Kristin M. Eccles **Curriculum Vitae**

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Highlights

31 peer-reviewed publications (11 as first author, 2 as senior author)
569 citations; h index = 15 and i10 index = 17
Research Expertise: Mixtures, Exposome, Biomarkers, NAMs, AEP-AOP

Current Position

Research Scientist **July 2023 - Present**
Principle Investigator, Computational Toxicology Research Group
Exposure and Biomonitoring Division, Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Education

Ph.D., Biology with Specialization in Chemical and Environmental Toxicology **2019**
Department of Biology, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
Adviser: Laurie Chan, Ph.D.

M.Sc., Geography **2014**
Department of Geography, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada
Advisers: Stefania Bertazzon, Ph.D. and Sylvia Checkley, Ph.D.

Honours B.A., Health Studies, Minors: Geography and Earth Science **2012**
McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada
Adviser: John Eyles, Ph.D.

Professional Appointment/ Employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow **Nov 2020 - May 2023**
National Institute of Environmental Health Science, Division of Translational Toxicology,
Durham, North Carolina, USA
Advisers: Cynthia Rider, Ph.D and Kyle Messier, Ph.D.

Postdoctoral Fellowship **Aug 2019 - Oct 2020**
Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Canada
Advisers: Igor Lehnherr, Ph.D. and Trevor Porter, Ph.D.

Peer-reviewed Publications

Heldman, S., **Eccles, K.M.**, Kassotis, C. (2025). Liquid Crystal Monomers and Their Mixtures Differentially Alter Nuclear Receptor Signaling and Promote Adipogenesis in Vitro. *Accepted in Endocrinology.*

Cho, E., Baird, S., **Eccles, K.M.** (2025). Smaller Scale, Same Impact: Replicating High-Throughputh Phenotypic Profiling in a Medium- Throughput Lab for Use in Chemical Risk Assessment. *Archives of Toxicology*, 1-13. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00204-025-04165-2

Parham, F., **Eccles, K.M.**, Rider, C. V., Sakamuru, S., Xia, M., Huang, R., Tice, R.R., Dinse, G.E., DeVito M.J. (2025) Lessons learned from evaluating defined chemical mixtures in a high throughput

estrogen receptor assay system.kfaf020. https://doi.org/10.1093/toxsci/kfaf020
*NIEHS paper of the month

Eccles, K.M., Boutet, V. Branigan, M., Dyck, M., van Coeverden de Groot, P., Lougheed, S.C., Rutter A., Langlois V.S. (2024). Non-invasive biomonitoring of polar bear feces can be used to estimate concentrations of metals of concern in traditional food. *PLoS one*, 19(6), e0305398. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0305398

Stalwick, J., Somers, G., **Eccles K.M.**, Thomas, P.J., Cunada, C., Gurney, K. (2024). The Influence of Environmental Factors such as Snow and Fire on Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds in the Mackenzie.*Environmental Pollution*, 123962. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2024.123962

Cheney, C.L., **Eccles K.M.**, Lehnherr, I., Blais, J. M. (2024). Mercury deposition to lake sediments near historic gold mines in northern Canada. *Environmental Pollution*, 123038. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2023.123038

Vander Meulen, I. J., Schock, D. M., Akhter, F., Mundy, L. J., **Eccles K.M.**, Soos, C., Peru, K.M., McMartin, D.W., Headley, J.V. and Pauli, B.D. (2023). Site-specific spatiotemporal occurrence and molecular congener distributions of naphthenic acids in Athabasca oil sands wetlands of Alberta, Canada. *Environmental Pollution*, 122061. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2023.122061

Tommasi, F., Pagano, G., Oral, R., Thomas, P.J., **Eccles K.M.**, Tez, S., Toscanesi, M., Giarra,, A., Siciliano, A., Dipierro, N., Gjata, I,, Guida, M., Libralato, G., Lyons,D.M., Buri, P., Ines Kovai, I., Trifuoggi, M. (2023). Topsoil pollution and multi-endpoint toxicity in the petrochemical area of Augusta-Priolo (eastern Sicily, Italy). *Chemosphere*, 333, 138802. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemosphere.2023.138802

