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Education

- 2013 – Present** **PhD in Human-Computer Interaction, UCL Interaction Centre** (submitting Jan 2018)
University College London
Supervisors: Dr 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	<p>ACM MobileHCI (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></p>
Committee Member	<p>Technical Program Chair Assistant for CHI 2018 (2017 – present)</p>
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	<p>HCI Grand Challenges Symposium 2016 (London, UK) CHI 2014 (Toronto, CA) ECRC 2013 (Paris, FR) Symbiotic Interaction Workshop 2012 (Padua, IT)</p>
Memberships	<p>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)</p>