

# JESSY CEHA · CV

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## CITIZENSHIP LANGUAGES

Canadian, Dutch  
English, Dutch

## EDUCATION

**University of Waterloo**, Waterloo, ON, Canada  
Ph.D. in Computer Science: Human-Computer Interaction, Sept. 2017 - present  
Advisors: Edith Law (CS) and Dana Kulic (ECE)  
Thesis Proposal: *Curiosity-Driven Learning*  
Key Courses: Experimental Design (STAT830), Empirical Software Evolution (CS846),  
Human-AI Interaction (CS889)

**University of Groningen**, Groningen, the Netherlands  
M.Sc. in Human-Machine Communication, *cum laude*, 2014 - 2016  
Advisor: Marieke van Vugt (Institute of AI & Cognitive Engineering)  
Thesis: *Investigation into the Enhancement of Voice Perception: with simulations of cochlear implants and bimodal hearing*  
Key Courses: Auditory and Visual Perception, User Models, Cognitive Modeling, Neuro-Ergonomics, Computational Discourse, Semantic Web Technology

Honours Master in High Tech Systems and Materials, 2014 - 2016  
UGroningen, in cooperation with companies of the Innovation cluster Drachten (Philips, Astron, BD Kiestra, Perkin Elmer etc.), lead intensive, small-group masterclasses culminating in a research internship at Philips, during a 1.5 year program, followed in addition to the standard Master's.

**University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
B.Sc. in Cognitive Systems: Cognition & Brain, *with Distinction*, 2009 - 2014

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

University of Waterloo Provost Doctoral Entrance Award for Women, Sept. 2017  
University of Waterloo Entrance Scholarship, Sept. 2017  
Avril McDonald Prize, August 2016

## 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.

Law, E., **Ceha, J.**, Kulic, D., Oudeyer P-Y., and Roy, D. (2019). Participatory design for identifying the roles of robots in learning activities. In preparation.

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. M.** (2016). Investigation into the Enhancement of Voice Perception: with simulations of cochlear implants and bimodal hearing. (Masters 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.

SKILLS AND  
EXPERIENCE

- Teaching & Instructional Assistant (University of Waterloo 2017-2018: CS105, 106, 349)
- Matlab, Python, HTML, CSS, Processing, OpenViBE, R, Arduino
- User Studies
- Voice Assistants (Amazon Alexa)/NAO robot
- Eye-Tracking/Pupil Dilation & Cognitive Modelling
- Electroencephalography (EEG), Electromyography (EMG) & Brain-Computer Interfaces
- Product Design & Development (consumer electronics at Philips)

RESEARCH

**Teachable Robot Project**, Human-Computer Interaction Lab, University of Waterloo  
2017 - present

- Curiosity-driven learning with educational social robots
- Co-designing educational robot peers with teachers
- Neural correlates of curiosity using EEG

**Speech Perception**, Dept. of Audiology, University Medical Centre Groningen  
2015 - 2016

- Psychoacoustic experiments with simulations of bimodal cochlear-implant hearing
- Developed an EEG Brain-Computer Interface for improving auditory speech perception in cochlear-implant users

**Cognitive Modelling**, Institute of AI and Cognitive Engineering, University of Groningen  
2014 - 2016

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

**The “eh” Lab**, Dept. of Linguistics, University of British Columbia  
2014

- Behavioural study on the syntax of speech acts

OUTREACH

Volunteer Educational Assistant, Kitchener, Canada, Feb - April 2019  
Prueter Public School

Peer Reviewer for CHI Conference, 2018  
Reviewed full-length (10 page) manuscript

SHAD, Waterloo, Canada, July 2018  
Led a 3-day workshop on Human-Robot Interaction for an annual Canadian summer enrichment program for high-achieving high school students

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, Nov. 2017  
Mentor to undergraduate CS students

Learning Buddies Network, Vancouver, Canada, Jan. - April 2014  
Elementary school math tutor