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<u>Dates</u>	<u>Detail of degree; diploma; other qualification</u>	<u>Institution</u>
2016 - 2020	PhD (cand) Psychology (Cognitive Neuroscience)	University of Waterloo
2015	Design Thinking Certificate	Stanford D. School
2014	Anti-Oppressive Teaching Training	MacEwan University
2009-2011	M.Sc. Occupational Therapy	University of Toronto
2003-2008	B.Sc. Biology	University of Victoria

**Professional History**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Detail of position held</u>	<u>Institution</u>
2014-present	Sessional Instructor, Health & Community Studies Human Development Course (online)	MacEwan University
2013-2016	Sessional Instructor, Health & Community Studies Occupational Therapy and Mental Health Course	MacEwan University
2018	Teaching Assistant, Psych 238	University of Waterloo
2018	Teaching assistant, HRM 200	University of Waterloo
2017	GradVenture Specialist	University of Waterloo
2017	Teaching Assistant, Psych 297	University of Waterloo
2016	Teaching Assistant, Psych 297	University of Waterloo
2016	Teaching Assistant, Psych 101	University of Waterloo
2015	Innovation Development Officer	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
2012-2015	Mental Health Occupational Therapist	Alberta Health Services
2012	Mental Health Occupational Therapist	Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

**Service**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Organization</u>
2020 - present	Centre For Conscious Design, Fellow
2018 - present	Centre for Urban Design and Mental Health, Fellow
2019	University of Toronto Medicine Alumni Awards Committee Member
2018 - present	Kitchener Public Library, Board of Trustees
2018 - 2019	City of Edmonton Smart Cities Challenge Pilot Project Advisory Committee Member
2018 - 2019	Canadian Council for Urbanism, Co-Chair Young Urbanists Committee
2018	University of Toronto Alumni Awards Judging Committee Member
2018	in2science UK Mentor (mentored inner city youth in getting involved in research)
2018	University of Toronto Medicine Alumni Awards Committee Member
2017-2018	City of Kitchener Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Member
2017	Saskatchewan Design Council Premier's Awards Judging Committee
2016-2017	Kitchener Public Library, Guest Librarian
2016-2017	University of Waterloo Senate, Graduate Student Representative
2013-2015	Make Something Edmonton Board of Directors
2013-2015	REACH Council for Safe Communities, Board of Directors
2013-2015	Mayor's Task Force to End Poverty (Edmonton), Co-chair Community Wellbeing

**Prizes, awards and other honours:**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Detail of award</u>	<u>Awarding body</u>
2019	Research Innovation Award	Healthy City Design International Congress
2019	LGAC Scholarship (\$6000)	London Goodenough Association Canada
2018	President's Community Impact Award	University of Waterloo
2018	Travel Award	University of Waterloo
2017-2020	Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$150,000)	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council
2017-2020	President's Scholarship (\$30,000)	University of Waterloo
2017	Michael Smith Foreign Study Scholarship (\$6000)	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council
2017	Travel Award	University of Waterloo
2014	Top 40 under 40	Avenue Magazine
2013	Community Building Grant	Awesome Foundation
2013	Teaching Innovation Fund	MacEwan University

**Academic Conference Presentations**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Conference</u>
2019	Healthy City Design International Congress, refereed presentation
2018	Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture, refereed presentation
2017	Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, poster
2016	Walk Bike Places Conference, Closing plenary presentation
2011	University of Toronto Thelma Cardwell Research Day, Presentation
2016	Walk Bike Places Conference, panel discussion
2016	Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, Professional Issue Forum Presentation (invited)

