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Education

- 2013 – Present** **PhD in Human-Computer Interaction, UCL Interaction Centre** (submitting Jan 2018)
University College London
Supervisors: Prof Anna Cox, Dr Jon Bird
- 2015** **Higher Education Academy Fellowship (FHEA) training course**
UCL Teaching Associate Programme
- 2010 – 2013** **MSc in Social, Communication, and Organisational Psychology (1st class honours).**
University of Padua (IT)
Thesis: *User experience evaluation of multimodal interfaces.*
Supervisors: Dr Luciano Gamberini, Dr Giulio Jacucci (University of Helsinki)
- 2006 – 2010** **BSc in Personality and Interpersonal Relationships Psychology (Merit). University of Padua (IT)**
Thesis: *The Challenge of Medical Humanities to Improve Healthcare Relationships: an Empirical Research.*
Supervisors: Dr Laura Dal Corso

Research and Industry Experience

- 2015**
(June-Aug) **Human-Experience & Design Intern**
Microsoft Research, Cambridge (UK)
Internship in collaboration with Machine Learning and Perception group focusing on email retrieval across devices [*publication*: C6, **Best Paper Award**], supervised by Dr Abigail Sellen and Dr Milad Shokoui.
- 2011-2012**
(Sept-May) **Helsinki Institute of Information Technology (HIIT) Intern**
Helsinki University (FI)
Internship with Ubiquitous Interaction group (Ulx) on experimental studies with multi-touch surfaces and haptic technologies [*publication*: C1], supervised by Dr Eve Hoggan and Dr Giulio Jacucci.

Teaching and Supervision

- 2014-2016** Teaching assistant for six HCI MSc and BSc courses for CS and psychology at UCL.
BSc CS module: *Software Engineer and HCI*. 17hrs. (2014/15)
BSc CS module: *Software Engineer and HCI*. 22hrs. (2015/16)
MSc CS module: *App Design*. 29hrs. (2015/16)
MSc CS module: *Interaction Design*. 50hrs. (2015/16)
MSc HCI-E module: *Design Practice*. 10hrs. (2015/16)
MSc HCI-E module: *Interaction Design*. 10hrs. (2016/17)
- 2015-2016** Supervisor for one HCI MSc thesis project at UCL which achieved a merit grade and personal tutor to seven HCI MSc students at UCL
- 2013** Guest lecture on HCI for CS at Helsinki University.

Funding and Awards

- 2017** [Google Travel grant](#) to attend CHI 2017, worth **\$900**.
- 2016** **Principal investigator on the Role of Microboundaries in Work-Life Balance**, [EPSRC via Balance Network Funding](#) (2016-2017, 4 months), worth **£2,448**.
Qualitative research activities related to the use of “microboundaries” by knowledge workers who are experiencing work-life balance challenges. Co-I: Dr Anna Cox (UCL).
- 2016** Finalist at [London Hopper Colloquium Research Spotlight](#) organized by BCS.
- 2016** [Best Paper Award](#), CHI 2016 (awarded to <1% of 2325 papers) [*publication*: C6].
- 2016** Microsoft Travel Sponsorship to attend CHI 2016, worth **£1,174**.
- 2016** UCL SLMS Graduate Student Conference Funding to attend CHI 2016, worth **£1,000**.
- 2015** **Co-investigator on Life Swap Workshops**, [EPSRC via Balance Network Funding](#) (2015-2016, 6 months), worth **£3,280**.
Qualitative workshops on the role of sharing personal informatics data and reflecting on aspects of their work-life balance. PI: Dr Rowanne Fleck (University of Birmingham). Other Co-I: Lindsay MacDonald (University of Calgary), Dr Anna Cox (UCL), Dr Paul Marshall (UCL), Daniel Harrison (UCL), Dr Anya Skatova (University of Nottingham).
- 2015** UCL SLMS Graduate Student Conference Funding to attend CHI 2015, worth **£500**.
- 2013** EPSRC DTG studentship (2013-2017), worth **£85,000 approx**.
- 2012** Erasmus Mundus scholarship (2011-2012, 9 months), worth **£2,500**.

Invited Talks & Selected Presentations

- 2017** *Always connected = always available? The role of Microboundaries*
Presenter at [Connected Life](#) conference, Oxford Internet Institute. June 2017.
- 2017** *Working 9-5? How knowledge workers manage work-home boundaries.*
External speaker at [Work-life Balance for the IT profession](#), co-hosted by BCS and EPSRC Balance Network. University of Southampton Solent. January 2017.
- 2016** *Working 9-5? How knowledge workers manage work-home boundaries.*
External speaker. External speaker at the [Work-life Balance for the IT profession](#), co-hosted by BCS and Balance Network. University of Portsmouth. December 2016.
- 2016** *Always connected = always available? The role of Microboundaries.*
Invited talk. University of Edinburgh. October 2016.
- 2016** *Communicating in a multi-device, multi-account, multi-role world.*
Finalist at BCS London Hopper Colloquium Research Spotlight 2016 (London, UK). June 2016.
- 2015** Bright Club Stand Up Comedy event.
Invited speaker. UCL Public Engagement at Bloomsbury Theatre (London, UK). January 2015.
- 2014** Bright Club Stand Up Comedy event.
Invited speaker. UCL Public Engagement at The Star of Kings (London, UK). July 2014.
- 2014** *Digital Epiphanies.*
Balance Network Academic Retreat (Birmingham, UK). January 2014.