Eccles K.M., Karmaus, A. L., Kleinstreuer, N. C., Parham, F., Rider, C. V., Wambaugh, J. F., Messier, K. P. (2023). A geospatial modeling approach to quantifying the risk of exposure to environmental chemical mixtures via a common molecular target. *Science of The Total Environment*, 855, 158905. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2022.158905
*NIEHS 2022 paper of the year

Boutet, V., Dominique, M., **Eccles, K.M.**, Branigan, M., Dyck, M., van Coeverden de Groot, P., Lougheed, S.C., Rutter A., Langlois V.S. An exploratory spatial contaminant assessment for polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) liver, fat, and muscle from Northern Canada. (2023). *Environmental Pollution*, 316, 120663. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2022.120663

Lowe, M.E., Akhtari, F., Potter, P.A., Fargo, D.C., Schmitt, C.P., Schurman, S.H., **Eccles, K.M.**, Motsinger-Reif, A., Hall, J.E., Messier, K.P. (2022). The skin is no barrier to mixtures: Air pollutant mixtures and reported psoriasis or eczema in the Personalized Environment and Genes Study (PEGS). *Journal of exposure science & environmental epidemiology*.1-8. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41370-022-00502-0

Cui, Y., **Eccles K.M.**, Kwok, R.K., Joubert, B., Messier, K.P., Balshaw, D. (2022). Integrating Multiscale Geospatial Environmental Data into Large Population Health Studies: Challenges and Opportunities. *Toxics*. 10(403). https://doi.org/10.3390/toxics1007040

Thomas, P. J., Eickmeyer, D. C., **Eccles, K.M.**, Kimpe, L. E., Felzel, E., Brouwer, A., Blais, J. M. (2022). Paleotoxicity of petrogenic and pyrogenic hydrocarbon mixtures in sediment cores from the Athabasca oil sands region, Alberta (Canada). *Environmental Pollution*, 292, 118271. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2021.118271

Eccles, K.M., Thomas, P. J., Chan, H. M. (2021). Spatial patterns of the exposure-response relationship between mercury and cortisol in the fur of river otter (*Lontra canadensis*). *Chemosphere*, 263, 127992. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemosphere.2020.127992

Thomas, P. J., Newell, E. E., **Eccles, K.M.**, Holloway, A. C., Idowu, I., Xia, Z., Quenneville, C. (2021). Co-exposures to trace elements and polycyclic aromatic compounds (PACs) impacts North American river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) baculum. *Chemosphere*, 265, 128920.https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemosphere.2020.128920

Eccles, K.M., Pauli, B.D., Chan, H.M. (2020). Geospatial analysis of complex metal exposures to biota in the Athabasca Oil Sands. *PLoS one*, 15(9), e0239086. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0239086

Galen, G., **Eccles, K.M**., MacMillian, M., Thomas, P. J., Chan, H.M., Poulain, A.J. (2020). The gut microbial community structure of the North American river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) in the Alberta Oil Sands Region in Canada: relationship with local environmental variables and metal body burden.*Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*.39(12), 2516-2526. https://doi.org/10.1002/etc.4876

Etowa, J., Johnston, A., Jama, Z., **Eccles, K.M.**, Ashton, A. (2020). Mixed-method evaluation of a community-based postpartum support program: a study protocol. *BMJ open*, 10(10), e036749. https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2019-036749

Eccles, K.M., Majeed, H., Lehnherr, I., Porter, T. (2020). A continental and marine-influenced tree-ring mercury record in the Old Crow Flats, Yukon, Canada. *ACS Earth and Space Chemistry*, 4(8), 1281-1290. https://doi.org/10.1021/acsearthspacechem.0c00081.s001

Cheney, C.L., **Eccles, K.M**., Kimpe, L.E., Blais, J.M. (2020). Determining the effects of past gold mining using a sediment palaeotoxicity model. *Science of The Total Environment*, 718, 137308. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2020.137308

Eccles, K.M., Thomas, P. J., Chan, H. M. (2020). Relationships between mercury concentrations in fur and stomach contents of river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) and mink (*Neovison vison*) in northern Alberta Canada and their applications as proxies for environmental factors determining mercury bioavailability. *Environmental Research*, 181, 108961. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2019.108961

