



W. Ben Mortenson, PhD, OT(C)

Dr. Ben Mortenson joins the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, as Assistant Professor effective July 1, 2013.

Ben graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Alberta in 1991 and practiced in a variety of rehabilitation settings at Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton until 1997 before joining UBC Hospital's Purdy Extended Care Unit 1998 – 2006. He earned both his MSc (in 2002) and PhD (in 2009) in Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Mortenson most recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in mobility and aging at Simon Fraser University and the University of Montreal.



Dr. Mortenson's research interests include outcome measures, social participation, and assistive technology, for older adults living in residential care and individuals living with spinal cord injury. He has expertise in both quantitative and qualitative research approaches. Currently, he is involved in a multi-site intervention study exploring the impact of a standardized approach to assistive technology provision and training for users and their caregivers. The CIHR Institute of Aging applauded his work with the Age+ Award in 2011.

A long-standing volunteer, Dr. Mortenson has reviewed grant applications for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and manuscript submissions for the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* and the *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*. He has mentored young researchers and participated in many conference and academic committees. In his former roles as graduate student and clinical faculty member, Ben has taught in both the MOT professional program and the MRSc online programs for practicing professionals.

Dr. Mortenson will situate his research at the Rehabilitation Research Lab at GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre and ICORD (the International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries) at the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre. I'm pleased to welcome Dr. Ben Mortenson back to the Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy in his new role as Assistant Professor.

Catherine Backman
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