**Invited Public Talks:**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Conference</u>
2020	Panel, The Public Realm: International Edition, Congress for New Urbanism
2020	Panel, Urban Design, Climate Change and Covid, Windsor Law Centre for Cities,
2020	Panel, Road Safety and Open Streets in the Time of Covid, Parachute Injury Prevention Society
2020	Panel, Urban Design and Wellbeing in a Post-Pandemic World, Dalhousie University
2020	Keynote, Moving People Forward Conference
2019	Keynote, City of Markham Urban Mobility Workshop
2019	Invited Webinar, World Town Planners Day
2019	Panelist, City of Kitchener Great Places Summit
2019	Panelist, Biennial of the Americas
2019	Keynote, BC Active Transportation Summit
2019	Keynote, Ontario Association of Architects AGM
2019	Keynote, Bike League of America National Bike Summit
2019	Keynote, Xchanges: The Complexities of Intersections Conference
2019	Keynote, Washington Bike Summit
2019	Keynote, International Winter Cycling Congress
2019	Keynote, Calgary Winter Cities Panel
2019	Keynote, Third Age Learning
2018	Keynote, University of Waterloo Mental Health initiative
2018	Keynote, City of Sudbury Population Health Initiative
2018	Keynote, Ontario Architects' Association AGM
2018	Keynote, Modeshift Conference, Winnipeg
2018	Keynote, University of Windsor Alt-Academia Conference

- 2018 Keynote, University of Waterloo Academic Professional Development Conference
- 2018 Keynote, Civic Tech Kitchener Conference
- 2018 Keynote, Halifax Bike Week Conference
- 2018 Keynote, Bike Ottawa AGM
- 2017 Keynote, Approachable Density
- 2017 Keynote, Bradford Library Lightbrary Launch
- 2017 Keynote, Seattle Greenways Open Forum
- 2017 Panelist, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery Open Conversations Series
- 2017 Keynote, Design Council of Saskatchewan Robin Smith Memorial Lecture
- 2017 Keynote, Design Council of Saskatchewan Regina Symposium
- 2017 Keynote, Moscow International Cycling Congress
- 2017 Keynote, Winter Cities Shakeup Conference
- 2017 Keynote, International Winter Cycling Congress, Montreal
- 2017 Keynote, University Health Network Occupational Therapy Conference
- 2017 Panelist, Kitchener Public Library Healthy Cities Initiative
- 2016 Keynote, Alberta Council for Disability Services
- 2015 Keynote, Physiotherapy Alberta Annual Conference

### **Publications**

Francey, A., Grant, E., Negami, H., Mazumder, R. & Ellard, C.G (2020). Challenges of Biometric Data Collection and Analysis in Urban Psychology: Towards a Comprehensive Methodological Framework. In *Urban Experience and Design Contemporary Perspectives on Improving the Public Realm*. Boston: Routledge Books. (Chapter)

Mazumder, R. & Ellard, C.G. (2020). The Downside of Building Up: An Exploration Into the Physiological and Psychological Impacts of Virtual Reality Exposure to High-Rise Buildings. Submitted to the *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*

Mazumder, R., Spiers, H., & Ellard, C.G. (2020). Exposure to High-Rise Buildings Negatively Influences Affect: Evidence from Real World and Immersive Virtual 360-degree Settings. Submitted to *Cities and Health* (accepted)

Negami, H. R., Mazumder, R., Reardon, M., & Ellard, C. G. (2019). Field analysis of psychological effects of urban design: a case study in Vancouver. *Cities & Health*, 1-10.

Ryan, M., Rigby, P., Hardy, J, Linkewich B., & Mazumder, R. (2016). Occupational Therapy and Advocacy: Perspectives from University of Toronto Alumni. *Occupational Therapy Now*.

Mazumder, R., Duebel, E., Hoselton, E., & Anand, H.(2016). CAOT Professional Issue Forum: Poverty and homelessness. *Occupational Therapy Now*. 18(4): 9-11

Mazumder., R.(2016). Examining recovery-oriented practice from the perspective of the environment. *Occupational Therapy Now*. 18.5(5): 6-7.