Eccles, K. M., Pauli, B. D., Chan, H. M. (2019). The use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for spatial ecological risk assessments: An example from the Athabasca oil sands area in Canada. *Environmental toxicology and chemistry*, 38(12): 27972810. https://doi.org/10.1002/etc.4577

Eccles, K. M., Littlewood, E. S., Thomas, P. J., Chan, H. M. (2019). Distribution of organic and inorganic mercury across the pelts of Canadian river otter (*Lontra canadensis*). *Scientific reports*, 9(1), 3237. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-39893-w

Eccles, K. M., Thomas, P. J., Chan, H. M. (2017). Predictive meta-regressions relating mercury tissue concentrations of freshwater piscivorous mammals. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*, 36(6), 23772384. http://doi.org/10.1002/etc.3775

Thomas, P. J., **Eccles, K. M.**, Mundy, L. J. (2017). Spatial modelling of non-target exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides can inform mitigation options in two boreal predators inhabiting areas with intensive oil and gas development. *Biological Conservation*, 212, 111-119. https://doi.org/10.1002/etc.3775

Hu, X. F., **Eccles, K. M.**, Chan, H. M. (2017). High selenium exposure lowers the odds ratios for

hypertension, stroke, and myocardial infarction associated with mercury exposure among Inuit in Canada. *Environment International*, 102, 200-206. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envint.2017.03.002

Eccles, K. M., Checkley, S., Sjogren, D., Barkema, H. W., Bertazzon, S. (2017). Lessons learned from the 2013 Calgary flood: Assessing risk of drinking water well contamination. *Applied Geography*, 80, 78-85. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2017.02.005

Eccles, K.M., Bertazzon, S. (2015). Applications of geographic information systems in public health: A geospatial approach to analyzing MMR immunization uptake in Alberta. *Canadian Journal of Public Health*, 106(6). https://doi.org/10.17269/cjph.106.4981

Bertazzon, S., Johnson, M., **Eccles, K.**, Kaplan, G. G. (2015). Accounting for spatial effects in land use regression for urban air pollution modelling. *Spatial and Spatio-temporal Epidemiology*. 14-15, 921. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sste.2015.06.002

Technical Reports

Health Canada. (2025). Combined Exposure to Multiple Chemical(Mixture) Risk Assessment (RA): A Quick Guide for Risk Assessors. Ottawa, Canada.

AMAP. (2021). AMAP Assessment 2021: Mercury in the Arctic. Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP), Troms, Norway. 324 pp
*Contributing author to Chapter 2: Temporal trends of mercury in Arctic media

Invited Talks

Eccles K.M. (2025). Advancing Chemical Mixtures Risk Assessment: Lessons Learned from New Approach Methods and Conputational Modeling. Michigan Society of Toxiclogy Meeting. Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.

Eccles K.M. (2025). Innovative Approaches for One Health and Chemical Mixtures: Bridging Disciplines for Integrated Solutions. Japanese Society of Tociology. Okinawa, Japan.

Eccles K.M. (2025). Mapping Biology: Innovative Applications of [Geo]spatial Analysis in Toxicology. Seminar. The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

Eccles K.M. (2025). Bridging Ecosystems and Health: Geospatial Toxicology in the One Health Era. Departmental Seminar. University of Ottawa. Ottawa, Canada.

Eccles K.M. (2024). Unraveling the Complexity: Component-based approaches to quantify the effects of exposure to PFAS Mixtures. Center for PFAS and Cancer (CPAC) Joint Virtual Symposium. Georgetown University. Washington, DC, USA.

Eccles K.M. (2024). Mapping Metal Mixtures: Using Wildlife as Sentinels for Human Health. Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, USA.

Eccles K.M. (2024). Geospatial and Computational Approaches to Support the Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures within an AEP-AOP Framework. Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, USA.

Eccles K.M. (2023). From Molecules to Maps: Assessing spatial patterns of contaminant sources, exposures, and health effects on humans and wildlife. Bureau Seminar. Health Canada. Ottawa, Canada.

