

Lab & Field Studies with adults and children

Voice Assistants (Amazon Alexa) & NAO robot

Eye-Tracking/Pupil Dilation

Product Design & Development (PCB basics; 3D printing)

EEG, Electromyography (EMG) & Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS Ceha, J., Chibberr, N., Goh, J., McDonald, C., Oudeyer, P-Y., Kulic, D., and Law, E. (2019). Expression of Curiosity in Social Robots: Design, Perception, and Effects on Behaviour. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Proceedings (CHI 2019) May 4-9, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.* ACM, New York, NY, USA, 12 pages.

Baskent, D., Luckmann, A., **Ceha, J.**, Gaudrain, E., and Tamati, T. N. (2018). The discrimination of voice cues in simulations of bimodal electro-acoustic cochlear-implant hearing. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 143(4), pages 292-297.

Ceha, J. (2016). Investigation into the Enhancement of Voice Perception: with simulations of cochlear implants and bimodal hearing. (Master's thesis)

Theta-band phase locking after attentional blink training. Ceha, J., Buwalda, T., Taatgen, N., Borst, J., and van Vugt, M. December 2015. Poster presentation at the 15th NVP Winter Conference on Cognition, Brain, and Behaviour. The Netherlands.

Honours and Awards Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

Postgraduate Scholarship-Doctoral (PGS D)

University of Waterloo President's Graduate Scholarship (PGS)

May 2019

University of Waterloo Provost Doctoral Entrance Award for Women

Sept. 2017

University of Waterloo Entrance Scholarship

Sept. 2017

Avril McDonald Prize

August 2016

VOLUNTEERING

Peer Reviewer for CHI Conference 2019&2020 Reviewed 3 manuscripts

Nov. 2018&2019

Student volunteer (SV), Glasgow, Scotland, U.K.

May 2019

SV at the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

Volunteer Educational Assistant, Kitchener, Canada

Feb. - April 2019

Prueter Public School

Shad Canada, Waterloo, Canada

July 2018

A STEAM and entrepreneurship program for students in grades 10 and 11 Led a 3-day workshop on Human-Robot Interaction

GIRLsmarts4tech, Waterloo, Canada

June 2018

Day-long workshops aimed at inspiring girls to explore technology

Best Buddies, Waterloo, Canada

Oct. 2017 - May 2018

Weekly volunteering with individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities

Girls in STEAM event, Waterloo, Canada

Jan. 2018

Role model for elementary & middle school girls

Women in Computer Science (WiCS) Event, Waterloo, Canada Mentor to undergraduate CS students Nov. 2017

Learning Buddies Network, Vancouver, Canada

Jan. - April 2014

Elementary school math tutor