### **Books**

Bruntlett, C., & Bruntlett, M. (2020). The Therapeutic City. In *Curbing Traffic: The Human Case for Fewer Cars in our Lives*. Island Press. (I was interviewed for this chapter on how urban environments shape wellbeing)

### **Reports**

Happy Streets Living Lab Report. 2016. Available at: <https://thehappycity.com/project/happy-streets>

## Magazine Articles

“Open Parks And Trust Canadians To Social Distance. We'll Be Healthier For It.” Huffington Post. Available at: [https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/preview/entry/parks-social-distancing-rules\\_ca\\_5e96f6f1c5b6ed46073a8967?preview\\_token=6a236388-f453-4929-ab4c-047dae03372b](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/preview/entry/parks-social-distancing-rules_ca_5e96f6f1c5b6ed46073a8967?preview_token=6a236388-f453-4929-ab4c-047dae03372b)

“Cities on the World Stage: A ‘superblock’ design that inspires more like it”. Open Canada Magazine. Available at: <https://www.opencanada.org/features/cities-world-stage-superblock-design-inspires-more-it/>

“Urbanist Robin Mazumder Reviews Quayside, the new ‘smart’ neighbourhood on Toronto’s Eastern waterfront”. Canadian Geographic Magazine Fall/Winter 2018. Available at: <https://www.canadiangeographic.ca/article/look-googles-smart-city>

Design Thinking and the City: Dignity Lies in the Details. Spacing Magazine. Available at: <http://spacing.ca/edmonton/2015/11/18/design-thinking-city-dignity-lies-details/>

## Research Grants

- 2020 Building Inclusive Societies for Youth Living with Mental Illness (co-investigator)
- 2018 CIHR for Smart Prevention Healthy Cities Planning Grant (co-investigator)

## Media Coverage

- 2020 “Rethinking how our cities can be more liveable.” Available at: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-enright-files-rethinking-how-our-cities-can-be-more-liveable-1.5605011>
- 2020 “How Urban Design Affects Mental Health.” Available at: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/the-sunday-edition-for-february-16-2020-1.5459411/how-urban-design-affects-mental-health-1.5462455>
- 2019 “The psychological tricks designers use to make cities happier places.” Available at: <https://www.wired.co.uk/article/city-design-architecture-happiness-wellbeing>
- 2018 “Grid expectations: Kitchener needs a safe network of bike lanes, advocates say.” Waterloo Record. Available at: <https://www.therecord.com/news-story/8383492-grid-expectations-kitchener-needs-a-safe-network-of-bike-lanes-advocates-say/>
- 2017 “This Scientist Is Using VR to Understand Why Skyscrapers Stress People Out.” Vice Magazine. Available at: [https://motherboard.vice.com/en\\_us/article/43nnvb/this-scientist-is-using-vr-to-understand-why-skyscrapers-stress-people-out-stressweek2017](https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/43nnvb/this-scientist-is-using-vr-to-understand-why-skyscrapers-stress-people-out-stressweek2017)
- 2017 “How cycling infrastructure affects our health and happiness.” Canadian Cycling Magazine. Available at: <https://cyclingmagazine.ca/advocacy/cycling-infrastructure-affects-health-happiness/>
- 2017 “VR to examine impact of skyscrapers on mental health”. BBC. Available at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05qwpzq>
- 2017 “U of Waterloo installs light therapy lamps to combat seasonal affective disorder.” University Affairs. Available at: <https://www.universityaffairs.ca/news/news-article/university-waterloo-installs-light-therapy-lamps-combat-seasonal-affective-disorder/>
- 2017 “A bright idea for beating the winter blues.” Waterloo Record. Available at: <https://www.therecord.com/news-story/7102080-a-bright-idea-for-beating-the-winter-blues/>
- 2016 “Researchers hope study improves urban design, increases happiness.” CBC News. Available at: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/urban-design-and-happiness-1.3764714>
- 2016 “Pop-up Bike Lanes and Other Bright Ideas.” University of Toronto Magazine. Available at: <http://magazine.utoronto.ca/all-about-alumni/pop-up-bike-lanes-and-other-bright-ideas-robin-mazumder-city-builder-sharon-aschaiek/>
- 2015 “Light therapy in the library.” CBC Spark. Available at: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/spark/275-smart-beds-public-light-therapy-connected-pets-and-more-1.2948221/light-therapy-in-the-library-1.2948528>

2014 “#yegsnowfight Brings Out Hundreds For Impromptu Snowball Fight”. Huffington Post. Available at: [https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2014/12/08/yegsnowfight\\_n\\_6289194.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2014/12/08/yegsnowfight_n_6289194.html)