Publications

Google Scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=FkS0CT8AAAAJ&hl=en>

Magazine Articles

- [M.1] **Cecchinato, M. E.** and Cox, A. L. (2017). Smartwatches: Digital Handcuffs or Magic Bracelets? *Computer*, 50(4), 106-109.

Conference Papers

- [C.7] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Cox, A. L., & Bird, J. (2017). Always On(line)? User Experience of Smartwatches and their role within Device Ecologies. *Proc. of CHI 2017*. [Full Paper; Acceptance rate 25%]
- [C.6] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Sellen, A., Shokouhi, M., & Smyth, G. (2016). Finding email in a multi-device, multi-account world. *Proc. of CHI 2016*. [**Best Paper Award**; Full paper; Acceptance rate: 23.4%]
- [C.5] Cox, A.L., Gould, S., **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Iacovides, I., & Renfree, I. (2016). Design Frictions for Mindful Interactions: the Case for Microboundaries. *CHI'16 Extended Abstracts* [Late-Breaking work paper; Acceptance rate 43%]
- [C.4] Harrison, D., & **Cecchinato, M. E.** (2015). "Give me five minutes!" Feeling Time Slip By. *UbiComp/ISWC'15 Adjunct Extended Abstracts*. [Work-in-progress paper; Acceptance rate: 23%]
- [C.3] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Cox, A. L., & Bird, J. (2015). Smartwatches: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly? *CHI'15 Extended Abstracts*. [Work-in-progress paper; Acceptance rate: 45%]
- [C.2] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Cox, A. L., & Bird, J. (2015). Working 9-5? Professional Differences in Email and Boundary Management Practices. *Proc. of CHI 2015*. [Full Paper; Acceptance rate 23%]
- [C.1] Wijekoon, D., **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Hoggan, E., & Linjama, J. (2012). Electrostatics Modulated Friction as Tactile Feedback: Intensity Perception. *Haptics: Perception, Devices, Mobility and Communication, Lecture Notes in Computer Science*. Volume 7282, pp. 613-624. [Full Paper; Acceptance rate 23%].

Doctoral Consortium Papers

- [D.1] **Cecchinato, M. E.** (2014). Email Management and Work-Home Boundaries. *Proc. of MobileHCI 2014*, pp. 403-404.

Workshop Papers

- [W.5] **Cecchinato, M. E.** & Harrison, D. (2017). Degrees of Agency in Owners & Users of Home IoT devices. *CHI'17 Making Home: Asserting Agency in the Age of IoT Workshop*.
- [W.4] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Cox, A. L., & Bird, J. (2016). Work-Life Balance through Tangibles and the Internet of Things. *CHI'16 Tangibles 4 Health Workshop*.
- [W.3] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Fleck, R., Bird, J., & Cox, A. (2015). Online vs. Offline: Implications for Work Identity. *CHI'15 Between the lines: Re-evaluating the Online/Offline Binary Workshop*.
- [W.2] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Cox, A. L., & Bird, J. (2014). "I check my emails on the toilet": Email Practices and Work-Home Boundary Management. *MobileHCI'14 Workshop on Socio-Technical Systems and Work-Home Boundaries*.
- [W.1] **Cecchinato, M. E.**, Bird, J., & Cox, A. L. (2014). Personalised Email Tools: A Solution to Email Overload? *CHI'14 Personalised Behaviour Change Technologies Workshop*, Toronto, Canada.

Academic Service and Professional Societies

Reviewing	ACM MobileHCI (2017) ACM CSCW (2017) ACM ToCHI (2016, 2017) ACM CHI (2015, 2016, 2017) - <i>special recognition in 2017</i> ACM UbiComp (2016) IJHCS Journal (2015) BritishHCI (2015) EPSRC Balance Network (2015) – <i>grant reviewing</i>
Committee Member	Technical Program Chair Assistant for CHI 2018 (2017 – present)
Leadership Activities	<p>Founder and organiser of reading group on qualitative research methods within UCL Interaction Centre (2017 – present).</p> <p>Session Chair at EPSRC GetAMoveOn Symposium (June 2017).</p> <p>PhD representative and Athena SWAN Committee Collaborator for UCL Psychology and Language Science Dept. (2015-present).</p> <p>PI on The Role of Microboundaries in Work-Life Balance project (EPSRC Balance Network, 2016-2017).</p> <p>Co-I on the Life Swap Workshops (EPSRC Balance Network, 2015-2016).</p> <p>Event Coordinator at SenCity 2015 workshop (UbiComp/ISWC 2015).</p>
Student Volunteer	HCI Grand Challenges Symposium 2016 (London, UK) CHI 2014 (Toronto, CA) ECRC 2013 (Paris, FR) Symbiotic Interaction Workshop 2012 (Padua, IT)
Memberships	Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) (since 2014) ACM Special Interest Groups on HCI (SIGCHI) (since 2016) Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) (since 2017) Cambridge Association for Women in Science & Engineering (CamAWISE) (since 2017)