Eccles K.M. (2022). From Molecules to Maps: Assessing spatial patterns of contaminant sources,

exposures, and health effects on humans and wildlife. Department Seminar. Rutgers University. Newark, New Jersey, USA.

Eccles K.M. (2020). From biomarkers to biomes: Relationships between contaminant sources, exposures, and health outcomes. University of Toronto Intersectional Seminar Series. Toronto, Canada.

Eccles K.M. (2020). Humans, wildlife, and the environment: Assessing ecological health. 2nd Annual GeoHealth Network Conference. Toronto, Canada. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Eccles K.M.,Chan H.M. (2018). Mercury in wild foods and food security: Integrating data (Presentation). Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Wildlife Division Health Division Annual Meeting. Ottawa, Canada.

Eccles K.M., Chan H.M. (2018). Modelling the relationship between contaminant sources and exposures in wildlife (Presentation). Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) National Pollution Release Inventory (NPRI) Data Users Workshop. Ottawa, Canada.

Selected Conference Presentations (12/26)

Eccles K.M., Chan, H.M. (2024). The development and application of methylmercury-to-total mercury ratios for exposure assessment of methylmercury from the consumption of traditional foods (Presentation). International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant, Cape Town, South Africa.

Eccles K.M., Blais, A., Zhang, G., Girgis, A., Pelletier, G., Aranda-Rodriguez, R., Tayabali, A. (2024). Putting the 3Rs into action: a coupled *in silico*, *in vitro*, and *in vivo* study to quantify immunological effects of per- and poly-fluroakyl substances (PFAS) (Poster). Society of Toxicology, Salt Lake City, USA.

Eccles K.M., Karmaus, A. L., Kleinstreuer, N. C., Parham, F., Rider, C. V., Messier, K. P. (2023). Mapping a Path to Disease: Quantifying the risk of exposure to environmental chemical mixtures via a common molecular target using a geospatial modeling approach (Presentation). Society of Toxicology, Nashville, USA.
*1st place winner of best postdoctoral abstract for the SOT Mixtures specialty section

Eccles K.M., Rider, C. V., Messier, K. P. (2022). Geospatial Risk Assessment Using High-Throughput Screening Assays To Quantify Potential Adverse Effects From Exposure To Chemical Mixtures (Presentation). Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Pittsburgh, USA.

Eccles K.M., Karmaus, A. L., Kleinstreuer, N. C., Parham, F., Rider, C. V., Wambaugh, J. F., Messier, K. P. (2022). A geospatial modeling approach to quantifying the risk of exposure to environmental chemical mixtures via a common molecular target (Poster). North Carolina Society of Toxicology, Durham, USA.
*1st place winner of best postdoctoral poster and presentation

Eccles K.M., Messier, K.P, (2021). Geospatial Risk Characterization Mapping of Chemical Mixtures Through Connections to Toxicological Adverse Outcome Pathways (Presentation). American Geophysical Union, New Orleans, USA.

Eccles K.M., Kleinstreuer, N.C., Wambaugh, J.F., Messier, K.P, (2021). A geospatial modeling approach to quantifying risk of exposure to environmental chemical mixtures via a common molecular initiating event (Poster). International Society of Environmental Epidemiology, New York, USA.

Eccles K.M., Clackett A., Ghotra, A., Majeed, I., Lehnherr, I., Porter, T. (2020). Developing a

network of historical atmospheric mercury trends using tree-rings in northern Canada (Presentation). Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Fort Worth, USA.

Eccles K.M., Clackett A., Ghotra, A., Majeed, I., Lehnherr, I., Porter, T. (2019). Assessing variability of atmospheric mercury (Hg^0) trends using tree-rings in northern Canada (Presentation). Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. Toronto, Canada.

Eccles K.M., Thomas P.J., Chan H.M. (2019). Wildlife as a surrogate indicator for impacts of mercury on ecosystem health (Presentation). International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant. Krakow, Poland.

Eccles K.M., Thomas P.J., Chan H.M. (2018). Wildlife as a surrogate indicator for impacts of mercury on ecosystem health (Presentation). Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. Sacramento, USA.

