

Kristin M. Eccles

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

25 peer-reviewed publications (10 as first author)
387 citations; h index = 10 and i10 index = 10
Research interests: 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 Leinherr, Ph.D. and Trevor Porter, Ph.D.

Geomatics Researcher

June 2017 - March 2019

National Wildlife Researcher Center, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ottawa, Canada

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

26. **Eccles, K.M.**, Boutet, V. Branigan, M., Dyck, M., van Coeverden de Groot, P., Lougheed, S.C., Rutter A., Langlois V.S. Non-invasive biomonitoring of polar bear feces can be used to estimate concentrations of heavy metals of concern in traditional food (2024). *Under revision*.
25. 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>

24. 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>
23. 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>
22. 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>
21. **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
20. Boutet, V., Dominique, M., **Eccles, K.M.**, Branigan, M., Dyck, M., van Coeverden de Groot, P., Loughheed, 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>
19. 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>
18. 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>
17. 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>
16. **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>
15. 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>
14. **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>
13. 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>

12. 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>
11. **Eccles, K.M.**, Majeed, H., Lehnher, 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>
10. 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>
9. **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>
8. **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>
7. **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>
6. **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>
5. 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>
4. 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>
3. **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>
2. **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>
1. 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>

INVITED TALKS

9. **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.
8. **Eccles K.M.**(2024). Mapping Metal Mixtures: Using Wildlife as Sentinels for Human Health. Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, USA.
7. **Eccles K.M.**(2024). Geospatial and Computational Approaches to Support the Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures within an AEP-AOP Framework. Salt Lake City, USA.
6. **Eccles K.M.**(2023). From Molecules to Maps: Assessing spatial patterns of contaminant sources, exposures, and health effects on humans and wildlife. Health Canada. Ottawa, Canada.
5. **Eccles K.M.**(2022). From Molecules to Maps: Assessing spatial patterns of contaminant sources, exposures, and health effects on humans and wildlife. Rutgers University. Newark, New Jersey, USA.
4. **Eccles K.M.**(2020). From biomarkers to biomes: Relationships between contaminant sources, exposures, and health outcomes. University of Toronto Intersectional Seminar Series. Toronto, Canada.
3. **Eccles K.M.**(2020). Humans, wildlife, and the environment: Assessing ecological health. 2nd Annual GeoHealth Network Conference. Toronto, Canada. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
2. **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.
1. **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 (12/25)

12. **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-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) (Poster). Society of Toxicology, Salt Lake City, USA.
11. **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
10. **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.
9. **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
8. **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.

7. **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.
6. **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.
5. **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.
4. **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.
3. **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.
2. **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.
1. **Eccles, K.M.**, Hebert C.E., Schock, D., Akhter F., Mundy L., Thomas P.J., Pauli, B.D. (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

Graduate Level Short Course: Introduction to R in Open-Source Methods
Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment, University of Toronto

Fall 2020
Winter 2020

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

Spring 2020

Introduction to Quantitative Methods
Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University

Winter 2018

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

May 2017

Introduction to Geomatics
Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics, University of Ottawa

Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON
Spatial Ecology, Biostatistics, Environmental Science

2014 - 2017

COMPETITIVE AWARDS	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	
	Society of Toxicology Lake Ontario Regional Chapter	2024 - Present
	Ann Manor Board	2023 - Present
	Society of Toxicology Mixtures Specialty Section	2023 - 2024
	Conference Sessions/Workshops Organized	
	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	
	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	

Data Visualization Society 2019 - Present