Eccles K.M., Thomas P.J., Chan H.M. (2018). Evaluating the co-dispersion of mercury sources and wildlife exposures in the Athabasca Oil Sands region (Presentation). Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. Sacramento, USA.

Media

SOT TV 2024
Innovation Uncaged: from lab to screen in chemical hazard assessment [YouTube Link]

The Next Frontier in Toxicology: Computational and Geospatial Methods in Toxicology Research [YouTube Link to full video] [YouTube Link to segment]

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor

Lecture and lab: High-throughput screening (ToxCast and Tox21 program) and high-content data sources (3 hours) **Winter 2025** **Winter 2024**
BIM4103 Selected Topics in Biomedical Science, University of Ottawa
Teaching Material: https://github.com/kristineccles/BIM4103-HTS-Dose-Response

Graduate Level Short Course: Introduction to R in Open-Source Methods (6 hours) **Winter 2020**
Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment, University of Toronto **Fall 2020**
Teaching Material: https://github.com/kristineccles/Introduction_to_R

Geographic Information Systems **Spring 2020**
Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment, University of Toronto

Introduction to Quantitative Methods **Winter 2018**
Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University
Teaching Material: https://github.com/kristineccles/introduction_to_stats

Mapping and Modelling the Real World: Introduction to GIS **May 2017**
Enrichment Mini-Course, University of Ottawa

Introduction to Geomatics **Fall 2016**
Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics, University of Ottawa

Competitive Awards

Assistant Deputy Minister Awards for Excellence - Science (2025) **Recognition**
Society of Toxicology (SOT) Mixtures Specialty Section
Best Postdoctoral Abstract (2023) **$1000**

Society of Toxicology (SOT) Biological Modeling Specialty Section	
Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award - 2nd Place (2023)	**Recognition**
NIEHS Paper of the Year (2022)	**Recognition**
North Carolina Society of Toxicology (NCSOT)	
Best Postdoctoral Poster and Presentation (2022)	**$300**
SETAC Travel Award (2022)	**$1050**
University of Toronto Postdoctoral Award (2019-2020)	**$45,000**
NSERC CREATE-REACT (2016 - 2018)	**$20,000**
NSERC CREATE-REACT Travel Award (2018)	**$5,000**
University of Ottawa Excellence Scholarship (2016 - 2017)	**$8,200**
Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (2016 - 2017)	**$15,000**
University of Ottawa Entrance Scholarship (2014 - 2018)	**$38,000**

Leadership and Service

Board Member

Vice-President - Society of Toxicology Lake Ontario Regional Chapter	**2024 - Present**
Junior Councillor - Society of Toxicology Mixtures Specialty Section	**2025 - Present**
Postdoctoral Representative - Society of Toxicology Mixtures Specialty Section	**2023 - 2024**

Conference Sessions and Workshops Organized

International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant, Cape Town, South Africa **July 2024**
Workshop: Bio-monitoring to achieve goals in Minamata Convention

Society of Toxicology, Salt Lake City, USA **March 2024**
Workshop Session: Integrating Aggregate Exposure Pathways and Adverse Outcome Pathways for Comprehensive Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Fort Worth, USA **Nov 2020**
On Demand Session: Mercury emissions, transport, and transformation in a changing environment
Live Discussion: Pathways between Hg sources and exposures in a changing world

Workshop: Introduction to R Course Material: https://github.com/kristineccles/setac_intro_to_r_2020

International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant, Krakow, Poland **Sept 2019**
Workshop: Latest Advances in Wildlife Biomonitoring

Expert Working Group Member

Arctic Monitoring Assessment Program (AMAP) **June 2019- Sept 2020**
Mercury Expert Working Group

Oil Sands Monitoring Integration Workshop Series **Jan 2019**
External Expert for Geospatial Analysis and Mercury

Additional Training

Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research, National Institutes of Health	**Fall 2021**
Teaching Fundamentals Certificate, University of Toronto	**Winter 2020**
Machine Learning, University of Toronto	**Fall 2019**

Languages

English - Native Language, French - Good

R - Advanced, Python - Intermediate, LaTeX- Intermediate

Professional Memberships

Society of Toxicology (SOT) 2021 - Present